

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO106

VHR Registration

August 20, 1998

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 28, 1999

What is significant?

Richards & Sons carried on logging and sawmilling operations in the Starvation Creek area from 1916 to 1938. Their last steam log winching station was established on Roy Spur c1936. The family abandoned the remaining plant after access tramways to it were destroyed in the 1939 bushfires.

How is significant?

Richards & Sons Log Winching site is of historical, archaeological, and scientific significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Warburton district was Victoria's premier logging area for the first three decades of the twentieth century, and the district's sawmillers played an important role in the introduction of new methods and technology. Richards & Sons log winching site is important for its manifestation of this facet of the State's forest industry.

Richards & Sons Log Winching site is scientifically significant because of its extraordinary intactness and being one of about a dozen insitu historic steam winches still surviving in Victoria. The site is especially unique in containing two different types of winches illustrating the replacement of old adaptive technology with new purpose built imported machinery. Only one other single cylinder steam logging engine is known in the State and the Russell Allport double drum outrigger steam logging winch is rare in Victoria.

Richards & Sons Log Winching site is archaeologically significant because of its potential to yield information on the technological development of Victoria's sawmilling and logging industry.

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:

(Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)

No permits are required for the following classes of works:

1. Silvicultural, land care maintenance or other use of the land in accordance with a professionally prepared conservation plan, providing the plan has been approved by Heritage Victoria.

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| Construction dates | 1936, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, Registered archaeological place, |
| Hermes Number | 5427 |
| Property Number | |

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 1739 in the category described as a Heritage place, Archaeological place:

Richards & Sons Logging Winch Site, Roy Spur Coupe, 09/344/504/14, Powelltown, Shire of Yarra Ranges.

EXTENT:

1. All the Crown land marked L-1 including the steam logging plant (double drum outrigger steam logging winch, Jackass boiler, and single cylinder action steam engine driving two outrigger drums) and associated infrastructure (tools, wire cable, bull wheels, steel rails, trolley wheels and crab winch) and all archaeological deposits and artefacts on diagram number 608244 held by the Executive Director of the Heritage Council. The land includes part of Roy Spur Coupe, 09/344/504/14.

Dated 13 August 1998.

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/>