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# FLAGSTAFF REEF WORKINGS

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## Location

PYRENEES HIGHWAY FLAGSTAFF, CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

## Municipality

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0202

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11682

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

September 1864: Crushing quartz during the quarter; Houghton and Williams, from Blucher's, Fredericks, &c.; Ballarat Company, from Leviathan Reef; Close Reef Company, from Mariner's Reef; Hansen and Company, from different reefs; Houghton and Williams, late Seers and Sons, from Blucher's; Greenaway and Wallace, from Britannia, Sydney, &c.; Johnston and Sons, from Ironstone, Dorset, &c.; Watkins and Company, from Flagstaff, Telegraph, &c.

March 1865: Quartz crushed during the quarter: Houghton and Williams, from Frederick's, Flagstaff, 1,375 tons yielded 653 oz; Ballarat Company, from Leviathan Reef, 1,900 yielded 1,520 oz; Close Reef Company, from William's Hill, 2,160 tons yielded 486 oz; Hansen and Company, from different reefs, 1,860 tons yielded 1,209 oz;

Houghton and Williams, late Seers and Sons, from Ironstone and Blucher's, 200 tons yielded 200 oz; Greenaway and Wallace, from Caroline Reef Britannia, 700 tons yielded 420 oz; Johnston and Sons, from Whitehorse, Ironstone, 720 tons yielded 684 oz..

September 1865: Quartz crushed during the quarter: Ballaarat Company, from Leviathan Reef and Newtown, 2,419 tons yielded 967 oz; Penny and Company, from Alexandra, &c., 1,587 tons yielded 1,396 oz; Houghton and Williams, from Blucher's and Flagstaff, 1,320 tons yielded 1,056 oz (included a parcel of 21-1/2 tons realising 172 oz 4-1/2 dwts, obtained out of the Old Flagstaff Reef, at a depth of 200 feet); Close Reef Company, from Mariner's, Bristol Hill, &c., 1,121 tons yielded 160 oz; Watkins, from Lancashire and Yorkshire, 820 tons yielded 369 oz; Perseverance Company, from Leviathan, North British, 1,750 tons yielded 437 oz.

June 1868: The New Flagstaff Reef Company had a trial crushing of 7 tons lately, which gave 1-3/4 oz to the ton.

December 1868: Quartz crushed during the quarter: Mariners' Reef Co., from Mariners' Reef, 1,702 tons yielded 312 oz; Phoenix Company, from Mariners' Reef, 887 tons yielded 77 oz; Penny and Claussen, public crushings, 1,181 tons yielded 897 oz; Williams Bros and Co., from Blucher's Reef, &c., 1,040 tons yielded 832 oz; New Flagstaff Reef Co., from Flagstaff Reef, 20 tons yielded 33 oz; Leviathan Reef Co., from Leviathan Reef, 1,863 tons yielded 413 oz; Johnstone's Co., public crushings, 329 tons yielded 220 oz; Cundy and Co., public crushings, 2,026 tons yielded 1,013 oz.

June 1869: The claim of the New Flagstaff Company, near Maryborough, is extremely rich in this mineral. A few weeks ago three samples of sand from this claim were transmitted to the works of the Port Phillip Company, Clunes, to be operated on. The result of the assay has been so successful that the Flagstaff Reef Company have resolved to erect machinery on the spot to operate on the pyrites obtained from their claim.

September 1869: The New Flagstaff Reef Company are prosperous, 5 tons 12 cwt quartz tailings were recently transmitted to Sandhurst by this company for manipulation by Koch's machine. The result gave a return of 37 ozs of gold. Ten tons of pyrites were obtained from the same claim, and, when operated on, gave a return of upwards of 65 ozs of gold.

March 1870: The New Flagstaff Company have worked out their present levels, and are now trying to reorganise the company, in order to sink a new shaft 500 feet deep.

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