
SPOTTED DOG QUARTZ MINE

Location

BARRACOOTA TRACK MALLACOOTA, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8822-0002

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11113

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: In the 1880s and 1890s the Mines Department built a network of tracks throughout the forests of East Gippsland, and improved access brought a new round of discoveries and mining revivals. Prospectors concentrated on water courses, particularly the heads of river systems in the south fo the region. Gold panning around the shores of Mallacoota Inlet in 1894 led to a rush of claims in the following year. Shallow excavations were made at the lake's edge, and quartz lodes were worked down to depths of 100 ft in places around the Inlet. Gold claim no. 2036 was registered at Mallacoota in June 1894 by Robert Stewart of Mallacoota Inlet, George Alfred of Bairnsdale, George Evans of Yarragon, and Thomas Ridgeway of Leongatha. It was granted for an area of 90 acres in January 1895. In 1894, the shaft was described as 30 feet deep, equipped with a windlass, and with a heap of earth nearby. A trial crushing at the Bairnsdale School of Mines yielded an average of 2.7 oz per ton. The prefabricated mine office was relocated and reputedly survives at surveyor Edward Lee's former property, Fairhaven. The Spotted Dog mine was the most famous in the

Mallacoota district, featuring a line of shafts driven into a reef approximately 100 metres long. The claim was worked steadily until 1896-7, reputedly producing 899 oz of gold. Cyaniding took place on the site in 1898.

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