

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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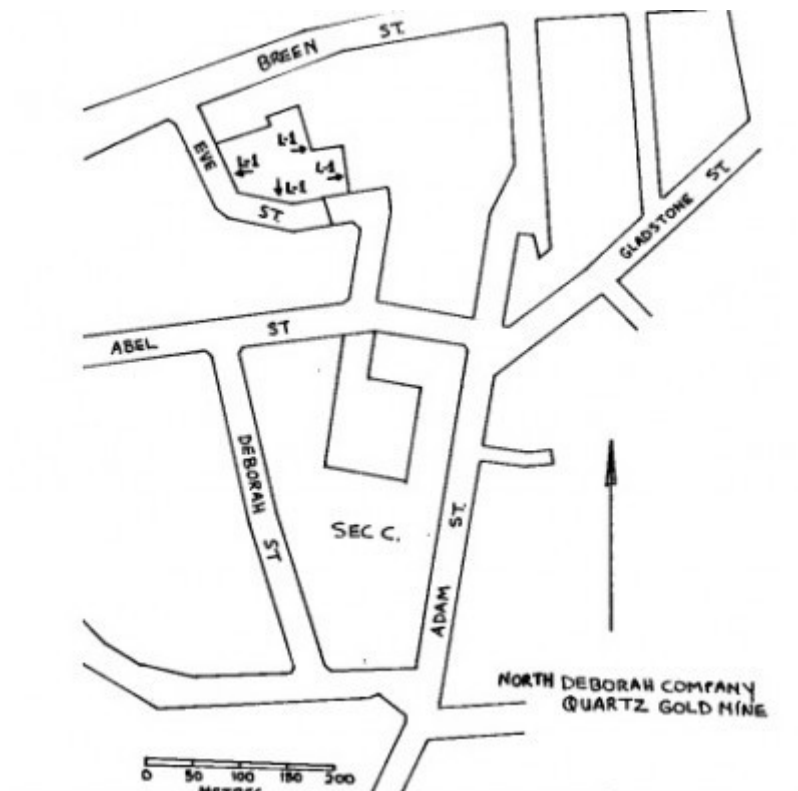
NORTH DEBORAH QUARTZ GOLD MINE



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Location

4 EVE STREET GOLDEN SQUARE, Greater Bendigo City

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1353

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO435

VHR Registration

October 23, 1997

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 13, 1999

The North Deborah Quartz Gold Mine consists of a steel poppet head, sets of concrete engine beds, an intact brick chimney stack, and remnants of flues and boiler setting. These are relics of quartz mining carried on at the site between 1937 and the mid 1950s. This mine was the 'flagship' of the Bendigo goldfield in the late 1940s (as Bendigo historian Frank Cusack put it, 'the last in the roll-call of great Bendigo mines'. The historical remains are unique, due to the survival of the mine's steel poppet head and nearby brick chimney stack.

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

The North Deborah Quartz 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 reliance on machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The North Deborah Quartz Gold Mine is important as a manifestation of this aspect of gold mining.

The North Deborah Quartz Gold Mine is also historically significant in association with the Deborah Mine to the north, and the Central Deborah Mine to the south, as the only example in Bendigo where the once-common spectacle of poppet heads marking out the line of a reef, can still be observed.

The North Deborah Quartz Gold Mine is scientifically important due to the survival of the steel poppet head (a rare type of construction) and in having the only mining-related chimney stack remaining on the Bendigo goldfield. The 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

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

Construction dates 1937,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number 5247
Property Number

Extent of Registration

1. All the land marked L1 on Diagram 608049 held by the Executive Director and including all above-ground structures; steel poppet head, concrete engine beds, brick chimney stack and remnants of flues and boiler setting; and all archaeological deposits and artefacts.

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 data owner.

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