
GRAVE OF KITTY CANE

Location

WALHALLA-WOODS POINT ROAD THOMSON, BAW BAW SHIRE

Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8122-0102

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

Potential State Significance.

Hermes Number 14067

Property Number

History

Folklore has it that this is the grave of Kitty Cane, but evidence suggests that it may be the grave of Catherine Lowe. Similar circumstances in the death of Lowe of protracted dysentery on 10 April 1863 may also suggest they were the same person. The story of Kitty Cane is a long-standing legend of the mountain goldfields. Supposedly a dance-hall girl weighing in at some 22-stone, Kitty was packed into the area by Louie the Frenchman at 9d per pound, and set up a wayside tavern on the road to Aberfeldy. This venture was short-lived, because Kitty died of an unknown ailment. Several inebriated men attempted to carry her to Aberfeldy, but gave up and buried her by the roadside.

The mine names associated with the various mining features recorded at the site by Rudi Paoletti (red on the Site Plan) are Anderson's and New Pride of the Mountains. The Pride of the Mountains Co worked here in the late 1880s, taking over the ground of the old Hanoverian Company. The first mention found of the Hanoverian workings comes from 1871. Anderson & party took over the old Pride of the Mountains claim in 1898 and they erected a battery in the following year. They called their claim New Pride of Mountains or New Pride of the Mountains (variously reported). In 1932, a lease on the abandoned New Pride of the Mountains was applied for.

References (mines): The Ballarat Star, 20 Jun 1871; Gippsland Times, 02 Feb 1887; The Gippsland Farmers' Journal, 30 Aug 1898; The Age (Melbourne), 12 Apr 1899; The Narracan Shire Advocate and Yallourn Brown Coal Mine, Walhalla and Thorpdale Lines Echo, 09 Sep 1932.

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