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# GROWLERS GOLD BUCKET DREDGE SITE



1 growlers gold bucket  
dredge site view

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## Location

WILLIAMS ROAD WANDILIGONG, ALPINE SHIRE

## Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1303

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO82

## VHR Registration

March 27, 1997

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 13, 1999

The Growlers Creek Gold Bucket Dredge Site consists of a largely buried timber pontoon. The skeletal remains of the pontoon is very overgrown by trees, ferns and blackberries, but appears to measure approximately 25 metres x 10 metres

The Growlers Creek Dredge was built in 1924. The dredge worked from 1924-30, after which it was stripped and parts used in the construction of the Freeburgh dredge.

The Growlers Creek Gold Bucket Dredge Site is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Growlers Creek Gold Bucket Dredge Site is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of a form of gold mining used in Victoria from the early 1900s. Bucket dredges were introduced into Victoria from New Zealand and were widely used until the 1950s. A bucket dredge comprised a floating pontoon on which an endless chain of iron buckets revolved around a long frame or ladder which could be raised or lowered. The bucket line excavated all the material to a depth to be dredged. Bucket dredging sites are now rare in the State, and surviving sites are important key ingredients in an understanding of the development of alluvial gold mining technology.

The Growlers Creek Gold Bucket Dredge Site 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](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

#### EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:

No permits are required for the following classes of works provided they are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation Plan For Historic Mining Sites prepared by David Bannear in 1996.

Mineral Exploration  
Fire suppression duties  
Timber production  
Weed and vermin control  
Public safety  
Rehabilitation

Construction dates        1924,  
Heritage Act Categories   Registered place, Registered archaeological place,  
Hermes Number            5051  
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 1303 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

Growlers Gold Bucket Dredge Site, Williams Road, Wandiligong, Alpine Shire Council.

#### EXTENT:

1. All of the crown land including the remains of the Growlers Creek Bucket Dredge within a 100 metre radius with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E992 N291 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 8224 Buffalo.

Dated 6 March 1997

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/>*