
VICTOR'S QUARTZ MINE

Location

ROSS CREEK TOOMBON, BAW BAW SHIRE

Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8122-0040

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 10754

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Victor's quartz mine operated on Victor's Spur, on the high range between Ross Creek and Dry Creek, from 1894 - 1912. Originally worked as the Defiance Reef during the 1860s and 70s, it was renamed Victor's Reef in the '90s. The Defiance Co. commenced driving a long, low-level tunnel in 1872, after striking a good reef in their shaft, 'about one and a half miles north of the Harbinger'. In 1876, a 10-head steam-powered battery was erected at the tunnel mouth. After just a few poor crushings, the mine was abandoned. Between 1894-1900, Victor's mine yielded 21,193 oz from 42,634 tons. It was floated as public co. in 1900, but fell prey to speculators and little development took place. Operations recommenced (under a new company?) in 1902. It appears that a 15-head battery was initially employed, then a 12-head from 1906. In 1907, a 12½-hp oil engine and winding plant were erected at the end of the lower adit. Electricity was used for underground working. From 1902-12, gold production amounted to 8470 oz from 23,401 tons of ore. References: Milner (1989/2), p. 52 Mining Surveyors' Reports (Jericho Division), December 1872, 1876 Tomlin, Bosa and

Chamberlain, pp. 104 & 107

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