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Location

CLARKEVILLE ROAD BENDOC, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8623-0002

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11095

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Victoria Reef was originally worked as the Luck & Leisure in 1869; it was renamed the Victoria in 1871. A rich lode was discovered on Victoria Reef in 1909. Hopkins and party acquired the mine the following year and crushed nearly 100 tons for an average yield of 4 oz per ton before selling the mine to Bendoc Victoria Reefs Co. That company sank a new shaft and installed a steam winding plant, to replace a horse whim. In 1911, the company enlarged the shaft to three compartments and contracted for sinking another 100 ft. A large high-pressure Cornish boiler replaced three small ones in 1913, but, although the auriferous stone was of high quality, there was not enough of it to make the mine pay. It shut down early in 1915. In 1928, the mine was worked by Victoria Reef GMC and yielded 437 oz from 276 tons. By 1935, the Victoria Star Co. had a main shaft down 190 ft, from which a crosscut was driven to intersect the nearby Welcome Stranger Reef. The mine's yield for 1935-6 was 804 oz from 507 tons. In 1938, the mine was operating as the Mayfair, but it closed down the next year. Reputedly the highest-yielding mine in East Gippsland, the mine was worked to a depth of more than 90 m for a total yield of 5,337 oz.

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