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## Location

KURRAJONG GAP ROAD BETHANGA, TOWONG SHIRE

## Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8325-0004

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11030

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The New Year's Gift (Gift) Reef, discovered in 1876, was the first reef worked at Bethanga. From 1878, it was worked, in turn, by Harris & Hollow, the Wallace Bethanga Co., and the Bethanga Goldfields Co. The Gift engine shaft was commenced in 1884, following the amalgamation of Harris & Hollow's Bethanga GMC and Wallace & Co. The Gift shaft was flooded out in 1887, forcing its abandonment for some years. In 1899, four years after the Bethanga Goldfields Co. took over the Wallace Bethanga Co.'s leases, the Gift shaft was the main focus of mining operations and the 'best equipped' of the company's shafts.

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