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# Phillips Gully Gold Mining Precinct



Phillips Gully Mines and  
Alluvial Workings

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## Location

CA 10 Hartlands Road, HUNTLY NORTH VIC 3551 - Property No 209570

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1243

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO479

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Bendigo - Marong Heritage Study 1999, Andrew Ward and Associates, 1999; |
| Construction dates        | 1857,                                                                           |
| Other Names               | Dead Man's Gully,                                                               |
| Hermes Number             | 164199                                                                          |
| Property Number           |                                                                                 |

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## Physical Description 1

There is a band of shallow sinkings (8-10 feet) running along the gully east of Boundary Road. The holes are located close together and are associated with at least two puddling machine sites and several stone fireplaces (camp sites). Further east, and running across the gully in a roughly north-south direction, are several lines of shallow reef workings. The mullock heaps are between one and 2 metres in height and in the vicinity there is a scatter of domestic rubbish. Between the most westerly line of reef and the road some parts of the gully have been hydraulically sluiced.

## Physical Description 2

The site is bounded by Boundary Road on the west and extends for a distance of about 200 metres along the line of the main gully and for a distance of 75 metres on either side.

## Usage/Former Usage

The alluvial rush to Phillips Gully lasted no more than three months in 1857, and was reported in some detail in the local newspapers. There is, at that time, no mention of puddling machines in use there. Reef mining began in 1865. Before this, although a few alluvial miners continued to work in the area and there were frequent references to puddling machines in the local newspapers in use in other gullies, there are no references to any puddling machines at Phillips Gully.

Although sluicing began on Bendigo in 1874, when a secure supply of water became available from the Coliban system, it is quite unlikely that such operations began in this area before the construction of the Eaglehawk syphon and Blue Jacket Reservoir in 1885/1886. As there is little re-growth over the sluiced area, however, it seems more likely that the sluicing was undertaken in the period 1931-1936, when there were over a thousand alluvial miners reported to be at work in the Bendigo district, and there were reports of fossickers in the area.

The site is remote from centres of population.

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