

# LA MASCOTTE GOLD BATTERY SITE AND CHLORINATION WORKS



1 la mascotte treatment works side view

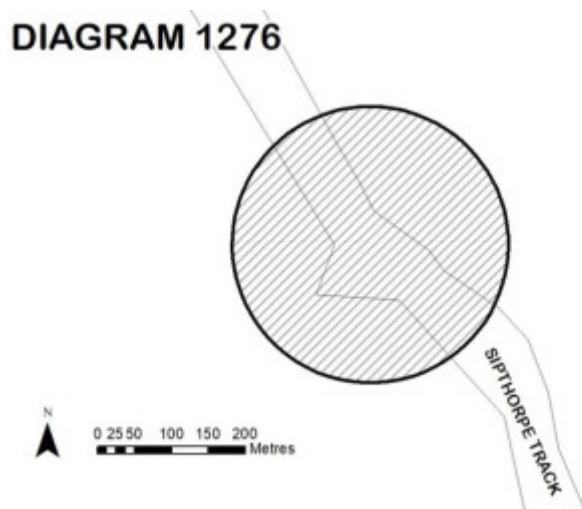


Diagram 1276

## Location

SIPTHORPE TRACK AND LITTLE DART RIVER CORRYONG, TOWONG SHIRE

## Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1276

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO5

## VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

## Amendment to Registration

November 16, 2023

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 16, 2023

### What is significant?

The La Mascotte Gold Battery and Chlorination Works has been well scavenged but still retains a 60ft long roasting furnace. The furnace is constructed of rivetted iron panels and its interior still retains some of its brickwork. Associated with the furnace are numerous buried and partly buried machinery bits, and some ground level foundations. The La Mascotte Company erected the furnace (a mechanically rabbled one) on the site in 1897. The chlorination works proved unprofitable and was eventually closed in 1903.

The La Mascotte Gold Battery and Chlorination Works is of historical, scientific and archaeological importance to the State of Victoria.

The La Mascotte Gold Battery and Chlorination Works is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of an important form of gold mining. When the greater part of the gold in some ores is contained in its pyritical contents, the gold is very difficult to extract. From the mid nineteenth century miners experimented with various metallurgical (or heat treatment) processes to unlock gold from heavily mineralised ore. Evidence of these metallurgical processes, such as the one carried out by the La Mascotte Company from 1897-1903, are extremely rare in the State of Victoria.

The La Mascotte Gold Battery and Chlorination Works is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the technological history of gold mining.

**How is it significant?**

**Why is it significant?**

## 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            1897,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered place, Registered archaeological place,  
Hermes Number                5007  
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: H1276  
Category: Registered Place; Registered Archaeological Place  
Place: La Mascotte Gold Battery Site and Chlorination Works  
Location: Siphthorpe Track, Dartmouth  
Municipality: Towing Shire

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1276 being the area within a 150 metre radius around a point with latitude 36.51891° south and longitude 147.76829° east comprising parts of Allotment 4 Parish of Burrungabugge, Allotment 15 Parish of Burrungabugge and Allotment 16 Parish of Burrungabugge including the crushing battery site, remains of the iron roasting furnace, and all other quartz mining artefacts.

16 November 2023

STEVEN AVERY  
Executive Director

*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/>*