
CANICO REEF MINES

Location

KNIGHTS ROAD HILLCREST, PYRENEES SHIRE

Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0317

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11723

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

At Canico (Flat)

09.1883: new quartz lodes discovered, their extent is not yet known.

09.1884: new line of reef has been discovered on the range midway between Smythesdale and Carigham; trial crushing of 20 tons yielded 27 ozs 13 dwt.

1905: two mines at Canico were called the Morning Star and Golden Star.

REEDS REEF at Canico Flat

03.1885: doing well.

PHILIPS CLAIM, at Canico Flat
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CANICO FLAT CO. (September 1881)

CANICO PARTY (September 1882)

CANICO CO. (March 1883)

12.1881: the prospectors had two highly successful crushings during the quarter; preparing to erect machinery which has been purchased.

09.1881: had a good crushing, which has resulted in adjoining land being taken up

09.1882: obtained 67 ozs from 200 tons of quartz.

03.1883: results the same as usual.

06.1883: one of two paying quartz mining companies in the division.

03.1887: recommenced in earnest after being dormant for many months.

09.1887: maintaining its high average; yield of 1 oz per ton including the gold extracted from pyrites

1880 to 1891: recorded production from 3,606 tons of 1,760 ozs 2 dwt 3 gr. or 54.747 kg from 3,664 tonnes.

CANICO STAR Co., Canico Reef,

31.07.1893: No. 1 shaft raising stone showing gold freely; discovered another lode 186 feet west of No.1 showing and have sunk 10 feet on same.

NEW CANICO CO. (a syndicate of 25 shareholders), Canico Reef, Hill Crest in Mr. Birkett's Paddock

06.07.1894: contractors met a strong flow of water at 143 feet which was too muck for the windlass and a good whim has been purchased.

11.02.1895: let mine to a good party of tributers for 18 months; baling water down to a depth of 125 feet.

26.04.1895: face and rise showing gold; will start crushing next week.

28.12.1895: shaft has been sunk to 100 feet and is below the water level; the reef has proved to be broken up and unpayable; operations have ceased and the upper levels have been let on tribute; one of the parties had some success with two crushings giving 1 oz 5 dwt per ton and the other 1 oz 11 dwt per ton; stone occurs in patches .

KNIGHT BROTHERS

04.11.1905: Knight & party has been placed in the hands of Mr. A.J.Peacock to be floated as a company; a trial crushing of stone is being put through Murray's battery at Snake Valley.

1905: found a shoot of gold at the north west end of a reef; sunk a shaft and worked to a depth of 108 feet; yield reported to be 41 ozs from 150 tons.

CANICO CO., Canico Reef near Smythesdale

02.11.1907: good headway has been made in cutting down and enlarging the shaft a steam winch is being erected to facilitate this work below the water level.

14.12.1907: winding engine, housing and poppet legs are erected; will resume enlarging the shaft after the holidays.

NEW CANICO CO., Canico Reef

24.04.1909: another start is being made to this mine.

07.01.1911: shaft is down the required depth and the chamber is partially complete; will commence cross-cutting; the company is hoping to find the lode worked by the old company.

28.01.1911: cross-cutting for the lode; an old whim shaft 400 feet north of the main shaft has been repaired to a depth of 100 feet.

CANICO CONSOLS REEF Co.

1923: became active again; Messrs Baglin and Knight have prospected extensively and sunk 10 shafts along the reef outcrop; a fair amount of gold was found but after paying for transport and treatment at the State Government Battery at Italian Gully, the returns are not profitable; a trial crushing from No. 7 shaft averaged only 1.5 dwt per ton.

01.1912 to 12.1912: recorded production of 13 ozs 7 dwt from 35 tons or 0.415 kg from 35 tonnes.

01.1936 to 12.1936: recorded production of 6 ozs from 39 tons or 0.187 kg from 39 tonnes.27

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