
MT HUNTER TIN MINE ARTEFACT SCATTER

Location

SINGAPORE PENINSULA, WILSONS PROMONTORY NATIONAL PARK WILSONS PROMONTORY, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8120-0025

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Interpretation of Site	Fragments are narrow strips with bolts still in place. It is likely the fragments represent part of the Mt Hunter Tin Mine Pipeline.
Historical Significance	The site is of significance for its association with the greater Mt Hunter Tin Mine area.
Hermes Number	124407
Property Number	

History

In 1902, tin was discovered approximately one mile east of Chinaman's Bay in the northeast of Wilsons

Promontory National Park. Tin shortages caused by World War One prompted the Victorian Government to allow tin mining in the park. In 1919, several mining syndicates joined to form the Mt Hunter Tin Mining Syndicate (amalgamating with, among others, the Surprise Syndicate), and obtained mineral leases for three areas of the Promontory. These were located on a 12 square mile reserve excluded from the national park in 1905.

Mining started in 1924, and was confined to the Lawson's Creek area. That same year, a pipeline route measuring 66 feet was constructed by local labourers, with 7500 feet of wooden, steel banded pipes. The pipeline was designed to pump sea water from the coast by the No.1 Pump Station to the main mine activity area for sluicing (No 2 Pump Station). Every 200 feet, a water cock was positioned. They were designed to release trapped air from the pipes and reduce bushfire damage.

Mining ceased in 1925, and the mine assets were sold and removed.

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