
HUNTS DAM AND RACE

Location

MIDLAND HIGHWAY DRY DIGGINGS, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0678

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 8280

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Hunt's water race appears to have been built in two sections. In 1860, Mr Wilson constructed a race which brought water from Wollowbee Creek (now Wallaby Creek) across the elevated plains to Shepherds Flat. This race was some 15 miles long and supplied water for the Dry Diggings goldfield. Mr Wilson also had a battery, which was located on Middletons Creek, which presumably was water-powered. Wilson's race was purchased, in 1861, for the sum of £115, by the Prince Llewellyn Co - Specimen Parker Reef, Dry Diggings - for water for their crushing plant and dam. The race also appears to have been referred to as the Kangaroo Creek race: eg., in 1884, the race was supplying water for 15 sluice-heads for sluicing gullies in the Dry Diggings area, and also, for powering a water-wheel battery on Sportsman's Reef. Wilson's race was later extended by Mr Hunt to Middletons Creek where the water was used to sluice various gullies.

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