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Location

BELLS LANE TRACK AND RED WHITE AND BLUE TRACK MUCKLEFORD, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0170

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The remains of a small scale, mid 20th century, quartz mine. The remains comprise a steel poppet head (rare mining feature) associated with concrete machinery beds, capped shaft and mullock heap. The site also has two large dams and a tailings dump associated with an embankment. the main shaft, battery, dam, tailings pond and one hut site.

How is it significant?

The site is significance because of it has:

Intactness: retained evidence of the key aspects of a quartz mine including a steel poppet head and concrete machinery foundations.

Integrity: a compact arrangement of mining relics which demonstrates the basic outlay of a small scale gold mine

Condition: retained fabric in a condition that can be understood and interpreted

Why is it significant?

The site has local significance as a relic of Victoria's historic gold mining industry. The site stands at the end of some 100 years of historic quartz mining in Victoria.

Interpretation of Site	Mid 20th century quartz mine that was established on the site of an earlier mine. The site has been developed as a picnic ground with interpretation. The visibility of the surviving features makes it an excellent interpretative site especially for people wishing to understand the basic layout of a historic quartz mine
Other Names	Red, White and Ble Mine,
Hermes Number	7843
Property Number	

History

In the Muckleford area, prospected reefs of the 1860s included the Blow-up, Dunns, Excelsior, Kangaroo, Red White and Blue, Smiths, and Thornhill reefs. Mining at this site begun in the early 1900s when Maloneys Red White and Blue Company erected crushing works. The Maloney's Red White and Blue Co., between 1909-15, crushed 4,452 tons for 2,369 ounces of gold. [Mining and Geological Journal (Vol 6, No 6) - The Golden Age Mine, G.J.Medwell] The second period of mining at the site occurred during the 1950s was conducted by a New South Wales company, the Golden Age Co., which commenced shaft sinking in 1958 at a site adjoining the main shaft worked by Maloney's Red White and Blue Co. By 1960, the Golden Age Co. had installed plant (obtained from the Deborah United mine at Bendigo) consisting of steel poppet head, steam boiler, and winding winch. [Unpublished Report 1960/36 - Golden Age Mining Co NL, lease 9195, DMID Records, Bendigo Office] The mine appears not to have progressed beyond the developmental stage.

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