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# DEMPSEY MINE

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## Location

SIBLEY POINT GAFFNEYS CREEK, MANSFIELD SHIRE

## Municipality

MANSFIELD SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8123-0024

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11638

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Mining on the Dempsey lease began in 1860 by July 1961 and eight head battery powered by an 18 foot diameter wooden waterwheel had been erected in the site. A new eight head battery and 30 foot diameter iron water wheel were installed in 1879. The mine was worked with limited returns until the early 1880s. It was then abandoned until being taken up again in 1887 and was worked more or less continuously with limited success until 1899 this includes several periods during which it was operated on tribute. A new reef was then discovered and the mine prospered for the first decade of the twentieth century. This was the only time when dividends were paid . In 1920 the manager of the mine left to become the underground manager of th A1. Attempts were made to form new companies in 1922 and 1940 but nothin eventuated. An unsuccessful attempt was made to pump out the shaft in 1972. It was not until the mid 1980s that ming recommenced in earnest. However this did not prove to

be successful and has now ceased leaving behind a relatively modern battery.  
Upper Goulburn Heritage Plan, Parks Victoria 1999.

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