
NUMBER ONE LEAD GOLD MINING PRECINCT



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1 number 1 lead gold mine
avoca site view

Location

LEVERS LANE PERCYDALE, PYRENEES SHIRE

Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1238

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO16

VHR Registration

November 28, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The Number One Lead Gold Mining Precinct is an excellent and unusual example of shallow sinkings for alluvial gold. The site consists of the relics of mines in open country fronting Number One Creek near Avoca. The precinct displays evidence which is typical of the prevailing early gold mining technology of the box-ironbark forests of central and western Victoria from the 1850s. It is unusual in today's context because the open nature of the site allows a clear view of all the workings evoking a more accurate image of what the diggings were like when they were active than is possible on sites where the forest has been regenerated.

The Number One Lead Gold Mining Precinct is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Number One Lead Gold Mining Precinct is historically and scientifically important as a particularly fine and essentially intact example of a site associated with the earliest forms of gold mining which, from 1851, played a pivotal role in the development of Victoria. Number One Lead, although not a particularly rich site, was a significant component of the historically important Pyrenees diggings and is also important for its low level of physical disturbance since the nineteenth century.

The Number One Lead Gold Mining Precinct is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts which will be able to provide significant information about the cultural history of gold mining and the gold seekers themselves.

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](#).

Construction dates 1850,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number 4962

Property Number

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 by including the Heritage Register Number 1238 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Number One Lead Gold Mining Precinct, Number One Creek (5 kms south west of Avoca), Pyrenees Shire Council.

Extent:

1. All of the Crown Land including all of the alluvial mining relics within a 250 metre radius of the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E147 N904 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 7523 Beaufort.

Dated 7 November 1996

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/>