
WHROO GOLD PUDDLING MACHINE



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Location

RUSHWORTH-NAGAMBIE ROAD WHROO, CAMPASPE SHIRE

Municipality

CAMPASPE SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1244

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO316

VHR Registration

November 28, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The Whroo Gold Puddling Machine is a reconstruction of an original machine that had been in operation on the site during the 1950s. The machine's owner was William Puckey and the reconstruction was carried out by an old miner named Mr Charlie Bell. Mr Bell had also operated a puddling machine in the Whroo. The reconstruction comprise a good characteristic example of the puddling technology developed in Victoria from 1854 in response to the need to process enormous amounts of claylike soil which needed to be broken up to get at the gold. Horses were used to drag harrows around a circular ditch in which the soil and water were mixed.

The Whroo Gold Puddling Machine is of historical and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Whroo Gold Puddling Machine is historically and scientifically important as an authentic reconstruction of an old abandoned puddling machine and is characteristic of a site associated with the earliest forms of gold mining which, from 1851, played a pivotal role in the development of Victoria.

Puddling machine technology is particularly important in the history of Victorian gold mining as the only technology or method developed entirely on Victorian goldfields.

Construction dates	1850,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	4968
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 1244 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Whroo Gold Puddling Machine, Whroo Historic Reserve, Campaspe Shire Council.

Extent:

1. All of the Crown Land including one reconstructed puddler and other gold mining relics within a 100 metre radius of the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E230 N421 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 7924 Nagambie.

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.

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