
GROWLERS HILL

Location

NINE MILE ROAD RUSHWORTH, CAMPASPE SHIRE

Municipality

CAMPASPE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7924-0017

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

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How is it significant?

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Why is it significant?

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Interpretation of Site Associated with quartz mining and/or prospecting. The hillside has been extensively bulldozed and only a few filled shafts and small disturbed mullock dumps are visible.

Hermes Number 10455

Property Number

History

The site appears to centre on the old West Growlers lease. The reef, known as Humbug Reef, was opened in 1855 and the claim was immediately jumped. The new owners worked it until 1863, winning £14,000 worth of gold. In about 1870, D Milleay obtained the lease and worked the mine until 1884, when he formed a company, the Growler's Hill Quartz Mining Co. This company worked the West and North Growlers mines. The old underlay shaft was taken to a depth of 355 feet and the vertical shaft to 95 feet. Operations were profitable and a new winding plant was installed. After this however, the company struggled and the West Growlers mine was let on tribute in 1886. In 1899 the mine was re-opened by Bell & Schewan, working a good shoot of stone that had been overlooked by the company. They worked the mine until at least 1912.

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