
Sandfly Gully Historic Area - Sandfly Reef Mine and Alluvial Workings and Shamrock Reef Mine and Cyanide Works



Sandfly Reef Mine and Alluvial Workings



Shamrock Reef Mine and Cyanide Works

Location

119 Millers Flat Road, WHIPSTICK VIC 3556 - Property No 201340

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO674

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

(Sandfly Reef Mine and Alluvial Workings)

The site is representative of relatively undisturbed late 19th century quartz workings (criterion D).

(Shamrock Reef Mine and Cyanide Works)

The site is now associated with the small-scale re-treatment of tailings by the cyanide process and represents the last phase of mining on the Shamrock Reef which first began in 1865 (criterion A). The site is representative of the smaller cyaniding sites in the study area (criterion D) and has the potential for education and interpretation about this phase of mining in the area as part of the Loeser Picnic Area (criterion C).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Marong Heritage Study 1999, Andrew Ward and Associates, 1999;
Construction dates	1857, 1862,
Hermes Number	197459
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

(Sandfly Reef Mine and Alluvial Workings)

The Sandfly Reef workings consist of a number of partially filled open-cuts and remnants of mullock paddocks extending across Scotsmans Track northwards to the summit of a small hill. The east side of this hill has been hydraulically sluiced to bedrock.

Physical Description 2

(Sandfly Reef Mine and Alluvial Workings)

The Sandfly Gully Mining Heritage Area is bounded on the south by Scotsmans Track, on the east by Sandfly Road up to a point 100 metres from its crossing of Sandfly Gully, on the south by a line generally 75 metres south of Sandfly Gully across Loeser Road as far north as the junction of Loeser Road and Bright Road and then along Bright Road to the corner of fenced property, on the north by this property fence west to Sandfly Gully, on the east by a line 75 metres east of Loeser Road to its junction with Black Rock Road then along Black Rock Road for a distance of 200 metres to a point north of a large shallow dam, on the west and north by a line 50 metres west of Black Rock Road, Loeser Road and Sandfly Gully as far as a track west of the reef workings, and on the west by this track as far as Scotsmans Track Road.

Physical Description 3

(Shamrock Reef Mine and Cyanide Works)

Cyanide works: 150 metres south of Hartland's eucalyptus distillery is a dump of treated battery sand. At the south side of the base of the dump there are three depressions where once there had been 17 foot diameter cyanide vats.

Reef workings: Immediately east of the cyanide works and extending across Sandfly Gully there is a large eroded heap of battery sand. Further east, on the slope towards Bright Road there is an area of shallow reef workings which have been flattened.

House site: Between the distillery and the cyanide works, on the west side of Loeser Road, is a stone fireplace associated with several lines of quartz rocks (possibly garden borders). Near the house site is a dump of 20th century domestic rubbish.

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