

# **BILLABONG PUMPING STATION**



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## **Location**

COOKE STREET NICHOLS POINT, MILDURA RURAL CITY

## **Municipality**

MILDURA RURAL CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0547

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO129

## **VHR Registration**

October 26, 1983

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 22, 1999

The various pumping stations were constructed by the Chaffey brothers as part of their vast irrigation scheme built after 1887. The brothers had come from North America, with the support of Alfred Deakin, where they had gained experience in California and around the great lakes.

The pumping stations were the beginning of an extensive system of irrigation channels. Psyche Bend was the first, pumping the water out of the river. King's Billabong was the main pumping station where four centrifugal pumps were capable of raising 32,000 gallons per minute together. The Ninety Foot and Nichol's Point Pumping Station is independent of the main system and was built later.

Several buildings at Psyche Bend have been demolished but the pump house remains intact with its engines. The design is very similar to the brick pump houses at Billabong and Nichol's Point where the engines have been removed. Nichol's point has been substantially altered. The Lock Nine Pumping Station is the most complete with the original boiler surviving as well as the pumps and channelling. This building is constructed of corrugated iron. The pumping stations are considered to be of national significance for their historical associations and as examples of industrial architecture.

## 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](#).

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| Construction dates      | 1889,  |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place,  |
| Other Names             | KING'S BILLABONG PUMPING STATION, KINGS BILLABONG PUMPING STATION, |

Hermes Number 632

Property Number

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## History

Associated People: Assoc. People ALFRED DEAKIN

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 547, Billabong Pumping Station Building, Kings Billabong, Shire of Mildura (to the extent of the Pumping Station Building, its associated works and the whole of the reserve).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No.109 26 October 1983 p. 3494]

*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/>*