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# WALLABY MINE GOLD BATTERY SITE



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site nine mile historic reserve  
beechworth front view

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## Location

WALLABY MINE TRACK STANLEY, INDIGO SHIRE

## Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1272

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO75

## VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

What is significant?

The Wallaby Mine Gold Battery Site consists of the remains of a 12-head stamping battery, horizontal steam engine, stone boiler setting, and various buried and partly buried piece of machinery. Nearby are some relics of a water-powered battery (waterwheel pit and machinery components). The mine is located above the battery and consists of a large glory hole (open stope) and mullock heap. Ore for crushing was brought to the battery through a tunnel.

How is it significant?

The Wallaby Mine Gold Battery Site is of historical, and scientific importance to the State of Victoria and has already been placed on the Register of the National Estate.

Why is it significant?

The Wallaby Mine Gold Battery Site is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of an important form of gold mining. Although being very close to Beechworth, the abandoned machinery has not been significantly scavenged. The 12-head battery was installed in 1912 to replace an old battery which has been damaged by a bushfire. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria. As well as being a significant producer of Victoria's nineteenth century wealth, with its intensive use of machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The abandoned mining machinery at the Wallaby Mine site is historically important for its evocation of the adventurousness, hardship, and isolation that was part of mining life in the high country areas of the State.

The Wallaby Mine Gold Battery Site is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the technological history of gold mining.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

## Specific Exemptions:

### General Conditions:

1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

No permits are required for the following classes of works provided they are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation Plan For Historic Mining Sites prepared by David Bannear in 1996.

- \* Mineral Exploration
- \* Fire suppression duties
- \* Timber production
- \* Weed and vermin control
- \* Public safety
- \* Rehabilitation

Construction dates            1851,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered place, Registered archaeological place,  
Hermes Number                4983  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1272 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Wallaby Mine Gold Battery Site, Nine Mile Historic Reserve(6.5 kms east of Beechworth), Indigo Shire Council.

### EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown Land including the remains of a 12-head stamping battery; horizontal steam engine; boiler setting; a waterwheel battery site; haulage adit, and large open stope; and any other quartz mining artefacts within a 250 metre radius with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E785 N758 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 8225 Albury.

Dated 7 November 1996

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*