
CHAMPION HILL REEF WORKINGS

Location

IRON MINE ROAD LAL LAL, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7722-0042

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

A new site extent was mapped which takes in a good example of undisturbed prospecting shafts. Within the mapped area are the remains of a very rough stone fireplace.

How is it significant?

The new mapped extent is significance because of it has:

Intactness: retains evidence of undisturbed late 19th century prospecting by shafts.

Integrity: a compact arrangement of undisturbed prospecting shafts

Condition: retained fabric in a condition that can be understood and interpreted

Why is it significant?

The site has local significance as a relic of Victoria's historic gold mining industry. In comparison to other contemporary prospecting shafts, the mining features are intact.

Interpretation of Site Late 19th century quartz prospecting by shafts, shallow open cutting and adits. No mining developed on the site. The ore was taken elsewhere to process.

Hermes Number 11663

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

No historical information found.SiteCard data copied on 08/07/2024:Some 30 years ago splendid gold was discovered at the old Champion Hill, situated about 5½ miles south of the famous hut Egerton and about four from Lal Lal on the banks of the Moorabool River. The claim known as the Black Eagle Black sunk to a depth of 150 feet, good gold bearing stone being traces all the way down, but unfortunately the very rough nature of the country and heavy expense in carting and treating the ore which had to be me conveyed a consider able distance, stone of excellent quality had to be obtained to pay, consequently the mine had to be abandoned. Ever since prospecting has been vigorously carried on with more or less success. About seven years ago some magnificent gold was found by Mr W Lewis, of Mount Egerton, close to the Black Eagle shaft. Several good patches been found, but the running lode could not be located. A considerable amount of money has been spent. Several tunnels have been driven under the hill with the objective of cutting the main line of reef. Some two years ago a party started operations from the north east side of the hill. They took out several crushings which gave a return of about 1 oz per ton. [Ballarat Star 23 October 1905, page 3]

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