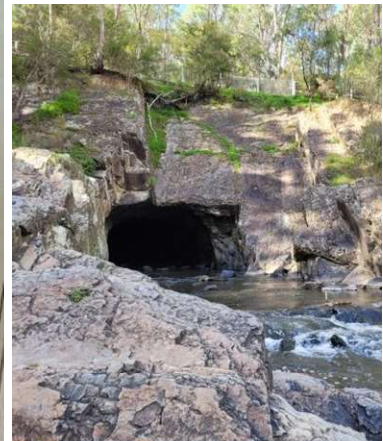


U3A RAMBLE AT POUND BEND WARRANDYTE - MAY 14th 2024

The Pound Bend tunnel was constructed in 1870 by the Evelyn Gold Mining co. to divert the Yarra river allowing 5km of river bed for alluvial gold mining. The venture was never a success and the mining company folded soon after completion of the tunnel. Blasting through the rock, the tunnel is 145m long x 6m wide and 4m deep.



Wash out !
In July 1870, a large party assembled at the other end of this tunnel to watch the Yarra take its new course. It must have been a spectacular sight!
Overall, the project cost the Evelyn Tunnel Gold Mining Company £2,100 (\$4,200) to construct. The dam (later washed away) consisted of piles supported with back stakes driven in at an angle of 45°, and 11,000 sand bags for added strength.
After twelve months the company was liquidated as expenses were too high and return... poor.



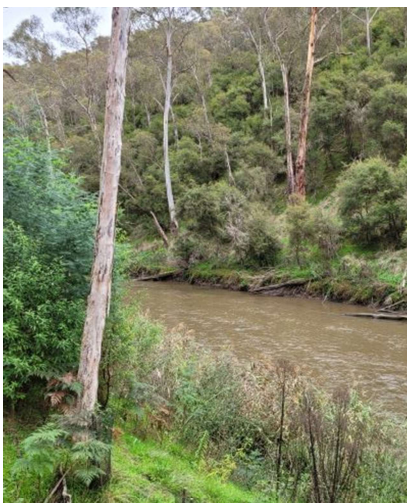
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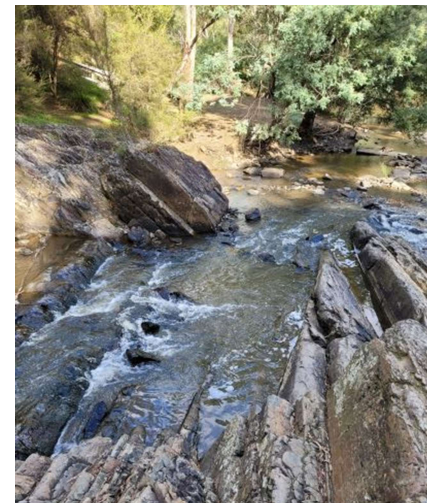
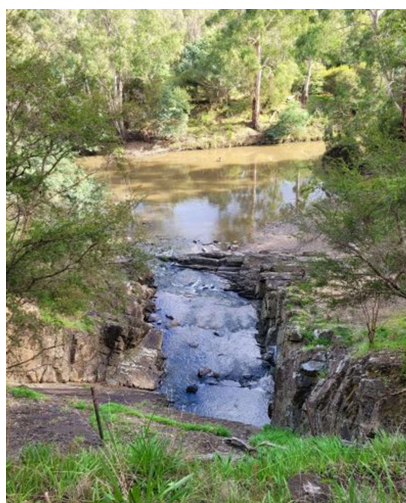
On the boardwalk



Kangaroos sighted



River view



At the tunnel opening