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# VICTORY MINE & KAFFIR HILL RESERVE



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## Location

KAFFIR HILL ROAD, FOSTER, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO15

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Former Victory Mine and Kaffir Hill Reserve, at the end of Kaffir Hill Road, Foster, where gold was discovered c.1870, is significant. The gold quartz reef mining site was the site of extensive mining in the 1870s and may once have had prospecting mine shafts, an underground tunnel and a horse drawn puddling machine. However most of the physical remnants of the mining activities have since been erased. Any remnant shafts or sluices, trenches, walking paths and mining-associated earth works are all significant to the site.

### How is it significant?

Victory Mine and Kaffir Hill Reserve are of historic and archaeological significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

**Why is it significant?**

Historically, Victory Mine and Kaffir Hill Reserve were areas of rich quartz reef mining and demonstrate the significance of gold mining on the establishment and development of Foster and the South Gippsland Shire. (Criterion A)

The site also has the potential to yield information archaeologically about reef gold mining in South Gippsland and the community that developed within this period. (Criterion C)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004; |
| Construction dates        | 1870,   |
| Other Names               | -,  |
| Hermes Number             | 34698   |
| Property Number           |   |

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