
PRINCE OF WALES REEF INCORPORATING PERSERVERENCE CO.

Location

OFF BLACKSMITHS TRACK DAISY HILL, CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

Municipality

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0124

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 12199

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

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May 1857: The next important gold discovery was on a series of hills ranged along the south side of the Craigie-Amherst Road. The discoverers caused what was known as the notorious Emu Rush, so called from the Emu Inn that was on the cross-roads just below the first workings

1860's: First worked in 1860's - yields now unavailable

June 1874: Prince of Wales lode gives good wages, men are now down to water level, when pumping engine, which is now being erected on lease No. 1765, is in working condition, yields should improve.

September 1874: Claim holders on the reef have sunk a shaft to 130 feet, a permanent plant of 20 hp is in the

course of erection.

December 1875: The Prince of Wales Company have completed a battery of eight stamps, but the first and only crushing did not come up to their expectations.

1876: Lubie and party worked claim in 1876. ½ oz to the ton, up to 1 oz per ton. Perseverance United Co. held 10 acre lease, just north of Lubie's. Main shaft 225 ft deep

1877: Lubie claim purchased by Perseverance United Co.

July 1878: Perseverance United Co. yielding up to 10 dwt per ton .

1879: Dehnert & party had tribute on Perseverance mine. Worked just south of Perseverance shaft, for 10 - 15 dwt per ton. Last crushing 4 dwt per ton. .

May 1880: Perseverance Co. closed down. New company Talbot Quartz Mining Co. formed. Stated in prospectus that 1,600 oz had been obtained from Prince of Wales Reef. .

1881: Talbot Co. unwatered shaft. Poor prospects. Last work on main portion of reef lune was carried out in 1881. .

1883: An attempt was made to float the Talbot Co. mine as Mt Emu Gold Mining Coll Unsuccessful. .

June 1887: The 'Providential Spur' prospecting claim, near Prince of Wales Reef, held by one of the Dunstones, had a nice patch - 2 tons yielded 13 oz 5 dwt, besides a small patch (only a pound) which yielded 6 oz. This quartz was obtained close to the surface, and was traced from an old wheel track.

1909: From the Prince of Wales engine shaft north to the Perseverance shaft (10 chains), there is a continuous line of old workings: Prince of Wales main shaft, Busch & Party's rich claim, Fentel's rich claim, Lubie's claim, Perseverance United Co. workings. Other workings to 60 ft deep on places. Main Prince of Wales shaft is 240 ft deep, 9 ft 6 in. x 4 ft 6 in. Mine had own battery for some time, earlier crushings at Cosstick's Battery, two miles distant and Craigie battery, four miles away. North and just across the gully from the main engine shaft, are old workings of Busch & party. Mined highly payable shoot to 130 ft by whim shaft. North again, Fentel and party worked to 130 ft. North again, Lubie and party worked claim in 1876. (reference to The Mineral Resources of Amherst and Talbot, G.D.Reid) (Records of Geological Survey, Vol III, part 2, 1912)

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