
PRIDE AND STRINGER REEF

Location

PIONEER ROAD STANLEY, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0022

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 10936

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The claims of Pride and Stringer at Back Creek (a southern tributary of Yackandandah Creek and formerly part of the Nine-mile Division) appear to have first been worked in 1866. Both claims gave magnificent yields of gold, as much as 5 oz per ton, and they amalgamated to form the Pride and Stringer Leasehold Co. in 1869. A 'splendid' 20-head battery (probably water-powered) was erected, said to be 'the most complete plant in the district', and a tunnel was driven with the aim of cutting the reef at depth. The enterprise seems to have fallen flat, probably because the expense of the battery left insufficient capital to cover working costs. The forfeited Pride and Stringer mining lease was tried in 1875 by the Beechworth Prospecting Association, with good results. A company was formed to work the mine, and purchased the battery which was still on site. The battery continued to work, possibly only in a public capacity, until at least 1885, although the mine seems to have been idle for some time before that date.

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