Victorian Heritage Database Report

Browns Camp

Location:
Bear's Creek-Donovan's Creek, Upper Yarra Catchment VIC

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number: H8022-0049
Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO319

Statement of Significance:
Browns Camp is of regional significance as a site that demonstrates the nature and scale of sluicing operations in the upper catchment of the Yarra River from the 1860s, and that retains a range of evidence including mining and occupation sites.

Description

Brown's Camp was an early mining settlement which serviced the Bear's Creek-Donovan's Creek sluicing areas. Many of the tributaries of the Yarra River in the Upper Yarra catchment show evidence of sluicing.

This site was surveyed around 1980 by MMBW staff. Evidence remaining at this site included: 7 or 8 hut sites and several bottle dumps (raided by collectors). A water race used for sluicing leads from the Camp to Bear's Creek. A track can be followed from the Camp past the Jumbo Wolfram mine, several old camp sites and other sites containing machinery and old trolley tracks associated with the mine. The Wolfram mine closed after the 1939 fires and now has its entrance blocked by floodwater. There is also evidence of timber procurement in vicinity of mine. (Supple 1991)

Not revisited

Intact

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115174
Property number	

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