
GLENGARRY BATTERY AND CHLORINATION WORKS

Location

CORRYONG-BANMABRA ROAD CORRYONG, TOWONG SHIRE

Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8424-0011

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The Glengarry Gold Battery and Chlorination Works consists of the remains of a 5-head timber framed battery and associated oil engine, wilfley table and water tank. Connected to the battery is a largely buried but intact roasting furnace and the remains of several oregon vats. Little is known of the mine, but a chlorination plant was shifted to the site from Granya in 1937.

The Glengarry Gold Battery and Chlorination Works is of historical, scientific and archaeological importance to the State of Victoria.

The Glengarry Gold Battery and Chlorination Works is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of an important form of gold mining. When the greater part of the gold in some ores is contained in its pyritical contents, the gold is very difficult to extract.

From the mid nineteenth century miners experimented with various metallurgical (or heat treatment) processes to unlock gold from heavily mineralised ore. Evidence of these metallurgical processes, such as the one carried out by the Glengarry Gold Battery Site during the late 1930s, are extremely rare in the State of Victoria.

The Glengarry Gold Battery and Chlorination Works is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the technological history of gold mining.

[Source: Victorian Heritage Register]

Hermes Number 11069

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Nothing is known of the history of the Glengarry mine itself. A chlorination plant was shifted there from Granya in 1937, where it operated in conjunction with a five-head stamp mill (possibly ex-Dark River Co., according to Morrow), power unit, and roasting furnace. The treatment process gave unsatisfactory results and operations were short-lived.

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