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# VICTORIAN MOUNT MORGAN MINE

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## Location

REEFTON SPUR ROAD AND ROAD 1 REEFTON, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8022-0045

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	Area mined for gold from late 19th C to early 20th C. Now land is the upper Yarra water catchment area with restricted access.
Archaeological Significance	Low archaeological significance. While the protection of the land as a water catchment area may have protected the integrity of this site, gold mine sites are not rare in the region. Potential for subsurface archaeological deposits.
Historical Significance	Local historical significance for obtaining impressive gold yields in 1896. Mine worked by up to 25 men at the turn of the century.
Hermes Number	10592
Property Number	

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Impressive gold yields were obtained by Robert Clingan and party from the Victoria Mount Morgan Mine in early 1896. The geological formation at this site differed from other mines in the

Upper Yarra region, consisting of bands of Silurian sandstone and mudstone, impregnated with pyrites in which the gold was held. The pyrites had weathered near the surface producing a dark ironstone, similar in appearance to Queensland's Mount Morgan, thus giving the mine its name. The mine employed up to twenty five people at the turn of the century. A water race was cut and a Pelton wheel installed. The mine was briefly worked again after the 1939 fires when three men attempted to drive the tunnel further towards Walshs Creek. Sources: Parkinson, E., "Warburton Ways", 1984, Signs Publishing Co., Warburton. 1981, "Brief History of the Upper Yarra"

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