
COCKER'S SLUICE HOLE

Location

TALLANGALOOK ROAD AND GOLDEN MOUNT TRACK BONNIE DOON, MANSFIELD SHIRE

Municipality

MANSFIELD SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8024-0008

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11651

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Robert Cocker sluiced weathered creek banks to bedrock some 50 ft below the original surface, exposing the underlying granite. (Noted by Dunn in 1912.) Water for the operation must have been drawn, at least initially, from headwaters higher up the Golden Mountain. The washings flowed through a series of sluice boxes which enabled rocks and coarse material to be rejected and allowed the heavy gold particles to be trapped in collection boxes.

References:

Dunn, E.J., 'Some Gold Reefs at Alexandra', Geological Survey of Victoria Records, vol. 2, part 2, 1907, pp. 112-4 (report dated 1905)

Wylie, A., Gold in the Shire of Mansfield: An Outline of the Smaller Discoveries, Mansfield Historical Society,

1987, p. 22

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