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# BUCKLAND RIVER HYDRAULIC GOLD SLUICING PADDOCK



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gold sluicing paddock open  
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## Location

OFF BUCKLAND ROAD BUCKLAND, ALPINE SHIRE

## Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1224

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## VHR Registration

November 28, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The Buckland River Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Paddock consists of an area about 100 metres by 50 metres containing a small sluiced open cut, pebble dumps and a tail race. Water for sluicing would have been delivered to the site by a high pressure pipeline from higher up the river and then directed at the gold bearing deposits above the river. The technology was introduced into Victoria in about 1855 and this particular site, which is one of several along the Buckland River, probably dates from the mid 1860s.

The Buckland River Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Paddock is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Buckland River Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Paddock 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. Hydraulic sluicing of alluvial gold deposits is an important key ingredient in an understanding of gold mining technology as it was employed in country where water was plentiful and perennial.

The Buckland River Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Paddock is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the cultural history of gold mining and the gold seekers themselves.

## 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:**

General Conditions:

1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.

Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

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            1851,

Heritage Act Categories    Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number                5077

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 1224 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Buckland River Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Paddock, Buckland River (4kms downstream from Buckland Shire), Alpine Shire Council.

Extent:

1. All of the land including the excavations, water races and pebble dumps and any other remains of hydraulic gold workings within a radius of 150 metres of the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E868 N248 on

1:100,000 map sheet number 8224 Buffalo.

Dated 7 November 1996

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G47 28 November 1996 p.3072].

*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/>*