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# OUTTRIM COAL MINE



Outtrim mine site

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## Location

SOUTH GIPPSLAND HIGHWAY OUTTRIM, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8021-0045

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE: The Outtrim mine is historically significant as a large, early underground black coal mine, briefly the highest producer in the state, but significance of the site is reduced by the poor state of preservation of the fabric.

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| Interpretation of Site | The site contains little fabric that illuminates the former coal mining operations. The extent of the site does, however, convey that it was a large scale operation. |
| Other Names            | Outtrim Howitt Mine,  |
| Hermes Number          | 43996   |
| Property Number        |   |

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## History

Coal was discovered at Outtrim in about 1890 and mined from 1892. However the first commercial mining was done by the OHBCM Co in 1894. Coal was carted by bullock wagon to the Jumbunna railhead until the Jumbunna branch line was extended to Oouttrim in 1896. The mine produced about 1.375 million tons of coal to 1914, when Outtrim operations were closed in competition with the State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi. Operations were moved to Kilcunda. Victorian Railways bought practically all the coal from the Outtrim mine.

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