
CLARKEVILLE BATTERY

Location

HENSLEIGH CREEK ROAD BENDOC, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8623-0004

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11097

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Possibly Welcome Stranger, Clarkeville GMC, Sunbeam, Lewis's. Reefs were discovered on the Dividing Range, at the head of the Bendoc River, in 1889. Claims included the Waratah, Welcome Find, Jungle King, Belle of Bendoc, Snowstorm, and No Name, on two distinct lines of reef, about 400 yards apart. In 1898, small parties at work included Clarkeville GMC, Clarkeville Extended Co., and the Waggra, Empire, Band of Hope, and Sunbeam claims. All claims were worked by shaft, the deepest being that of the Sunbeam at 160 ft (including winze). In 1889, the Welcome Stranger mine erected a 4-head wooden dolly, having originally used Aspen's. A 20-head battery was installed, but never used, at the New North Discovery mine (later worked by the Clarkeville GMC) in the early 1890s. Two batteries operated at Clarkeville in 1898: the Sunbeam, of 10-head with a 20-hp engine; and Lewis's 6-head, run by a 25-ft waterwheel. S.B. Hunter, who surveyed the field in 1898, appeared to think little of it and was scornful of past mismanagement. At the turn of the century, a Ballarat syndicate attempted to re-open the New North Discovery mine, sinking the shaft to about 300 ft. They

found an abundance of quartz, but it yielded poorly.

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