
BB QUARTZ BATTERY

Location

BB CREEK JERICHO, BAW BAW SHIRE

Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8122-0089

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 10793

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The BB Quartz mine is on a reef originally known as the Charleston, discovered in 1863. At that time, the reef's proximity to water (for driving machinery) was seen as a great advantage. The Charleston and BB Co. (claim nos. 1 & 2 on the North Charleston Reef) worked the reef from 1865; by mid-1866 their tunnel was in 300 ft. According to Tomlin et al, the mine was worked until the late 1870s, apparently on a small scale with no noteworthy results. No record has been found of a battery at the mine during that initial period of working. After 20 years' idleness, the mine was re-opened by the BB Quartz GMC in 1897, who worked it with a 5-head battery and 38-ft overshot waterwheel until 1918. The mine's yield during that period was 1,768 oz from 2,076 tons. Small-scale, intermittent working of the BB Quartz mine continued until about 1935. A 1929 photograph showed the BB Quartz mine's waterwheel in an advanced state of decay. References: Mining Surveyors' Reports (Gipps Land Division), May 1863; (Matlock Subdivision), June 1866 Tomlin et al, pp. 83-6

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