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1 washington winch nugong
swifts creek front view

Location

NUNNIONG ROAD NUNNIONG, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1825

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO293

VHR Registration

June 17, 1999

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is significant?

The Washington Winch at Nugong is the only high lead/skyline logging system in Victoria which still retains a winch engine and the associated spars and cables. The massive logging engine and winch drums were manufactured by the Washington Iron Works in Seattle, USA, and imported to Australia in the 1920s. Ezard Enterprises purchased the engine in 1959 from the Forests Commission of Victoria, and employed it at the head of the Little River catchment for the 1960/61 logging season. Logs were hauled up from a gully using the winch engine in a high lead system, while the skyline system adjacent to the road was used for loading log trucks. The site consists of a twin cylinder, triple drum winch engine, boiler and water tank, all mounted on a large log frame. In addition, two bare tree trunks opposite the engine acted as head and tail spars, each still supporting an array of steel cables for log hauling and spar bracing. A skyline cable suspended between the spars supports the carriage and fall block. Large trees stumps are used as anchor points for both the skyline cable and the bracing cables.

How is it significant?

The Washington Winch, Nugong, is of historical and scientific significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Washington Winch, Nugong, is historically and scientifically significant as the only intact high lead/skyline logging system within Victoria. The site includes a rare Washington Iron Works Yarding Engine, the only one known to exist in the State, and possibly Australia. The integrity of the winch engine, spar trees, cables and anchor points demonstrate well how the system operated, which facilitated logging in difficult terrain.

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.

5. 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.

Exemptions:

- * fire suppression
- * public safety
- * land care maintenance
- * erosion and salinity control
- * weed and vermin control

Construction dates 1960,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,
Hermes Number 5573
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 1825 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

Washington Winch, Nugong, Via Swifts Creek, East Gippsland Shire.

EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including the Washington triple drum winch engine, boiler, water tank, head and tail spars, steel cables, skyline carriage, fall block and any other remains of sawmilling or timber transport activity within a radius of 200 metres of the point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E786 N809 on 1:50,000 Map Sheet No. 8423-N Omeo-Bindi.

Dated 3 June 1999.

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/>