
CHAMPION BATTERY

Location

FEATHERTOP TRACK HARRIETVILLE, ALPINE SHIRE

Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8324-0020

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 25, 2006

Mine is of regional significance. Battery - possibly of State or National, depending on completeness.

Interpretation of Site	It is possible that the site contains the complete iron-work of a Cornish battery, but this could only be established by excavation of the site. The battery appears to have been originally erected to crush for an upper adit of the Champion on the hillside above (not visited). Connection was probably by inclined tramway. The battery is probably the earliest one erected at the mine, c. end of 1868.
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History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The Champion Reef was discovered in 1866. In 1871, it was taken up by Osborne & Co. and yielded 1685 oz (averaging 3 oz per ton) before the gold cut out in 1874. The mine was reworked briefly in 1881-2, and again in the early 1890s. In 1920, the mine was reopened and a Pelton-wheel-powered battery erected. The old No. 2 tunnel was extended, but no gold was forthcoming. Work ceased in 1925. The mine was further tried in 1945, again without success.

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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