

## Detailed lists of historic sites and reserves in the Central Highlands

Some sites in the following accounts are not or may not be located in state forests. They are included to provide context and to avoid ambiguity about precise locations.

### Lists of Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) and Victorian Heritage Inventory (VHI) sites in Central Highlands state forests

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) sites				
Register*	Register Number	Name	Location	Category
VHR HO	H1914 HO74	Leichardt Gold Crushing Battery	Abbot Creek Track Woods Point, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
VHR HO	H1819 HO243	Lower Goodwood Kilns	Goodwood Mill Track Gentle Annie, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
VHR HO	H2381 HO174 HO177 HO179 HO2	Maroondah Water Supply System (Upper & Central)	Fernshaw; Toolangi; Healesville; Warburton; Chum Creek; Dixons Creek; Yarra Glen; Christmas Hills; Kangaroo Ground; Research; Eltham; Diamond Creek; Greensborough; Bundoora; Bend of Islands; Reservoir – Yarra Ranges, Nillumbik, Banyule and Darebin LGAs (local government areas)	Utilities - Water
VHR HO	H1443 HO4	Rail Bridge Walhalla	Thomson River, Walhalla and Rawson, Baw Baw Shire	Transport - Rail
VHR HO	H1270 HO36	Royal Standard Gold Battery Site	Royal Standard Spur Track Woods Point, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
VHR HO	H1990 HO261	Thomson River Diversion Tunnel Site	Thomson River Walhalla, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
VHR HO	H2333 HO3 HO334 HO13 HO25 HO43 HO46 HO47 HO48 HO469	Yan Yean Water Supply System	Clonbinane; Whittlesea; Humevale; Yan Yean; Doreen; Mernda; South Morang; Mill Park; Bundoora; Thomastown; Reservoir; Preston; Thornbury; Northcote and Fitzroy North – Mitchell, Whittlesea, Darebin and Yarra LGAs	Utilities - Water

\* HO = Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Sites with Victorian Heritage Inventory (VHI) components				
Register*	Register Number	Name	Location	Category
VHR VHI HO	H1816 H7923-0004 HO223	Comet Mill	Dry Creek Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
VHR VHI HO	H1821 H8022-0011 HO247	New Federal Mill	Upper Yarra Walking Track Ada, Baw Baw Shire Dowey Spur Road Ada, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
VHR VHI HO	H1822 H8022-0101 HO104	Old Federal Mill	Big Creek Road McMahons Creek, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
VHR VHI HO	H1739 H8022-0104 HO106	Richards & Sons Logging Winch Site	Road 15 McMahons Creek, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
VHR VHI HO	H1823 H8023-0019 HO18	Robbies Mill Robbies Mill Black Range	Robbie Road Murrindindi, Murrindindi Shire Anderson Lane Narbethong, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry

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Victorian Heritage Inventory (VHI) Sites			
Register No.	Name	Location	Category
H8122-0108	A1 Gold Mine	A1 Track Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H7923-0059	Abe Neil Mill	Turners Track Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0100	All Nations Mine Site	Matlock, Mansfield Shire, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0055	Alstergrens Sawmill	Thomson Valley Road Baw Baw, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8023-0042	Barnewall & Lees Lowering Gear	Snobs No6 Track Rubicon, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0089	Bb Quartz Battery	Bb Creek Jericho, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8022-0058	Blake's Mill Site, Powelltown	Yarra Junction-Noojee Road Powelltown, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0119	Blue Jacket Historic Site	Casper Creek Track Jericho, Baw Baw Shire	Commercial
H8022-0039	Britannia Creek Tramway Sawmill Site 2	Bolin Track Big Pats Creek, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0040	Britannia Creek Tramway Sawmill Site 3	Bolin Track Big Pats Creek, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0004	Britannia Creek Tramway, No.4 Mill	Bolin Track Big Pats Creek, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0028	Broadford No 2 Pow Camp	Dry Creek Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Military
H7923-0011	Broadford No.1 Camp	Strath Crossing Track Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Military
H8023-0041	Brown & Cecil's Royston Mill	Royston Road Rubicon, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8023-0016	Bull Creek (Stratford) Sawmill	Bull Creek Road Murrindindi, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8023-0036	Buxton Sawmilling Co. Mill & Tramway	Project Road Murrindindi, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8023-0048	Cameron And Barton Mount Margaret Tramway	Mount Margaret Road Rubicon, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8023-0049	Cameron And Barton Sawmill Site	Cerberus Road Rubicon, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0087	Chinese Pig Oven	Rj Spur Track Jericho, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0057	Christies Bridge	Finns Track Caringal, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8023-0029	Clark & Pearce No.1 Winch & Boiler Tom Burns Tramway	Old Tom Burns Track Rubicon, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8023-0024	Clarke & Pearce No.4 & 5 Mills	Royston Road And No.5 Fire Track Rubicon, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8023-0023	Clarke & Pearce No.4 Mill (Old)	Royston Road Rubicon, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0006	Clonbinane Mine Sites	Dry Creek Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0001	CRB Survey Tree 1926	Walhalla Road Toombon, Baw Baw Shire	Exploration, Survey and Events
H8123-0024	Dempsey Mine	Sibley Point Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8023-0017	Dindi Sawmill	Winch Road Narbethong, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0061	Downeys Sawmill	Chinamans Road Tanjil Bren, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry

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Register No.	Name	Location	Category
H8122-0084	Dry Creek-Harbinger Battery & Mine Workings	Dry Creek Jericho, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8023-0050	Dutchman's Restaurant Site	Marysville-Woods Point Road Marysville, Murrindindi Shire	Recreation and Entertainment
H8123-0025	Eldorado Mine	Boarding House Creek Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8123-0002, also HO48	Enochs Point Mine Workings	Donald Track Enochs Point, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0077	Erica Steel Tramway	Old Government Road Erica and Walhalla Road Caringal, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0060	Escreet's Mine Complex	Escreets Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8022-0136	Evans Reward Mine	Old Warburton Road Warburton, Yarra Ranges Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0071	Ezards No.2 Mill	Ezards Road Baw Baw, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0123	Feiglin's Number 3 Mill	White Hill Track Narbethong, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0003	Flowerdale No.1 Sawmill	Flowerdale Road Kinglake West, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0094	Former Coopers Creek Township and Copper Mine	Coopers Creek Track Walhalla, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8022-0126	Freeman's No. 2 Sawmill	Tarago Track Gentle Annie, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8123-0001	Gaffneys Creek Township	Mansfield-Woods Point Road Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H7923-0038	Germantown and Associated Mining Infrastructure	Murchison Road Reedy Creek, Mitchell Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8123-0021	Goulburn River Alluvial Workings	A1 Track Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0102	Grave of Kitty Cane	Walhalla-Woods Point Road Thomson, Baw Baw Shire	Cemeteries and Burial Sites
H7923-0016	Greens Mill	Dry Creek Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0061	Greens No. 1 Mill	Flowerdale Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0047	Growlers Creek Winch	South Face Road Tanjil, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0137	Hermon's Mills and Tramway	Between Irruka Road and Burns Road Warburton, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0001	Higgs Mill	Pheasant Creek Road Pheasant Creek, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0007	High Lead Summit	VHC Track Ada, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0093	Hogan & Kirkpatrick's Mill Site	Beenak Road Beenak, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0050	Ingram's Skyline	South Face Road and Growlers Creek Track Tanjil, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0082	J & J Feiglins Mill Site No.1	Acheron Way Marysville, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0018	Jenkins Mill	Dry Creek Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0103	Johansson Family Graves	Red Jacket Track Red Jacket, Baw Baw Shire	Cemeteries and Burial Sites

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Register No.	Name	Location	Category
H8122-0041	Jordan River Diversion Tunnel	RJ Spur Track Jericho, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0059	Kirchhubels Mill	Chinamans Road Tanjil Bren, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0060	Kirchubels Tramway & Bridges	Saxtons Road Tanjil Bren, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0138	Lady Hopetoun Mine	Off Mount Bride Road Warburton, Yarra Ranges Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8123-0029	Lauraville Battery	Mansfield-Woods Point Road Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0074, also HO 74	Leichardt Battery	Champion Spur Track Woods Point, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0020	Leviathan Creek Workings	Leviathan Creek Woods Point, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0069	Little Boys Camp Bridge	Thomson Valley Road Baw Baw, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0073	Little Boys Tramway & Make-Up	Thomson Valley Road Baw Baw, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8123-0003	Londonderry Mine Workings	Donald Track Enochs Point, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8022-0033	Lower Goodwood Camp	Lower Goodwood Mill Track Gentle Annie, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8123-0005	Lucks All Mine	A1 Track Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8022-0106	Marysville Timber & Seasoning Company Mills and Tramways	Neds Track Marysville, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0006, also HO39	Matlock Township	Warburton-Woods Point Road Matlock, Mansfield Shire	Cemeteries and Burial Sites; Mining and Mineral Processing; Urban Area
H7923-0062	Mill Range Forestry Camp	Mill Range Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0022	Miners Log Hut Tonsil Spur	Strath Crossing Track Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8023-0053	Mohican Sawmill	Mohican Track Murrindindi, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0056	Morgan's Mill Tramway	Morgans Creek Track Caringal, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0027	Mount Disappointment Forestry Camp No.1	Strath Crossing Track Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0124	Mountain Town Historic Site	Walhalla Road Thomson, Baw Baw Shire	Commercial
H7923-0005	Mt Disappointment Regular Camp	Dry Creek Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0023	Mt Robertson Mining Battery	Spur Track Flowerdale, Murrindindi Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0051	Munros Mill (Eastern)	Eye Road Caringal, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0052	Munros Mill (Western)	Finns Track Caringal, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8023-0018	Murrindindi Wooden Tramline	Ash Creek Road Murrindindi, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry

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H8122-0066	Myree Sawmill	Toorong Road Toorong, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0100	Narbethong Internment Camp	Fernshaw Road Fernshaw, Yarra Ranges Shire	Military
H8122-0078	Nelsons Mill	Monettes Mill Road Caringal, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0009	New Ada Incline	VHC Track Ada, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0079	New Chum Mine Dry Creek	Dry Creek and Jordan River Jericho, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H7923-0066	No. 1 Channel and Mining Complex	Murchison Road Reedy Creek, Mitchell Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0072	North Cascade Trestle Bridge	Thomson Valley Road Baw Baw, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0015	North Sir John Franklin Workings	Jordon Street Matlock, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0062	Porta's Sawmill	Saxtons Road Tanjil Bren, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0139	Poverty Point Settlement	Australian Alps Walking Track Walhalla and Steel Bridge Track Amor, Baw Baw Shire	Unspecified
H7923-0010	Powder Magazine	Strath Crossing Track Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0007	Red Jacket Post Office	Jordan River Jericho, Baw Baw Shire	Postal and Telecommunications
H8122-0090	Red Jacket Township Site	Jordan River Jericho, Baw Baw Shire	Township
H7923-0020	Reedy Creek Sawmill Mine & Tramway	Strath Crossing Track Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry; Mining and Mineral Processing
H7923-0064	Reedy Creek Tunnel	Beaconsfield Road Reedy Creek, Mitchell Shire	Unspecified
H8022-0001, also HO280	Reid's Mill	Mount Baw Baw Tourist Road Powelltown, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0053	Sharps No.2 Mill	Thompson Valley Road Baw Baw, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0113	Sluice Workings, North Zone, Horseshoe Bend	Thompson-Erica Rail Trail Walhalla, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0080	St Clair Township	Warburton-Woods Point Road Matlock and Warburton-Woods Point Road Jericho, Mansfield Shire, Baw Baw Shire	Urban Area
H8022-0006	Starlings Gap Mill Site	Road 17s and Dowey Spur Road East Warburton, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0002	State Mill	Bennetts Track Gentle Annie, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0054	Stationary Steam Engine	Eye Road Caringal, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0143	Steel Bridge Track Tramway	Steel Bridge Track Amor, Baw Baw Shire	Unspecified
H8122-0044	Stockmans Reward Dredging Site	Marrows Road Eildon, Murrindindi Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0065	Stronach's Camp	Thomson Valley Road Baw Baw, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0043	Thomson River Mine Shaft & Adit	Walhalla Road Rawson, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing

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H8122-0068	Thomson Valley Tramway	Thomson Valley Road Thomson, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H7923-0067	Tonsil Spur Miner's Hut	Tonsil Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H7922-0086	Toolangi Chinese Burial	Off Chum Creek Road Toolangi, Murrindindi Shire	Cemeteries and Burial Sites
H8122-0064	Toorongo Sawmills 1 & 2	Mt Baw Baw Tourist Road Tanjil Bren, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0063	Toorongo Sawmills Settlement Site	Woods Point Road Cambarville, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0004	Travellers Rest Hotel	Warburton-Woods Point Road Cambarville, Yarra Ranges Shire	Commercial
H7923-0068	Tunnel Hill Hut	Tunnel Hill Road Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0101	Unknown Father & Son Grave	Pooles Road Jericho, Baw Baw Shire	Cemeteries and Burial Sites
H8023-0046	Upper Royston Valley Logging Sites	Royston Road Rubicon, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8123-0027	Victoria-Homeward Bound Open Cut	A1 Track Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8022-0045	Victorian Mount Morgan Mine	Reefton Spur Road and Road 1 Reefton, Yarra Ranges Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0040	Victors Quartz Mine	Ross Creek Toombon, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0091	Violet Town & Sluicing Area	Violet Town Track Toombon, Baw Baw Shire	Farming and Grazing; Mining and Mineral Processing
H7923-0071	Vultee Vengeance Aircraft Crash Site	Running Creek Whittlesea, Whittlesea City	Transport - Air
H7923-0056	Wallaby Creek Quarters, Associated Buildings and Garden	Kinglake National Park, Road Ten and Road Forty Clonbinane, Mitchell Shire	Residential buildings (private)
H8123-0006	Wallaby Mine Workings & Machinery Site - 1	Wallaby Creek and Off Sibley Track Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8123-0007	Wallaby Mine Workings & Machinery Site - 2	Sibleys Track Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0095	White Rock Limeworks	Coopers Creek Road Coopers Creek, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0023	Wildflower Mine	Dry Creek Jericho, Baw Baw Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8022-0133	Wilks Creek Site	Mill Track Marysville, Murrindindi Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8122-0104	William Creighton's Grave	Bald Hill Track Matlock, Mansfield Shire	Cemeteries and Burial Sites
H8022-0069	Winch & Landing Site Big Creek Road	La Trobe State Forest Piedmont, Baw Baw Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0053	Wolfram Mine Wilks Creek Track	Paradise Plains Marysville, Murrindindi Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H8122-0086	Wombat Mine	Wombat Creek Gaffneys Creek, Mansfield Shire	Mining and Mineral Processing
H7923-0069	Yarra Track Mill Site	Hilliers Road and Yarra Track Whittlesea, Whittlesea City	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0003	Yelland 2	Bolin Track Big Pats Creek, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry
H8022-0043	Yellands Seasoning Kilns	Bolin Track Big Pats Creek, Yarra Ranges Shire	Forestry and Timber Industry

## Victorian Heritage Register site summaries

### *Comet Mill [H1816]*

The Comet Mill, near Mount Disappointment, operated as the largest hardwood sawmill in Australia from 1884 to 1902. Its well-preserved features including concrete machinery foundations, intact earthworks and smaller fittings, provide valuable insights into the technological history of sawmilling. The site holds historical importance as one of the earliest sawmills in Victoria run by a large company – a departure from the typical family business model at the time. Additionally, the company was also one of the earliest to attempt to kiln season Australian hardwoods. Overall, the Comet Mill offers the potential to yield significant information about the cultural and technological history of sawmilling and sawmilling settlements in the region.<sup>1</sup>

### *Leichardt Gold Crushing Battery [H1914]*

The Leichardt Gold Crushing Battery, located in the Upper Goulburn State Forest, holds historic and scientific significance due to its association with 19th century gold mining and its rare and well-preserved state. In 1886 a group of prospectors discovered a gold-bearing reef near the junction of Wyes and Sanders Creeks. Within a year, they constructed a water-powered battery on-site to crush the ore, which remained operational until 1891.

The site contains the largest known collection of *in situ* archaeological features from a 19th century water-powered battery in Victoria. Among its notable features are a 15 head stamping battery, processing tables, a waterwheel pit, and a stone retaining wall. It is one of only 20 surviving sites where waterwheels powered ore-processing machinery, making it invaluable for gaining insights into the gold mining practices of the era. Additionally, the remains of the Wyeton village, once located nearby, provide insight into domestic life during that period.<sup>2</sup>

### *Lower Goodwood Kilns [H1819]*

The Lower Goodwood Kilns, located in La Trobe State Forest, were constructed in 1931 by Limberlost Lumber Mills and were essential for meeting Melbourne's growing demand for seasoned timber. Notable features include seven intact concrete kiln chambers, with rail foundations, cross-pipe bracing, and air ducts. The kilns represent an early example of the timber seasoning process in Victoria, which transformed the production of seasoned hardwoods and added value to the Australian timber industry. The site is historically significant due to the rarity of forest seasoning kilns in Victoria and represents one of the largest and best-preserved kilns in the state.<sup>3</sup>

### *New Federal Mill [H1821]*

The New Federal Mill, located in Latrobe State Forest, was operated by the Federal Timber Company from 1935 to 1949 and features substantial remains of the mill shed, timber tramways, and workers' accommodation. It is archaeologically significant due to its preservation which provides insights into steam-powered sawmills and the cultural history of sawmilling settlements in Victoria's premier

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<sup>1</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Comet Mill*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/5579> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

<sup>2</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Leichardt Gold Crushing Battery*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/6057> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

<sup>3</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Lower Goodwood Kilns*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/5572> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

logging district in the early twentieth century. The mill is also historically significant due to its association with manager Jack Corbett, who introduced large-scale North American logging methods to Victoria, as well as its production of barrel staves, which was a unique aspect of the timber industry in the early 20th century.<sup>4</sup>

#### *Old Federal Mill [H1822]*

The Old Federal Mill, located in the Latrobe State Forest, was in operation from 1922 to 1934 under the management of the Federal Timber Company. At this mill, timber was despatched to Warburton along the Starvation Creek outlet tramway. The remains of the site include concrete machinery foundations, sawdust heaps, steam winch components, skyline carriage, and modified tram wheels. Its historical significance stems from its association with Jack Corbett, who introduced North American logging methods like skylines and high lead winches. These innovations allowed the logging of challenging terrain, such as very rough ground and steep gullies, and were subsequently adopted by numerous other mills across Victoria. The site is also archaeologically significant for its potential to provide artefactual evidence that contributes to our understanding of the cultural history of sawmilling settlements.<sup>5</sup>

#### *Rail Bridge Walhalla [H1443]*

The Rail Bridge, located over Thomson River in Walhalla, was completed in 1909 as part of the Moe to Walhalla Railway, and connected the isolated gold mining town with Moe and Melbourne. Although the gold boom had subsided by the time of construction, the bridge symbolises the costly effort made to anticipate mining successes. Closed in 1954 and reopened in 1994 as a tourist railway, the bridge holds social importance, reflecting the community's interest in historic railways. Architecturally, it represents early 20th century railway engineering, showcasing innovative design using various materials to span the wide Thomson River crossing. The Moe to Walhalla line, with thirteen bridges beyond Erica, gained international recognition for its remarkable engineering in challenging terrain.<sup>6</sup>

#### *Richards & Sons Logging Winch Site [H1739]*

The Richards & Sons Logging Winch site, located in Latrobe State Forest, carried out logging and sawmilling activities from 1916 to 1938 in the Starvation Creek area, with the last steam log winching station established on Roy Spur around 1936. The site is historically significant due to its connection to the premier logging area of Warburton in the early 20th century, as well as its role in introducing new forest industry methods and technology. The site stands as one of the few surviving *in situ* historic steam winches in Victoria and features two distinct types of winches, which demonstrate the transition from older to more advanced technology. Its rarity is highlighted by the fact that only one other single cylinder steam logging engine is known in Victoria. The well-preserved state of the site offers valuable insights into Victoria's logging industry.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—New Federal Mill*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/5571> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

<sup>5</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Old Federal Mill*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/5575> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

<sup>6</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Rail Bridge Walhalla*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/1175> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

<sup>7</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Richards & Sons Logging Winch Site*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/5427> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

### *Robbies Mill [H1823]*

Robbies Mill, located in Black Range State Forest, was established in Narbethong in 1934. During its later years of operation, it served as a transition mill, demonstrating both road and tramway technology. The site includes remnants of the mill building such as the foundations for the sawbench and drive shaft, mill uprights, bearers, and framing timbers. Additionally, it served as the centre of a large community, and there are substantial remains from the residential area, such as old road formations, fruit trees, collapsed chimneys, and domestic debris. Archaeologically, Robbies Mill is significant for providing evidence of the technological history of sawmilling, illustrating the layout of a typical sawmill during the final period of bush sawmilling, as well as the cultural history of sawmilling settlements through domestic artefacts.<sup>8</sup>

### *Royal Standard Gold Battery Site [H1270]*

The Royal Standard Gold Battery Site, located in the Upper Goulburn State Forest and Woods Point Gold Mines Historic Reserve, stands as a well-preserved representation of an important form of gold mining from the 19th century that played a pivotal role in Victoria's development. It also served as a significant wealth generator and contributed to the expansion of the Victorian manufacturing industry. Despite the battery's collapse, the machinery on the site remains relatively intact, providing a glimpse into the adventurous and challenging mining life of the era.

The site comprises remains of three 5-head stamp batteries, waterwheel, two Cornish boilers, metal chimney flue and equipment for operating an inclined tramway. This site has historical and scientific importance, offering valuable insights into the technological history of gold mining in the region.<sup>9</sup>

### *Thomson River Diversion Tunnel Site [H1990]*

The Thomson River Diversion Tunnel Site, near Walhalla in Gippsland, is one of the last and longest diversion tunnels constructed for gold mining in Victoria. The site comprises the tunnel through Stockriders Spur, the inlet and outlet pools, Horseshoe Bend river bed and the river banks extending either side of Horseshoe Bend river bed. Built between 1911 and 1912 by the Thomson River Alluvial Gold and Tailings Recovery Company, the tunnel diverted river flows from Horseshoe Bend, allowing for the extraction of alluvial gold deposits. As one of the few surviving diversion tunnels from the gold rush era, the site showcases early diversion mining technology. Additionally, the area exhibits evidence of 1870s–80s ground sluicing activities. The Thomson River itself is a designated Heritage River under the *Heritage Rivers Act 1992*, adding to the site's cultural and natural heritage values.<sup>10</sup>

### *Yan Yean Water Supply System [H2333]*

The Yan Yean Water Supply System (YYWSS), constructed from 1853, is a historically significant and rare example of Victoria's first large-scale engineered water supply system, still serving Melbourne today. It comprises a sequence of catchment weirs and reservoirs linked by aqueducts and pipe tracks, stretching from north of the Great Dividing Range to Merri Creek in Northcote, five kilometres north of Melbourne. Notable sections include Silver Creek and Wallaby Creek weirs and

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<sup>8</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Robbies Mill*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/5584> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

<sup>9</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Royal Standard Gold Battery Site*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/4993> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

<sup>10</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Thomson River Diversion Tunnel Site*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/10756> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

aqueducts, The Cascades, Jacks Creek and Jacks Creek Deviation Channel, Toorourrong Reservoir, Clearwater Channel aqueduct, Yan Yean Reservoir, the pipe reserve from Yan Yean to Morang, Pipehead Reservoir, pipe reserve track from South Morang to Preston Reservoir, the Preston Reservoir complex, and the pipe reserve from Preston Reservoir to Merri Creek.

The system's continuous use over 150 years, largely according to its original design, demonstrates its engineering evolution and impact on Melbourne's development. The site contains archaeological remains and engineering elements that reveal 19th century construction techniques. It represents a comprehensive example of a 19th to early 20th century water supply system, including technical features such as in-line pressure reducing valves and engineered cascades for water aeration, not found in other systems in Victoria or Australia.

The YWSS also has strong associations with influential figures in the development of Melbourne and Victoria and played a pivotal role in establishing the Water Supply Branch of the Public Works Department, the first state authority responsible for planning, developing, and managing water supplies in Victoria. It also had ties to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW), which managed it from 1891 to 1991.<sup>11</sup>

#### *Maroondah Water Supply System (Upper and Central) [H2381]*

The Maroondah Water Supply System (MWSS) is historically significant as Melbourne's second large scale water supply system and continues to provide Melbourne with water via the Sugarloaf Reservoir. The first stage of the MWSS was built between 1886 and 1891 to meet growing water demand and improve quality due to pollution from urban growth and industry, responding to the limitations of the Yan Yean Water Supply System. Designed and built by William Davidson, with beautiful landscaping by Hugh Linaker, the system exemplifies the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works' commitment to functionality and beauty.

The MWSS consists of the Watts River catchment and water collection infrastructure near Healesville, connected by an aqueduct extending from Healesville to Greensborough. Within this system, the eastern side of Healesville hosts weirs, a dam, a reservoir, an outlet tower, and valve houses, situated in the Yarra Ranges National Park which covers the Watts River catchment. The Maroondah Reservoir Park lies at the base of the dam wall, and features structured stone paths, a caretaker's cottage, and planted trees. Notably, the outlet tower, balustrade, and valve houses exhibit classical architectural elements. Public picnic areas are also included in the site. The upper aqueduct section from Healesville to Yarra Glen remains operational and well-preserved, including tunnels, channels, siphons, pipes, drains, and scours. Although the central section from Yarra Glen to Diamond Creek has been decommissioned, its route remains discernible, and much of the infrastructure is still intact.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Yan Yean Water Supply System*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/13088> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

<sup>12</sup> Heritage Council Victoria (n.d.). *Victorian Heritage Database—Maroondah Water Supply System (Upper and Central)*. <https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/197552> [Accessed 23 July 2023].

### Historic and cultural features reserves surrounded by Central Highlands State forests

Historic reserve name	Area (ha)	Local Government Area
Ada River Sawmills Historic Reserve	335.0	Baw Baw, Yarra Ranges
Comet Sawmill Historic Reserve – Mount Disappointment	41.5	Mitchell
Coopers Creek Copper Mine Historic Reserve	105.3	Baw Baw
Jericho Historical Cemetery Historic Reserve	0.4	Baw Baw
Kirchubels Tramway & Mill Historic Reserve – Tanjil Bren	46.2	Baw Baw
Matlock Cemetery Historic Reserve	2.0	Mansfield
Matlock Hill Historic Reserve	46.7	Baw Baw, Mansfield
Mississippi No 1 Mill Historic Reserve	73.0	Yarra Ranges
Red Jacket Historical Cemetery Historic Reserve	0.4	Baw Baw
Rubicon Valley Historic Reserve	1293.5	Murrindindi
Walhalla Historic Reserve	34.9	Baw Baw
Woods Point Gold Mines Historic Reserve	457.4	Mansfield
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2436.4</b>	