
GOLDEN BAR CO MINE SITE

Location

166 LANCASHIRE GAP ROAD CHILTERN, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0085

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO451

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site Heritage Inventory Interpretation:

Hermes Number 11627

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The Golden Bar Co. struck good stone in 1863 on Higgins Reef, which had been worked in a desultory fashion since 1855. The Higgins, West's and Alfred reef, all in the same locality, were later jointly known as the Golden Bar Reef. In 1864, a battery was installed, 'the best in the division', with 16 stamp heads and a 16-hp engine, but

a good deal of gold escaped in pyrites. From 1868, the mine was worked by the United Consols Co. and was one of the few active quartz mines on the field. The United Consols mine was idle by 1872: its plant was removed and the tailings profitably treated by a party of Chinese.

The Golden Bar Reef, touted as 'Chiltern's most famous', lay idle until 1898. Up to that date, a total of 20,000 tons from the reef had yielded an average 1 oz per ton.

The Lady Rose mine operated in the locality between 1909-15. Its plant included a steam winch.

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