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## Location

DARTMOUTH ROAD MITTA MITTA, TOWONG SHIRE

## Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8324-0004

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11009

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Diggers first tried their luck at Callaghan's Creek in 1853. The water-race (or 'ditch') used by the Pride of the Mitta Mitta sluicing claim from 1884 was originally cut for an earlier sluicing operation in about 1873. The race was eight miles long. In 1884, the Pride of the Mitta Mitta Co. put the race in working order, constructed a dam where it 'headed' on Callaghan's Creek, and put pipes in place for hydraulic sluicing of the 'boulder terraces'. The company had its first 'wash-up' in mid-1885—with what result the mining registrar could not say. By 1887, over an acre of ground had been worked and future mining operations were expected to extend southwards, in which direction a continuation of payable wash was indicated. The depth of the sluiced face in the claim was 25 ft.

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