

City of Greater Bendigo: Marong Heritage Study Mining Sites

HARTLAND'S LOESER ROAD EUCALYPTUS DISTILLERY

Other Names

Location Parcel No. P127174, State Park,
Loeser Road, Whipstick

Map Reference Epsom 1:25,000 - BV579.432

Victorian Heritage Register No

National Estate Register No

Planning Scheme No



Description Two circular brick-lined vats, 7 feet in diameter, and concrete lids. Near the vats is a wooden crane base and several sections of condensing pipe in the fragmented concrete condensing pit. North of the condensing pit there is a single pass Cornish boiler, 24 feet long and 6½ feet in diameter, which retains some of its steam valves. North of this setting is an earthen dam. The surrounding land has been made into a picnic area.

History Period of activity: c.1930-1940+ [1]

Thematic Context Rural Industry

Comparative Examples There are six other eucalyptus distillery sites identified within the study area: Blandford Road (c.1900-1920+), Pierce's (1911-1998+), Flett's (1921-1980), Hartland's Neilborough East Road (c.1930-1940+), Black Rock Road (c.1939) and Coles' (c.1940). These sites display a range of intactness from Pierce's, which is operational, and Flett's, which is disused but essentially intact, to Blandford Road and Hartland's Neilborough East Road where all the plant, machinery and equipment has been removed. There is nothing particularly significant about the site, but it is readily accessible and contiguous to a recreational area.

Statement of Significance The site is representative of those found in eucalyptus distilling which was an important rural industry (criterion A and criterion D) and has potential for education and interpretation as part of the Loeser Picnic Area.(criterion C).

Level of Significance Local

Recommendation The site should be protected by inclusion in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay Table in the City of Greater Bendigo Planning Scheme, in accordance with the general principles of the conservation policy for mining sites, and should be included as a significant sub-area within the Sandfly Gully Mining Heritage Area.

Heritage Boundaries The Sandfly Gully Mining Heritage Area is bounded on the south by Scotsmans Track, on the east by Sandfly Road up to a point 100 metres from its crossing of Sandfly Gully, on the south by a line generally 75 metres south of Sandfly Gully across Loeser Road as far north as the junction of Loeser Road and Bright Road and then along Bright Road to the corner of fenced property, on the north by this property fence west to Sandfly Gully, on the east by a line 75 metres east of Loeser Road to its junction with Black Rock Road then along Black Rock

Road for a distance of 200 metres to a point north of a large shallow dam, on the west and north by a line 50 metres west of Black Rock Road, Loeser Road and Sandfly Gully as far as a track west of the reef workings, and on the west by this track as far as Scotsmans Track.

References 1. Personal communication, W. Perry to D. Bannear, 1992.

Notes Identified as one of Harry Hartland's distilleries. [1]

Assessed by David Bannear in February 1992 and reviewed by Peter Milner in June 1998

Chronology