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# EUREKA REEF GOLD MINING PRECINCT



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eureka street castlemain mine relics



Eureka Reef Ruin



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Eureka Reef Sign



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Eureka Reef Ruin



Eureka Reef Race

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## Location

CASTLEMAINE HISTORIC RESERVE CHEWTON and CAMPBELLS CREEK, Mount Alexander Shire

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1233

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO969

## VHR Registration

July 10, 1997

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The Eureka Reef Gold Mines consists of a range of mining sites documenting quartz and alluvial gold mining operations carried on from the mid 1850s to 1950s. The focal point of the precinct is the Eureka Reef glory hole and its associated cluster of stamping batteries and habitation sites. This clustering is the best surviving example of early quartz mining technology and settlement recorded in Victoria.

The Eureka Reef Gold Mines are of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Eureka Reef Gold Mines are historically and scientifically important as a characteristic example of an important form of gold mining. 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, quartz mining, with its intensive use of machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The Eureka Reef Gold Mines are important as having mining relics from the pioneering years of quartz mining, and also from other mining periods.

The Eureka Reef Gold Mines are 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

**EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:** (Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995) 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 No permits are required for the classes of works contained within a Conservation Plan which is approved by the Executive Director

Construction dates 1850,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number 5017

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 1233 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Eureka Reef Gold Mines, Eureka Street, Castlemaine Historic Area, Mt Alexander Shire Council

### EXTENT

1. All of the Crown Land marked L-1 including above ground features (glory holes, mullock heaps, hillslope sluicing, battery foundations, water races, tailings, dams, and house sites), and all archaeological deposits and artefacts on Diagram 607533 held by the Executive Director of the Heritage Council.

Dated 30 June 1997

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/>*