
TIPPERARY GULLY

Location

BLACKBURN TRACK MAIN LEAD, PYRENEES SHIRE

Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7523-0051

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO22

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The Tipperary Gully Gold Puddling Site consists of the remnants of six puddling machines complete with dumps of washed pebbles, the associated water race and a patch of shallow sinkings. These workings comprise a good characteristic example of the puddling technology developed in Victoria from 1854 in response to the need to process enormous amounts of clay soil which needed to be broken up to get at the gold. Horses were used to drag harrows around a circular ditch in which the soil and water were mixed.

The Tipperary Gully Gold Puddling Site is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Tipperary Gully Gold Puddling Site is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of a site associated with an early form of gold mining which, from 1851, played a pivotal role in the development of Victoria. Puddling machine technology is particularly important in the history of Victorian gold mining as the only technology or method developed entirely on Victorian gold fields.

The Tipperary Gully Gold Puddling Site is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the cultural history of gold mining and the gold seekers themselves.

Hermes Number 6900

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Mount Cole water race was constructed by the Wimmera Sluicing Company in the early 1860s. Various sluicing companies and proprietors of puddling machines used its water to work the Fiery Creek Lead and its rich tributaries such as Tipperary and Musical gullies. The archaeological evidence, coupled with local information supplied by Norm Dickman, suggests that the gully was a focal point for puddling in the 1930s and 1940s. Norm's father operated one of the puddlers on the site, using water from the race.

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