

JUMPING CREEK GOLD MINING AREA

Place No. 328

ADDRESS - Jumping Creek
Wonga Park

Last Update

DESCRIPTION Alluvial gold mining areas are known to have been located along Jumping Creek and the Yarra River, to the north of Jumping Creek Road. No exact locations were identified during this project and further field investigation is required.

Suggested locations include:

1. Alluvial workings located on a bend in Jumping Creek Road near the nursery. The exact location is not known, nor is the likelihood of any evidence remaining. Herbert Read recalls his father speaking of workings along Jumping Creek. May have been worked during the 1930s depression also.[1]
2. A mining shaft, said to be some 200 feet deep, is located on Yarra Brae close to the house. It is said to have been the last one sunk in Warrandyte. The shaft has been bricked in and storm water from the house is drained into the shaft.[4]
3. There was also said to have been a mine accessed from original entry to Stane Brae, close to the corner of Hartley and Jumping Creek Roads.[2] Joe Hartley recalls that his uncle used to mine along Jumping Creek between Stane Brae Court and Hartley Road. His uncle was born c1890 at "Twin Pine" (now Wyndover) in Hartley Road.[3]

Inspection of the third site with John Upton in May, 1997 indicates that all evidence of the mine has been removed or covered by recent earthworks associated with the construction of a new house on the north side of Stane Brae Court.

Condition Not known

Integrity Not known

Threats Not known

Key elements

Designer

HISTORY Gold mining is known to have extended east of Warrandyte into the Wonga Park area. A local history refers to a seam of quartz running through Wonga Park, commencing at Birt's Hill, with washings of gold having been found in Jumping Creek and men having dug for gold at Philpotts, Cliffords and Brysons Road.[4]

Creation Date -

Change Dates

Associations

Local Themes

4.01 - Gold mining

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Not assessed.

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
None Specified			

Extent

Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:
Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:	

Tree Controls:

Aboriginal Heritage Place:

Outbuildings or Fences:

Incorporated Plan:

Incorporated Plan Details

Description:

Conservation Management

Extra Research

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- BIBLIOGRAPHY** [1] Workshop Place 29
[2] Information provided by Lady Best, daughter of H. Ramsay, to Mrs G Stilwell.
[3] Joe Hartley
[4] A history of Croydon, p. 121, 131.