
NEW GOLDEN BAR BATTERY

Location

CYANIDE ROAD CHILTERN, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0094

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 12219

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The Golden Bar Co. was formed in 1901 and had its main workings on the West's branch of the reef. In 1903 the Golden Bar was the most important quartz mine in the district and was joined on neighbouring claims by the Golden Bar No. 1, and Golden Bar Extended companies. The workings on West's Reef in 1903 consisted of: a main three-compartment engine shaft (30 m deep) linked to other shafts (as deep as 90 m), as well as three large open cuts connected by tunnels, an abandoned shaft, and the South and Gift shafts. The operations of the Golden Bar Co. extended to the Higgins and Alfred reefs, where work was also carried on by open cuts and shafts. The company was refinanced as the New Golden Bar (or Chiltern Golden Bar) QMC and a new 10-head battery, Wilfley tables, new boiler, and tandem compound engine were installed in 1904. About six year later, the mine was equipped with a new battery and winding gear the battery later blew up. By 1910, the company's

operations had yielded 12,453 oz of gold. The mine closed down in 1912. It was the district's deepest mine, and one of its richest.

References: Directors' Report, July 16, 1904 (copy on file in Historic Places Section)

Butler, pp. 39-40 (GSV.M1, p. 35; GSV.R 4/2 p. 1532, 1911)

Department of Mines Annual Reports, 1904, 1907, 1909, 1912

Mining and Geological Journal, July 1937

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