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# Catherine Reef United Company Gold Mine



Catherine Reef United Claim  
Holders map

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## Location

CA 179 McCormacks Road, EAGLEHAWK VIC 3556 - Property No 186890

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO372

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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### Statement of Significance

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This is the only site on the Bendigo field where the original company was in occupation throughout the period 1861-1920. Formed by the amalgamation of a number of small claims into one of the larger companies on the field, it approached mining in a highly organized fashion, it was innovative and progressive in its practices, and in the 1860s was regarded as second only to the Port Phillip Company at Clunes both for productive capacity and in importance as a technological leader. The site with its high sand dumps is clearly visible both from the railway and the nearby highway, is readily accessible, and contains a variety of partially buried foundations by which latter phases of activity at the site may be interpreted. A great deal of documentary evidence for mining activity on the site also exists at the Bendigo office of the Department of Manufacturing & Industry Development.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993; |
| Other Names               | Off Temperance Street, Loddon Valley Highway, Eaglehawk,                                |
| Hermes Number             | 42288   |
| Property Number           |   |

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### Physical Description 1

South shaft: approximately 120 yards north of the Williams United main shaft, near the junction of Temperance Street and Junction Street [2]

Main shaft: 330 yards north west of the south shaft and 44 yards south of the railway line [2]

2.A Richardson, "Guide to some famous mines." in "Historic Guide to Bendigo." The Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Bendigo branch, 1980.

### Physical Description 2

Two relatively long intact brick winding engine beds and a mullock heap on the south side of the railway line. 80 metres west south west of this site there is a partially exposed battery site consisting of a line of wooden stumps and bolts for at least seven battery boxes. Under one of these battery positions there is a massive granite block. A section of the brick battery engine bed is exposed at the north eastern corner of the battery site. To the east, exposed in the quarried face of the tailings dump there is a substantial stone and mortar foundation. Elsewhere on the site there is a very extensive and partially quarried tailings dump which exposes a relatively undisturbed face to the railway line and to the west. To the southeast of the battery site the line of the gully can still be traced out in which there was a tunnel into the main part of the workings.

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