
LANES REEF MINE SITE

Location

CAHILL STREET WEDDERBURN, LODDON SHIRE

Municipality

LODDON SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7625-0003

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The remains of a small scale, early 20th century, quartz mine. The remains comprise the small concrete engine mounting bed and partly demolished baling pond.

How is it significant?

Due to significant ground disturbance the site possesses poor archaeological value.

Why is it significant?

NA

Interpretation of Site	The site demonstrates small scale quartz mining. The reef runs northwards and contains many prospecting shafts. The workings along the reef, including this site, have been significantly disturbed by bull dozing (filling of dangerous mine openings)
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History

Lanes reef was first taken up in c.1857 - Lanes Reef - taken up by Thompson, Martin, Charles Faye, C. Fernandez and Frank Handson. These men continued to prospect for some time before getting payable gold, but finally they got it and a large rush set in, the reef being taken up for fully 1/2 mile. A crushing plant had been erected at Kingower and quartz could be carted and crushed at a cost of £10 per ton which was considered a great boon in those days. The reef was now worked and prospected energetically for about 12 months and a considerable amount of gold was obtained.. None of the claims paid at a greater depth than 50 to 60 feet and soon as the yield fell off the claims were abandoned The use of concrete at the site suggests that the surviving relics date to the twentieth century.

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