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# SPECIMEN GULLY QUARTZ MINING ASSOCIATION GOLD MINE



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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

H1235

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO697

## VHR Registration

November 28, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The Specimen Gully Quartz Mining Association Gold Mine consists of stone foundations of a chimney stack and flue, and an engine house. Other surviving mine works include a haulage adit, open cut, shafts, carting tracks and a large water dam. These are remnants of quartz mining carried on at the site between 1859 and 1930s. The visible mining foundations appear to date to the mine's earliest period, when the mine was operated by the Specimen Gully Quartz Mining Association, the first public quartz mining company to work on the Castlemaine goldfield.

The Specimen Gully Quartz Mining Association Gold Mine is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Specimen Gully Quartz Mining Association Gold Mine is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic example of an important 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. As well as being a significant producer of Victoria's nineteenth century wealth, quartz mining, with its intensive use of machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The Specimen Gully Quartz Mining Association Gold Mine is scientifically important for it has some of the earliest quartz mining relics in Victoria, dating from 1859-61 mining operations. The place is also historically important because of its proximity to spot where the first gold on the Castlemaine goldfield was discovered.

The Specimen Gully Quartz Mining Association Gold Mine 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.

## 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 1859,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,  
Hermes Number 5019  
Property Number

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## 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 1235 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Specimen Gully Quartz Mining Association Gold Mine, Specimen Gully Track, Barkers Creek, near Castlemaine, Mount Alexander Shire Council.

Extent:

1. All of the Crown Land including the remains of the engine house, flue and chimney base, mine workings, and other quartz mining artefacts within a 200 metre radius with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E565 N981 on 1:1000,000 map sheet number 7723 Castlemaine.

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/>*