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Location

MAIN LEAD ROAD MAIN LEAD, PYRENEES SHIRE

Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7523-0048

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 6897

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Fiery Creek Lead was opened during the great rush to the area in 1855. The gullies running into the main lead proved to be very rich. The main lead and its tributaries were worked by both sluicers and puddlers. The mining registrar lists, in 1861, the Dancing Feather and Phoenix sluicing company as sluicing near Golden Point. Puddling was also widely used when the washdirt proved unsuitable for sluicing. While many puddlers were able to construct their own dams, some paid a rent to the sluicing companies for the water they required to carry out their vocation. The mining registrar pinpointed Upper Golden Point (on the Main Lead) as a favoured puddling location - there were seven puddling parties (6 European and 1 Chinese) were working with great success in 1861. Six of the puddling parties were renting water from the Phoenix and Wimmera sluicing companies, and the other had its own dam. The upper parts of the Fiery Creek Lead were dredged in the early 1900s. The auriferous ground at Golden Point was last worked in the 1940s, by Norm Dickman's father.

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