
GREENS CREEK BATTERY SITE



1 green creek battery site alpine national park dartmouth side view 1991

Location

ALPINE NATIONAL PARK DARTMOUTH, Towong Shire

Municipality

TOWONG SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1266

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2

VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 10, 1997

What is significant?

The Greens Creek Gold Battery Site consists of the remains of a 10-head stamping battery, horizontal steam engine, two multi tubular boilers, and various buried and partly buried pieces of machinery. In the vicinity of the battery is a dray track and inclined tramway. The site is on the Register of the National Estate and has recently had major conservation works.

How is it significant?

The Greens Creek Gold Battery Site is of historical, and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Greens Creek Gold Battery Site is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of an important form of gold mining. The battery is significant as one of the most intact sites of its kind and age in the State. It was installed in 1884 to crush stone obtained from the Morning Star Mine, which is located on the spur, 500 feet above the battery. 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 Greens Creek battery 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 Greens Creek 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 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.
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 1884,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number 4990

Property Number

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 1266 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Greens Creek Gold Battery Site, Alpine National Park, Dartmouth Dam, Towong Shire Council.

EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including the remains of the two five-head iron framed stamping battery, steam engine, and two multitubular boilers and remains of any other quartz mining artefacts within a 200 metre radius with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E572 N515 on 1:100,000 Map Sheet No. 8424 Benambra.

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.

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