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Location

BAXTER TRACK WATERLOO, PYRENEES SHIRE

Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1763

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO48

VHR Registration

November 26, 1998

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 31, 1999

The Baxter Lead Alluvial Gold Mining precinct contains the remnants of five small-scale deep lead mines. Working at the head or commencement of Baxter Gully, the deep lead miners were working the upper portion of a buried and very wet lead. Mining at a depth of around thirty five metres required the use of horse-powered haulage whims for baling the water and raising the wash dirt from the shaft. The raised gold bearing gravels were washed in puddling machines. Further down lead, around the township of Waterloo, the lead plunged dramatically and mining had to be undertaken by companies who installed expensive and powerful steam-powered machinery.

The Baxter Lead Alluvial Gold Mining precinct is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Baxter Lead Alluvial Gold Mining precinct is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of sites associated with the earliest forms of gold mining which, from 1851, played a pivotal role in the development of Victoria. The precinct is a rare well preserved example of the pioneering mining methods used to work the upper sections of a deep lead. The precinct is important because it has substantial evidence of the technology used still surviving in association with the mining by-products in the form of pebble and earth dumps.

The Baxter Lead Alluvial Gold Mining precinct is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts which will be able to provide significant information about the technological history of gold mining, 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:

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 provided they are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation-Management Plan For Historic Mining Sites

- * 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 5519
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 1763 in the category described as a Heritage place, Archaeological place:

Baxter Lead Alluvial Gold Mining Precinct, Junction of Baxter and Blazed tracks, Waterloo, Pyrenees Shire Council.

EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including the remnants of five deep lead mines (including remnants of puddling machines, whims, shafts and earthworks), residential fireplaces, shallow alluvial workings, and any archaeological objects and deposits within a radius of 300 metres of a point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E147 N640 on 1:100,000 map sheet number Beaufort 7523.

Dated 5 November 1998.

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

[Victoria Government Gazette G 47 26 November 1998 p.2889]

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/>