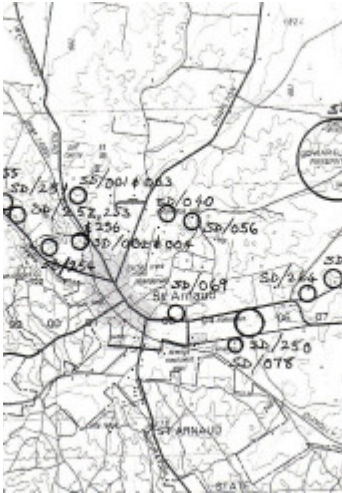

Welcome Nelson Company Mine, Off Wycheproof Road, ST ARNAUD



SD 004 - 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

H7524-0042, H7524-0043

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 30, 2004

The Welcome Nelson Company Mine site features machinery foundations, a collapsed shaft, boiler settings, stamper blocks, battery footings and a dam. A tailings dump and cyanide vat impressions are of lesser significance.

The Welcome Nelson Company Mine site is historically and scientifically important at a LOCAL level as an example of a 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 the Welcome Nelson Company Mine site is of LOCAL significance.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

Site 70.0 has:

. Social Significance, because it is more a landscape feature than a site that promotes an understanding of past mining.

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

Welcome Nelson (Plant installed in 1922).

Machinery foundations are located in a grazed paddock. All earthworks, such as mullock heaps, have gone. Machinery site. Site dominated by a set of large concrete mounting beds. Each of the beds measures 22-1/2 ft x 3-1/4 ft and stands 4-1/2 ft high. The beds are set 9-1/2 ft apart. Between the two beds, at the north-east end, are two smaller beds measuring 7 ft x 1-1/2 ft. The iron mounting bolts have all been removed from the large beds, but the smaller beds still have 1/2-inch bolts. Running across the north-easterly end of the set of beds is a single concrete bed that measures 16 ft x 4 ft. This bed has 1-1/2 inch mounting bolts.

Shaft. 17 metres north-west of the single concrete mounting bed is a collapsed shaft.

Boiler setting. To the south-east of the machinery foundations are the remains of two, 21 foot long concrete boiler settings.

Battery site. South-east of the set of concrete mounting beds are wooden stamper blocks and concrete footings for two battery boxes of 4-head of stamps. Nothing else is visible of the battery.

Dam. Above (north-east) of the foundations is a large water dam.

Tailings dump. On the slope of a hill, to the west of the mine site, is a large raised tailings dump. On the dump's flattened surface are two cyanide vat impressions, a third impression has been largely destroyed.

Integrity

Little integrity as a mine site but foundations are a landscape feature.

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