

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1236

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO275

VHR Registration

July 10, 1997

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The North British Gold Mine has the most comprehensive range of quartz mining foundations in the State. The stone, brick and concrete foundations cover pumping, winding and crushing operations, as well as the roasting of quartz ore and the cyaniding of tailings. These foundations are the remnants of quartz mining carried on at the site from 1871 to 1928. During this time, this mine produced over 242,000 ounces of gold, making the mine's owner,

Robert Dent Oswald, one of the wealthiest men in Victoria, and one of the State's renowned nineteenth century 'quartz kings'.

The North British Gold Mine is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The North British Gold Mine is 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 North British Gold Mine is important for its manifestation of this facet of gold mining.

The North British Gold Mine 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:

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 1871,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number 5020
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 1236 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

North British Gold Mine, Parkins Reef Road, Maldon Historic Area, Mount Alexander Shire Council

EXTENT

1. All of the Crown Land marked L-1 including above ground features (compressor foundations, battery foundations, pumping and winding foundations, boiler settings, quartz roasting kilns, cyanide works foundations), and all archaeological deposits and artefacts on Diagram 607536 held by the Executive Director of the Heritage

Council.

Dated 30 June 1997

RAY TONKIN
Executive Director

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/>