

Three Jacks Mine, off Golf Course Road (north of Newington Road), STAWELL



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Location

Newington Road STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7423-0030

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 30, 2004

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Three Jacks mine is the most westerly of the Stawell mines. It was an English-funded company, which was also known as the General Goldfields or Victorian Consolidated Gold-fields. By 1903 gold production on the Stawell goldfield was particularly low, with only three mines working. Two of these mines - the Amalgamated Scotchmans & Perthshire and the Three Jacks - were only in the prospecting stage of development. Only the Magdala-cum-Moonlight was mining successfully. In 1906, the Three Jacks Company, on opening up onto what seemed an extensive ore-bearing formation, erected a 20-head stamp mill. The first few hundred tons crushed in the new mill were found to be highly payable and the mine was touted as the next star of the field: the saviour of Stawell. Unfortunately for the company, and Stawell, the ore body did not live up to expectations and little more ore was ever crushed. The company closed down and the plant was sold off in 1909. By this time the shaft had been sunk 358 ft. During its life the mine produced 63 kg of gold from 4582 tonnes, including production from crushings and treatment of concentrates and tailings.

The Three Jacks Mine site is **historically** and **scientifically** important at a **LOCAL** level as a substantially intact example of an important gold mining technique. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria.

Overall the Three Jacks Mine site is of **LOCAL** significance.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

Mullock heap. The heap has been largely quarried and the shaft has been filled.

Physical Description 2

Mining machinery. Remains of large brick, tank-like engine bed, 26 ft x 10 ft, 3 ft high. The bed has 2½ ft thick walls. The bed has been modified with the addition of a 9 ft square concrete winder bed.

Physical Description 3

Demolished boiler house. Large spread of brick rubble near the southern side of the engine bed. There is a possibility of buried foundations.

Physical Description 4

Battery. To the north of the mining machinery foundations is a large brick engine bed, 24 ft x 4 ft, 3 ft high, with 1 inch bolts and an extensive concrete slab. The slab is largely buried by soil and rubble. The slab has two levels, the upper is 60 ft x 30 ft and lower floor is 60 ft square. The upper floor has two, 15 ft long linear slots (mortar blocks burnt out).

Physical Description 5

CONDITION OF FEATURES: Area been used for dumping rubbish.

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