
GOLCONDA COMPANY

Location

GOVERNMENT ROAD KOOROCHEANG, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0685

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 8287

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The mining relics date to the 1880s and the operations of two companies. In the late 1870s, the German Gully Quartz Mining Company commenced operations on the site. By 1881, the company had sunk two shafts - No. 1 to 190 feet, and No. 2 to 334 feet - and were employing 14 men to work the claim. Crushings from the mine were averaging nearly 1½ ounces to the ton. The company's operations came to a halt shortly after. In 1888, the ground was taken up again, and a company floated in 24,000 shares called the Golconda Quartz Mining Company. The new company purchased a 16-inch cylinder winding engine from Ballarat and erected it on the site. The company had finished the erection of their mining plant by June 1888 and then commenced underground operations. For 18 months the company cross-cut in search of payable ore, until, at the 420-foot level, they finally struck payable stone. They immediately fixed another engine and a 10-head battery, and commenced mining. The Golconda Company were relatively unsuccessful.

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