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# Imperial Mine Conservation Precinct



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## Location

Sebastapol Road BUNINYONG, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

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## Statement of Significance

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Gold was first discovered in Buninyong in 1851 and the Imperial Mine remains as the most explicit representation of the important mining era in Buninyong. It operated from 1857 to circa 1910, and relics remain to indicate the activity which occurred at this shallow mine during this period

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The integrity of this former mining site is of great importance as it illustrates the old mining industry which was so vital to the development of Buninyong and surrounding areas.

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Hermes Number	123898
Property Number	

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