
EVANS REWARD MINE

Location

OLD WARBURTON ROAD WARBURTON, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8022-0136

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The site is of historical and archaeological significance as rare evidence of the gold mining activity in the Yarra Ranges in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The site demonstrates the characteristic form of mining adits, various spoil and rock heaps can be discerned along with terraces and cuts into the hill side.

The site is of archaeological significance for its potential to reveal more detailed evidence of structures on the form of occupation deposits from the people who worked and lived on the site, as well as physical remnants of the operations of the mine such as spoil heaps and remains of buildings and machinery.

Interpretation of Site	The site has various spoil and rock heaps can be discerned along with terraces and cuts into the hill side that are probably the sites for former machinery and buildings. However, very heavy undergrowth and the effect of erosion and root throws from fallen trees obscures the features.
Hermes Number	208201

Property
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History

Quartz mining within the area was always a small-scaled operation. The largest of these was the Golden Bower and Star Quartz at Donovan's Creek. In 1874 a small rush at the junction of McMahon's Creek and the Yarra led to the establishment of Reefton. New reefs were discovered at Hoddles Creek in 1878, where the Pigtail Company established a battery, pump and winding gear. By the early 20th century, small scale mining operations consisted of the Evans Reward Mine and Lady Hopetoun in Warburton (Kitson, 1905). Most of these operations were no longer in existence by 1910 (Department of Natural Resources & Environment, 1999). The Evans Reward Mine operated an adit to the south and had cut through the grey granite.

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