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Location

DEPTFORD ROAD DEPTFORD, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8422-0003

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11037

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Deptford Proprietary GMC was formed, with a capital of £12,000, in 1891. A small battery, steam engine and 8-ton boiler were installed the following year. Three quartz lodes were worked in the company's lease: the Tubal Cain, Success, and Duke of Edinburgh. Yields from the Tubal Cain tunnel, west of the Nicholson River, went as high as 7½ oz to the ton, but the main workings were on the Success lode, worked by tunnel and shaft (to 495 ft) from the east side of the river for yields of up to 4 oz per ton. A bridge was built between the two, but floods carried it away in 1894 and it was replaced by a cable tramline. The same floods damaged the crushing works, and they were substantially rebuilt in 1895, with a new 8-head Jacques battery. According to Fairweather, though, the new battery performed so badly that the Jacques Co. was asked to take it away. Overall, the company averaged nearly 1 oz to the ton, but calls on shareholders outweighed dividends paid. In 1896, the Deptford Proprietary mine was sold to a London company, but the river broke through into the Success workings soon after and the lease was abandoned.

References:

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Fairweather, K McD, Bedrock, 1986.

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