
HARRIETVILLE CHINESE CAMP SITE

Location

BON ACCORD TRACK HARRIETVILLE, ALPINE SHIRE

Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8324-0042

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The East Branch Chinese settlement is of historical importance for its association with the large numbers of Chinese who immigrated to Australia during the 19th Century in search of gold. It is also important for its association with the events of the Buckland Riots of 1857.

The Chinese Camp Site has a high potential to reveal further artefacts that might contribute to a better understanding of this site and the Chinese culture on the goldfields.

Integrity of the overall site is fair to good, though mostly obscured by scrub; site has a high potential to reveal further deposits, artefacts and features that might contribute to a better understanding of this site and the Chinese culture of the goldfields.

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Property Number

History

A large number of Chinese arrived in Harrietville in the days after the Buckland race riots on 4th July 1857. With

sufficient gold in the area a small community of Chinese was formed. Chinese continued to live in the area in relatively large numbers into the late 1880s, then declining rapidly in number in the early 1900s. The East Branch settlement appears to have been one of the main areas of occupation by the Chinese at Harrietville. Numerous dwellings, possibly 19 buildings. Among the facilities were a large general kitchen with five fireplaces, large vegetable gardens, and a central water race that supplied water directly to both buildings and vegetable gardens.

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.

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