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# WELCOME ENGINE SHAFT

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## Location

OFF MARTINS ROAD BETHANGA, TOWONG SHIRE

## Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8325-0005

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11031

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The area of the Welcome mine was first worked in 1875. During the late 1890s, the Bethanga Goldfields Co. held large leases on the Gift reef and on a minor lode to the east. On the minor lode, the Welcome was one of the two main shafts, and was worked by horse-whim. A 1908 plan showed extensive surface plant, high brick chimney stacks, and multiple shafts. The mine was the most extensively developed (surface) mine group on the field; its chimney stacks once dominated the town.

*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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