
CALEDONIA MINE SITE

Location

PIONEER ROAD STANLEY, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0021

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO804

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 10935

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Discovered in late 1860, the Caledonia was among the first reefs opened at Yackandandah. Situated on the Clear Creek range, it was originally worked by shafts on several claims along its course. Crushing was carried out at the Phillippi Co.'s battery on Clear Creek. After yielding richly during 1863-4, the reef was abandoned due to excessive water. In 1879, Chambeyron brothers commenced working by tunnel and soon struck the reef. Initially, their stone was crushed at the Pride and Stringer mill; then, in 1886, the Chambeyron's Caledonia Co. erected its own 4-head battery and engine on Clear Creek, to which they carted stone for crushing. Their mine, at that time,

was at the 375 ft level and yielded stone averaging 2 oz of gold per ton. Good yields continued during the later 1880s, the only drawback being that the poor state of the tracks between mine and battery made carting impossible during wet months. Up to 200 tons of stone would be stacked at the mine, awaiting improved conditions for carting.

Of the subsequent history of the Caledonia Reef, nothing has been found. It is possible that the mine was worked from 1906 - 14 by the Relay Co., which mined at Clear Creek during that period, installing a steam winding plant and battery.

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