
PETHYBRIDGES ROAD HUT SITE

Location

SPRING CREEK ROAD AND PETHYBRIDGES ROAD TARADALE, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0529

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

Heritage Inventory Interpretation: The attribution of a date to this site is difficult. It is possible that it may date to the pre-mining pastoral period. If so, then the huts, enclosure and the level platform area may have been a part of an outstation of the Carlrushe and/or St. Agnes stations. This would date the site to the period 1836 to 1852. The close proximity to an area of gold workings (sites H7723-0530 and H7723-0531) suggests that the two sites may be related. The huts and the other structures may have been used by miners, dating the site to the 1860s or 1870s. It is possible that the huts predate the mining activity and were reused by miners.

Hermes Number

8176

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: This area was a part of the Carlrushe station and, after 1839, of the St. Agnes

station. On 5/2/1855 the land was purchased by William Swan Urquhart, the former Government Surveyor, who had settled at Taradale. The banks of the creek below this site were subject to shallow alluvial gold working, while a tunnel was driven in the south bank, passing under the hill on which the site is located. A puddling machine was erected between the tunnel and the creek (site H7723-0530). This mining activity probably took place during the 1860s and 1870s, when the Victoria Reef was being worked.

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