
SPECIMEN GULLY GOLD MEMORIAL



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Location

SPECIMEN GULLY ROAD BARKERS CREEK, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1242

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO686

VHR Registration

November 29, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 14, 1999

What is significant?

The Specimen Gully Gold Memorial is a slate obelisk erected in 1931 to commemorate the discovery of gold nearby which precipitated the rush to the Mount Alexander goldfield which in turn provided the main impetus for the great Australian gold rush.

How is it significant?

The Specimen Gully Gold Memorial is of historical importance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Specimen Gully Gold Memorial is historically important for its symbolic associations with the discovery of gold in the Castlemaine area. Although there had been earlier discoveries of gold in Australia it was the Mount Alexander find which in particular fired the world's imagination and led to one of the greatest mass movements of population in history and was of crucial importance in Victoria's development.

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	1931,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Other Names	GOLD DISCOVERY MONUMENT,
Hermes Number	4966
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 1242 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Specimen Gully Gold Mining Precinct, Specimen Gully Track, Barkers Creek, Mount Alexander Shire Council.

Extent:

1. The monument erected in 1931 to commemorate the discovery of gold at the Mount Alexander goldfields in July 1851.
2. All of the Crown land reserved for public purposes in Victorian Government Gazette number 32 of 1939 at Specimen Gully Track, Barkers Creek.

Dated 7 November 1996

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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/>