

# WHEELER'S TRAMWAY



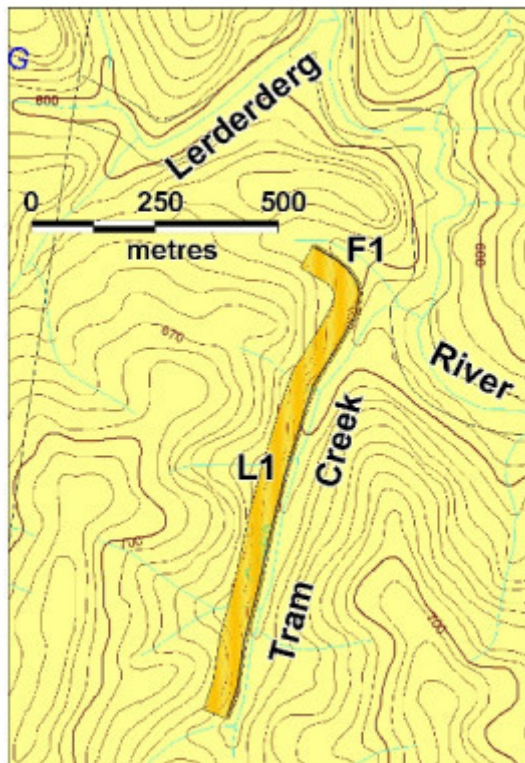
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H02015 wheelers tramway



H02015 wheelers tramway  
retaining wall



H02015 wheelers tramway plan

## Location

LERDERBERG ROAD BLACKWOOD, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2015

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO53

## VHR Registration

March 20, 2003

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 20, 2003

What is significant?

Wheeler's tramway, Mount Wilson, is a comparatively intact example of a log tramway formation, located in the Wombat Forest. It was constructed by James H Wheeler around 1878 to provide logs for his sawmill nearby on the Lerderderg River. The formation, which extends about 800 metres along the western bank of Tram Creek, is substantially intact. It features well preserved impressions of foundation timbers, a short siding and a rock-cut ledge to accommodate the log line. The tramway was abandoned when the mill closed in 1898.

How is it significant?

Wheeler's tramway, Mount Wilson, is of archaeological significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Wheeler's tramway, Mount Wilson, is archaeologically significant for the comparative intactness and age of its remains. The site displays well both the principal and stringer and sleeper and rail methods of construction, and has the potential to provide physical evidence relating to the technological history of the timber industry.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or

consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### **Specific Exemptions:**

General Conditions: 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. General Conditions: 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible. General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. General Conditions: 5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

### **EXEMPTIONS:**

- \* Preliminary Mineral Exploration work
- \* Fire suppression duties
- \* Weed and vermin control
- \* Public safety
- \* Rehabilitation, protective and stabilisation works
- \* Information signage - for interpretation and prevention of public risk

Construction dates	1878,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	12630
Property Number	

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## **History**

James H. Wheeler built a sawmill near the junction of the Lerderderg River and Wild Dog Creek, south of Mount Wilson, in 1878. A log tramway was constructed east down the Lerderderg River before turning south along Tram Creek. The mill closed in 1898.

Wheeler was a prominent sawmiller in the Wombat Forest area who also played an important role in the wider community. He was one of the few to cut timber for the entire nineteenth-century life of the Wombat Forest. In 1862 he became a member of the Daylesford Council, and in 1871 a member of the Glenlyon Shire Council. He was Mayor of Daylesford three times and President of Glenlyon Shire. He was a Justice of the Peace, and was elected to Parliament as the Member for Creswick from 1864-67. In 1880 he was re-elected and switched to the Daylesford electorate in 1889. He became the Commissioner for Public Works in the Munro Government of 1890 and Minister for Railways under Shiel's government of 1892. Wheeler died in 1904 and is buried in the

Daylesford Cemetery.

## **Extent of Registration**

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended in that Heritage Register Number H2015 in the category described as Archaeological place:

Wheeler's Tramway, Wombat State Forest, Moorabool Shire Council.

#### EXTENT:

1. The tramway formation and all the Crown land on the uphill (western) side of it for 50 metres, from its junction with Lerderderg Road at longitude 144.26624, latitude 37.45700, to its terminus at longitude 144.26421, latitude 37.46556, shown as F1 on Diagram 2015 held by the Executive Director.
2. All the Crown Land on the downhill (eastern) side of the tramway formation for 5 metres, from its junction with Lerderderg Road at longitude 144.26624, latitude 37.45700, to its terminus at longitude 144.26421, latitude 37.46556, shown as L1 on Diagram 2015 held by the Executive Director.

Dated 20 March 2003

RAY TONKIN  
Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*