
WALLABY MINE WORKINGS & MACHINERY SITE - 1

Location

WALLABY CREEK AND OFF SIBLEY TRACK GAFFNEYS CREEK, MANSFIELD SHIRE

Municipality

MANSFIELD SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8123-0006

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 10806

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The reefs towards the head of Wallaby Creek were discovered in 1864 and water wheel driving a small four head stamp battery was in operation by September. This was replaced a year later by a 16 horsepower horizontal steam engine driving a 12 head stamp battery. The upper levels were worked by adits at least until the end of the nineteenth century. The most productive phase of mining was between 1869 and 1879 when some 4 000 ounces of gold were obtained from about 15 000 tons of stone. Mining continued sporadically until 1912. In 1904 a shaft was sunk to reach the lower levels, but this does not appear to have been successful;. There was a trial crushing in 1907 and limited development work for several years thereafter. A fresh start was made in 1923 by driving a long adit from lower down the creek in order to get the lower workings more economically. The old steam driven battery was shifted down from the old workings to a new site on the creek 25 metres below, but the results were disappointing and the mine was abandoned in 1927. Some of the smaller and more easily transportable equipment was removed several years later.

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