
FORMER SUNBEAM COLLIERIES MINE SITE

Location

SOUTH GIPPSLAD HIGHWAY KORUMBURRA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8021-0019

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The site represents the last black coalmine complex to operate in the Korumburra district in the first half of the 20th century. The site is of local significance as an example of Korumburra's early coal mining history.

Interpretation of Site	Site is a mining complex of offices, huts and sheds. Photograph of site in operation suggests feature 10 or 11 may have been engine room. The complex included the extraction of black coal from the mine tunnel (f8) which was processed on site evidenced by engine room (f10 or f11), crusher (f5) and mullock heap (f3). After processing coal would have been transported off site to the railway which ran alongside present South Gippsland Highway.
Hermes Number	12526

Property
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History

SUNBEAM COLLIERIES PTY LTD REGISTERED 24/11/1926. MOVED FROM MINE NEAR SHIRE TIP TO COAL CREEK SITE AND MINED IN A TUNNEL UNDER THE MAIN ROAD. SEAM MINE WAS SAME AS AUSTRAL MINE. DATE OF MOVE TO COAL CREEK NOT KNOWN. SUNBEAM COLLIERIES PTY LTD SOLD SHARES TO EMPLOYEES IN 1926. AFTER WWII COAL SALES DECLINED AND THE KORUMBURRA BUTTER FACTORY, THE MINE'S LAST CUSTOMER, TURNED TO YALLOURN FOR THEIR BRIQUETTES. SUNBEAM COLLIERY SENT LAST LOAD OF COAL OUT ON 15TH APRIL 1959. SUNBEAM WAS THE LAST BLACK COAL MINE IN KORUMBURRA AREA.

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