GOLDEN WALL QUARTZ MINE SITE



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Location

ARMY SOUTH TRACK TOOMBON, BAW BAW SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8122-0121

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Historical Significance State Forest - threats from fire, timber harvesting and track maintenance and use.

Hermes Number 191988

Property Number

History

Golden Wall Mine Site - 1864-68 (Victoria Mining Department) crushing machine erected in 1865 powered by water wheel and water supplied by one mile water race.

Updated 19/07/2022 - The Golden Wall reef was discovered in 1862 but mine was not opened until 1864. In March 1864, it was announced that a prospecting claim had been taken up on a "newly-discovered" reef near Fulton's Creek after a prospect estimated at 10 oz of gold to the ton had been found. A rush for claims followed. With promising early results a crushing machine was purchased and erected on Fultons Creek, powered by a waterwheel fed by a long water race. The reef was originally worked from the surface via shaft. Operations ceased in 1867 and the plant was sold up. The battery was moved to the Scratabit Mine near Walhalla.

References: Gippsland Times, 04 Mar 1864; The Farmer's Journal and Gardener's Chronicle (Melbourne), 29 Jul 1864; Interpretations board at site.

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