
UNION EXTENDED COMPANY

Location

300 MOUNT GREENOCH ROAD DUNACH, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0258

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 12188

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

First period of gold mining at Mount Greenock

June 1855: There were about 10,000 diggers at Back Creek and Daisy Hill when the famous riots started at the bottom of Adelaide Lead in June 1855. Other discoveries in the area during 1855 were Mt. Greenock, east of Talbot; the White Hills; Cockatoo; and Daisy Flat at Amherst. Towns were surveyed at Back Creek and Amherst but the general exodus to Fiery Creek in September 1855 led to the cancellation of Back Creek town survey

September 1859: Mt Greenock - At the base of the hill, on the north side, there are about 100 miners busily employed mining in a paddock, the property of Mr Ambrose Outside the paddock is a surveyed road, under which the gutter has been traced from the inside. At a considerable elevation above the fence and road, with basaltic rock cropping over the surface. There has been several prospecting holes being worked, and the

prosectors entertain high hopes of the results of their labour.

March 1864: From present appearance the lead promises to be one of the most important ever opened up in the Maryborough district. A small township is rapidly being formed at the northern base of the Mount... Mines working of north side of the mount include All Nations Co., Victoria Co. (adjoining All Nations), Perseverance Co. (adopting the same system as Great Tunnel Co. = inclined tunnel on the side of the Mount). Southern Cross Co., Pioneer Co., Oriental Co., Darling Co. are all sinking. Black Ball Co. making good wages. Talbot Gold has bottomed their shaft. Perseverance Co. building new brick chimney and replacing boiler. Prospectors south of the Mount unable to reach bedrock with windlass on account of water. Tunnel companies on the east side of Mount retarded by foul air - Princess Alexandra, Prince of Wales and Exploring Gold Mining companies are in, respectively, 1,200, 1,250 and 1,300 feet.

September 1864: Those claims that have bottomed and opened out are getting very satisfactory returns especially All Nations, Talbot, Perseverance, Oriental, Black Ball, Darling, Victoria, Prince of Wales. Pioneer Co. struck payable gold. Undaunted Co., sinking. Southern Cross Co. sinking. Search and Find It purchased 25hp engine. Homeward Bound and Lone Tree Isola about to commence. Golden Ball, Koh-i-noor and Grand Junction are sinking.

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