

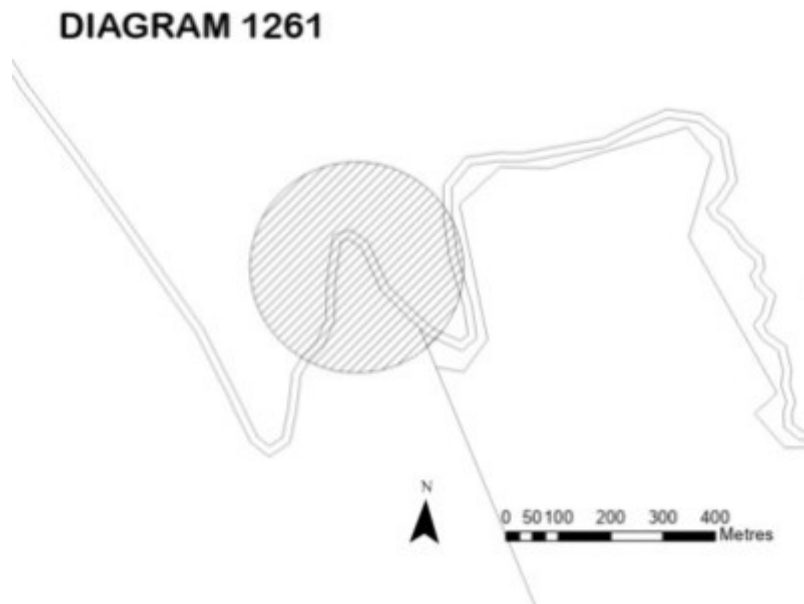
# DELEGATE RIVER GOLD DIVERSION TUNNEL



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## Location

TUNNEL RIDGE TRACK DELEGATE RIVER AND BENDOC, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1261

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO285

## VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

## Amendment to Registration

January 23, 2025

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 23, 2025

### What is significant?

The Delegate River Gold Diversion Tunnel is a diversion which was excavated in 1889 by the Delegate River Gold Sluicing Company. The tunnel was used to divert the waters of the Delegate River effectively cutting off a long section of the original river course. The dry river bed was extensively worked.

### How is it significant?

The Delegate River Gold Diversion Tunnel is of historical and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

### Why is it significant?

The Delegate River Gold Diversion Tunnel is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of an early form of gold mining. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria. Water diversion and sluicing are important key ingredients in an understanding of gold mining technology as it was employed in mountainous country where water was plentiful and perennial.

## 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 1889,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,  
Hermes Number 4986  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### Heritage Act 2017

#### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 2017**, I give notice under section 53 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by modifying a place in the Heritage Register:

Number: H1261  
Category: Registered Place, Registered Archaeological Place  
Place: Delegate River Gold Diversion Tunnel  
Location: Pretty Gully Track, Delegate River and Bendoc  
Municipality: East Gippsland Shire

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1261 encompassing parts of Crown Allotment 31C Section A Parish of Kirkenong, Crown Allotment 35 Section A Parish of Bidwell and Crown Allotment 2001 Parish of Kirkenong to the extent of a 200m radius from the co-ordinate point Latitude: 37.16232° S Longitude: 148.78417° E.

23 January 2025  
STEVEN AVERY  
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/>*