Victorian Heritage Database Report

Little Peninsula Tunnel

Location:
Woods Point Road, McMahons Creek VIC 3799

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number: H8022-0044, H8022-0051
Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO223

Statement of Significance:
Little Peninsula Tunnel is of regional significance as one of two examples of river diversion tunnels dug on the upper reaches of the Yarra River to enable mines to extract gold from the river bed. It provides important evidence of the scale gold mining in the upper Yarra region, and is one of the more dramatic features that survives. Like Big Peninsula Tunnel, this site has attracted many generations of visitors, demonstrating its perceived value as a relic of the gold mining era.

Description

The Little Peninsula tunnel is one of two diversion tunnels on the Upper Yarra River dug by alluvial gold miners. It consists of square section about 2 metres high and wide, and about 25 metres long. The tunnel was dug to divert the course of the river and allow the extraction of gold from the river bed. The outlet is now a popular picnic spot. (Supple 1991)

Little Peninsula Tunnel is one of two tunnels that survive near McMahons Creek. Other evidence of goldmining can be found throughout the area, however it is less dramatic and much has "disappeared" as the forests have regrown.

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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	115492
Property number	

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