
PIONEER BATTERY SITE

Location

DARTMOUTH TRACK DARTMOUTH, TOWONG SHIRE

Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8424-0010

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Other Names PIONEER AND BOBBIE BURNS MINES,

Hermes Number 12155

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The Pioneer Co. installed a battery powered by portable steam engine at the head of McKay's Creek in 1884. The Pioneer worked in conjunction with the neighbouring Bobbie Burns Co. During the mid-1880s their claim, worked by shaft, gave average yields of 1–3 oz per ton.

Morrow (2: p. 114) wrote: 'The Pioneer was one of the more remote mines to visit. To find it, the instructions were "Leaving the Mascotte machine track, you follow along the Gibb for about two miles, when having passed a tree marked, 'Water J. Harris', which refers to water in a gully a short distance off the track, you come across another tree marked 'Pioneer'. Here turn off to the right, and soon pick up a faint track, which becomes better defined as you proceed down the spur at an angle of thirty-five degrees slope, the direction of which is westerly. Then you

reach the ridge of a very particularly formed razorback spur tending nearly south; and on this spur is the Pioneer, Bobbie Burns and Republic claims."

References: Mining Surveyors' Reports (Dark River Subdivision), March & June 1884, March & September 1886
Morrow (1), p. 3
Morrow (2), p. 114

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