
RAVENSWOOD PUMP HOUSE RUIN

Location

BEILHARZ ROAD RAVENSWOOD, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7724-0617

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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| Interpretation of Site | Today the homestead is used as a bed and breakfast. The Run although significantly smaller in size, is still in use for sheep grazing. |
| Historical Significance | Provides information on gold mining activities and practices in the Ravenswood area. |
| Hermes Number | 124399 |
| Property Number | |

History

The first known squatter, Charles Sheratt, occupied the Mount Alexander 2 (Ravenswood Run) run in 1839 but did not take out a licence (Story 1993). He subsequently sold the property to Benjamin Heape and Richard Grice in 1843 or 1844, which are commonly referred to as the first owners of the Run. In 1841, Grice who was known to have been living on the property in 1841 was attacked and wounded by local Aborigines (Story).

In the first few years of the Run, no structures were built, Charles Sheratt applied for permission to erect three huts on the run. However, it is unknown whether the huts were ever constructed. In the 1850s cheap fencing was installed on much of the run by Grice and Heap, this was a result of staffing difficulties owing to the gold rush (Story).

Following the Second World War, the Soldier Settlement Commission bought a total of 6110 acres of the Ravenswood property to establish five farms. In the early 1950s, the occupants of the homestead (since 1891) deserted the property. In 1961 the run was purchased and restored.

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