

Heritage Inventory No: **H 7 6 2 2 - 0 4 5 2**

Heritage Inventory Site Card

Site Card must be completed in conjunction with the *Guidelines for Conducting Historical Archaeological Surveys* at www.heritage.vic.gov.au.

1. Place

Name **Mount Clear Mining Landscape**

Other/former names

Current site description

Ridge lines and associated creek banks, with trees and small shrubs. Site located on the east side of Canadian Creek and between unnamed watercourse to the north. Quartz veins dominate the landscape. Modified area is approximately 6 ha in size. Landscape modified by gold mining; over 55 holes and 2 trenches representing extraction from shallow depths. Site in good condition.

2. Current statutory listing

☐ Victorian Heritage Register Number☐ Heritage Overlay Number

3. Suggested protection

☐ Victorian Heritage Register☐ Heritage Overlay, Local Planning Scheme

4. Archaeological description

☒ Surface cultural material☐ Sub-surface cultural deposits☐ Archaeological potential☒ Features☐ Disturbance☐ Artefacts / Artefact scatter

5. Archaeological significance

☐ High☐ Medium☐ Low☐ None☒ Unknown

6. Location

Site location (where known)

Street number **44** Street **Lavery Street**Suburb **Mount Clear** State **VIC** Postcode **3350**Local Government Area **Ballarat**

Full AMG co-ordinates (must be AGD 66) Easting Northing

Mapsheet name and number (1:100,000 only) **Ballarat 7622 N**

7. Cadastral location

County Parish **Ballarat** Township **Mount Clear**Section **Sec 2** Allotment **18A** SPI **PS507150**

8. Indigenous values

☐ Site has known Indigenous values Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register Number

9. Associated sites (Inventory, VHR, HO or other)

Mount Clear Horse Puddler

10. Keywords

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| <input type="checkbox"/> early 19 th century | <input type="checkbox"/> urban | <input type="checkbox"/> pastoral | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mid 19 th century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> outside urban | <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> late 19 th century | | <input type="checkbox"/> timber | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> early 20 th century | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mining | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mid 20 th century | | <input type="checkbox"/> transport | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mid-late 20 th century | | <input type="checkbox"/> communication | <input type="checkbox"/> civic |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
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11. Plan of site **Please attach separate plan.** All features on the plan must be labelled and scale noted (eg 1:100,000).

12. Place history (attach sheet if necessary)

The first era of gold mining in the area (Canadian Gully along the White Horse Range to Mount Clear) was from 1851 to 1852 where at the peak of the gold mining there were 20,000 diggers working the shallow alluvial deposits.

Strange, A.W. 1971. Ballarat – A Brief History. Lowden Publishing Co. Kilmore, Victoria.

During 01.07.1870 and 30.09.1870 the Star of the East Co. operated a shaft mine in the site; VicMine ID 379592. The gold produced from this mine was 19 ounces.

13. Interpretation of site (Include phases in the development of the site, functions and activities represented)

The site dates from approximately the 1850s. The site developed with the increase of gold mining in the Ballarat area.

A few ounces of gold were discovered in 1851 which led to three eras of mining in the Ballarat Goldfields. The first era was from 1851 to 1852 where at the peak of the gold mining there were 20,000 diggers working the shallow alluvial deposits. During this time serious mining commenced at Canadian Gully along the White Horse Range to Mount Clear. High rainfall and gently sloping hills made gold extraction easy and was possible with little more than a pick, shovel, gold pan and handmade cradle. Early discoveries were dug up from a very shallow depth with mining by techniques associated with placer mining such as panning and sluice boxing. The second era was between 1853 and 1875 where the men worked deep alluvial deposits.

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14. Assessment of archaeological significance

The significance is low.

There is limited research potential, the integrity of the site is medium and provides an insight into the activities associated with mining, there has been no archaeological content found to date.

15. Assessment of cultural heritage significance

☐ Statement of Significance attached

☒ Historical significance

The area contains historical significance connected to the period of gold mining in Victoria and in particular the Ballarat area.

☐ Scientific significance

N/A

☐ Aesthetic significance

N/A

☐ Social or spiritual significance

N/A

16. Present use

The land is privately owned and unused

17. Threats

The land is separated by two future uses / threats.

1. an area for a koalas habitat / this will include pathways and public use
2. subdivision / housing development

18 References/ Informants

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19. Photographs of site

Please attach as separate sheet.

20. Map showing location of site

Please attach separate plan.

Map must clearly identify assessed area and include any street addresses (eg excerpt from Melway and its reference numbers.)

Describe in detail directions to locate the site in the future

Travel South from the intersection of Geelong Road and Whitehorse Road Mount Clear for approximately 70 m. Turn Left into Recreation Road travel approximately 600 m. Turn Left into Haymes Road. Continue to the cul-de-sac, this is an access area to Canadian Creek and the southern area of the site.

21. Owner & Occupier Details

Agency Charles Ioyed Property Group Pty Ltd

Owner's name

Contact name Tony Bevacqua

Postal address Suite 3 / 82 Lorimer Street DOCKLANDS VIC 3008

Telephone 03 9647 8200 Facsimile 03 9646 1299

Email address tony@charleslloyd.com.au

Occupier's name

Postal address

Telephone Facsimile

Email address

Recording Archaeologist Alandra K. Tasire

Company name Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd Date recorded 26 October 2010
(Day/Month/Year)

Other Comments:

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Appendix 2:

Photographs - Mount Clear Mining Landscape



Plate 1: View of largest excavated area (trench) of mining landscape facing north east.



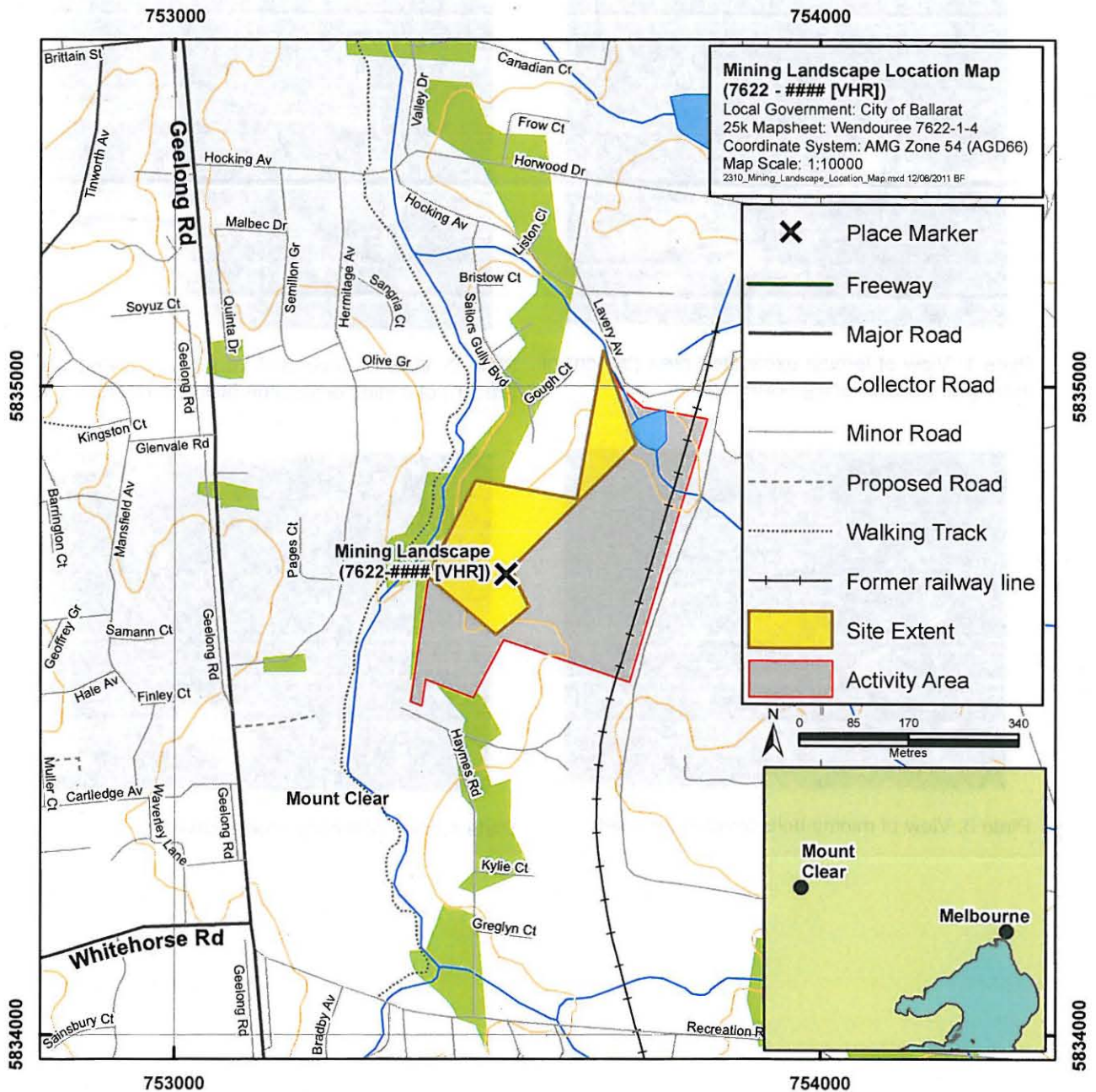
Plate 2: View of seconded largest excavated area (trench) of mining landscape facing north east.



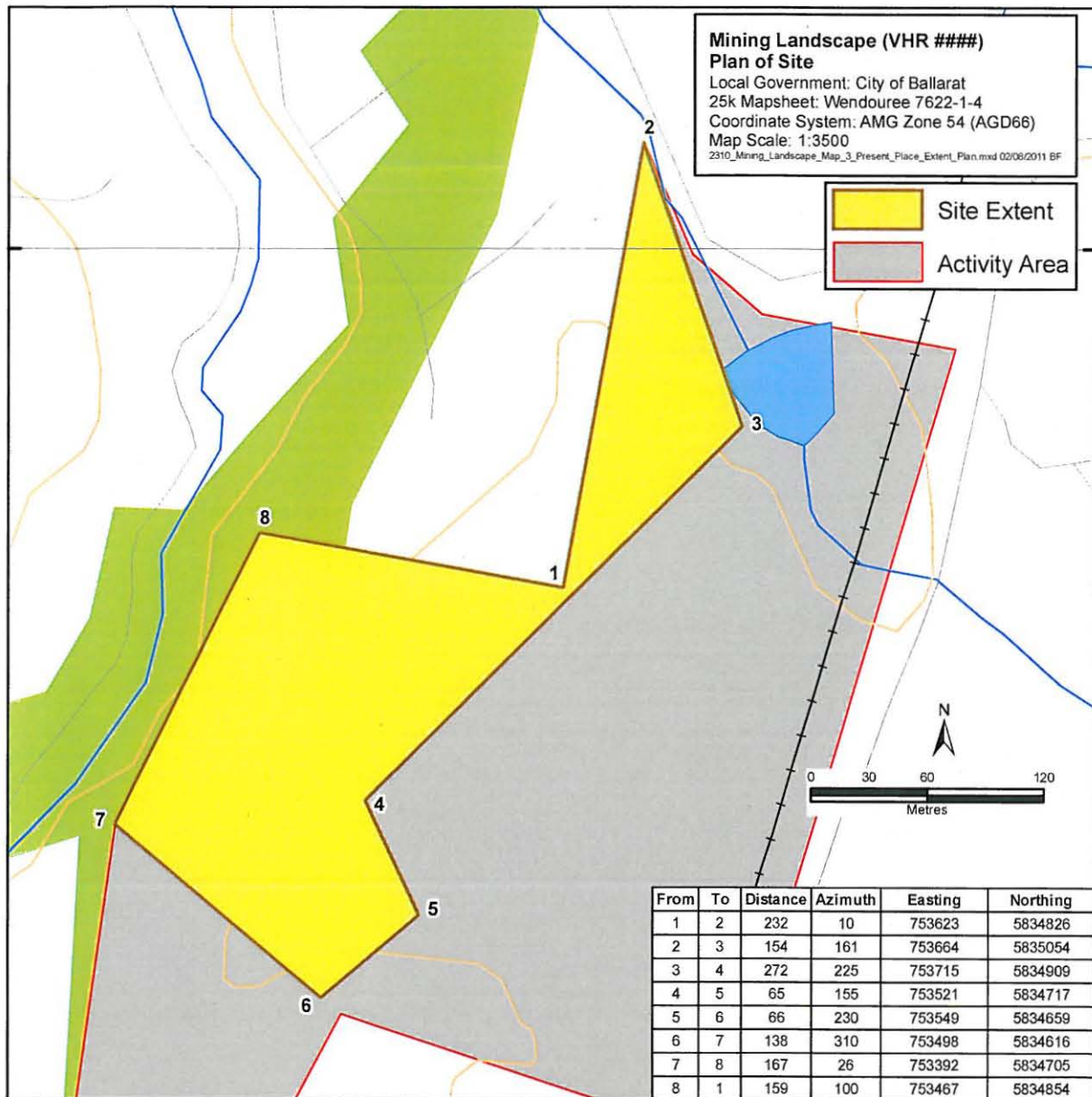
Plate 3: View of mining hole covered for safety.



Plate 4: View of mining hole uncovered.



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