
Brownings Luck Company Mine, off Wycheproof Road, ST ARNAUD



SD 002 - LCC Photo - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, 2004

Location

Wycheproof Road ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7524 - 0060

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 30, 2004

This site dates from the turn of the century and includes substantial brick machinery foundations (winder bed) of an unusual design, plus a 50 m wide treated tailings dump of low significance. Though of relatively poor integrity, the machinery foundations have scientific significance.

Brownings Luck Company Mine Site is historically and scientifically important at a LOCAL level as a substantially intact example of an important gold mining technique. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria.

Overall Brownings Luck Company Mine Site is of **LOCAL** significance.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Site 77.1 has poor integrity and little historical importance and hence low cultural significance.

Site 77.0 has:

. Scientific Significance, due to the survival of some well preserved brick machinery foundations. These foundations are of an unusual design.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

Site 77.0. Brownings Luck mine (Operated around the turn of the century). Mine site. Remains are located on the east side of the Strategic Firebreak Track 700 metres from the St. Arnaud-Donald railway line. The mine site has mainly been flattened and only two distinct features survive above ground.

The first feature is a 12 ft square, one metre high, red brick winder bed. The bed has 1-1/4 inch iron mounting bolts. On the south side of the bed is a rectangular hole (probably a shaft) which is surrounded by post holes containing 1-1/4 inch iron mounting bolts. 12 metres to the north of the brick winder bed/shaft site is a large tank-like bed which measures 30 ft x 9 ft. This bed, which stands the same height as the winder bed, has three walls which are 1-1/2 ft wide, the other wall (north wall) is a foot wider. A line of 2 inch mounting bolts runs along the north and south walls. The eastern end of the bed is obscured by a pepper tree. Site 77.1. Tailings Dump (cyaniding commenced in this area c.1899). Treated tailings dump. 150 metres south-east of the mine site is a partly quarried raised tailings dump. The dump is approximately 50 metres wide and has traces of cyanide vat impressions.

Integrity

Poor.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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