

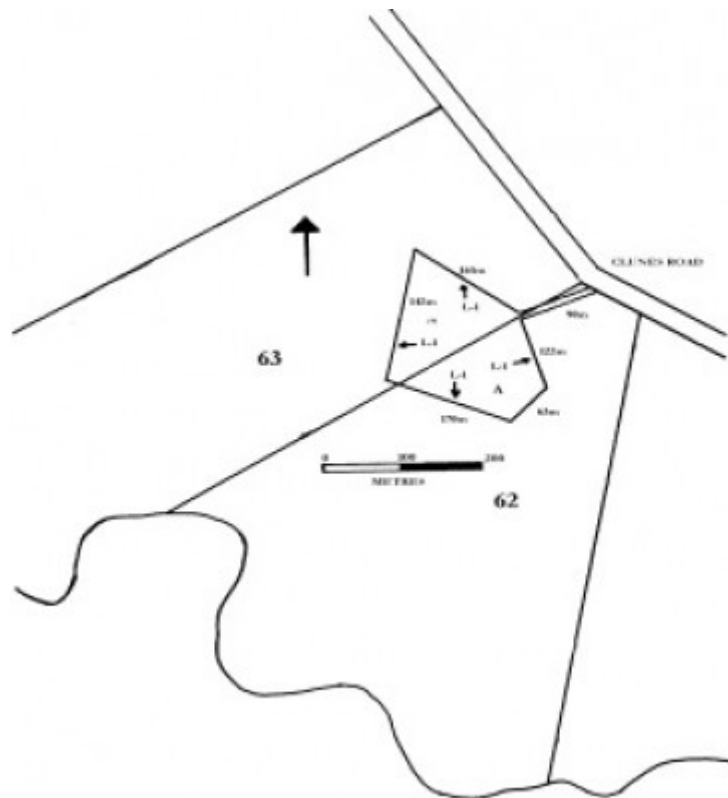
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berry no 1 deep lead gold mine plan

Location

1541 DAYLESFORD-CLUNES ROAD LAWRENCE, Hepburn Shire

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1740

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO945

VHR Registration

August 20, 1998

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 28, 1999

The State's richest deep alluvial gold lead system, known as the Berry Lead System, run north from Creswick, slightly to the west of Smeaton. Mining of lead system took place from early 1870s. The Berry No. 1 mine was floated in 1881 and by the end of 1884, the company's main shaft had been sunk 494 feet. Confronted with large flows of water, the company erected some of the most extensive pumping machinery in the State, including a 70-inch cylinder Cornish engine. The engine was locally manufactured at John Hichman's Union Foundry Ballarat and was capable of lifting 60,000 gallons of water per hour. The engine was housed in a brick engine house. The Berry No.1 mine was not one of the field's major gold producers. In fact it was spectacularly unprofitable: in twenty years its record was 50,000 ounces of gold, dividends of less than £5,000, and operating costs of £278,764.

The Berry No.1 Deep Lead Gold Mine is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Berry No.1 Deep Lead 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, deep lead mining, with its intensive use of machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The engine house at the Berry No.1 mine is a crucial reminder of the move by the mining industry from the use of imported Cornish pumping engines to locally produced engines.

The Berry No.1 Deep Lead Gold Mine is scientifically important for its illustration of Cornish pumping technology and building design. 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-Management Plan For Historic Mining Sites. * Mineral Exploration * Fire suppression duties * Timber production * Weed and vermin control * Public safety * Rehabilitation No permits are required for the following classes of works: 1. Grazing, cropping or other use of the land in accordance with a professionally prepared conservation plan for the site, providing the plan has been approved by Heritage Victoria 2. Retaining access to the rest of the land 3. Normal land care maintenance, including weed, pest and soil erosion controls, and removal of fallen trees where necessary.

Construction dates 1881,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number 5506
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 1740 in the category described as a Heritage place, Archaeological place:

Berry No. 1 Deep Lead Gold Mine, Daylesford-Clunes Road, Smeaton, Hepburn Shire Council.

EXTENT:

1. All the land marked L-1 including above-ground structures (Cornish engine house, bob-pit and machinery foundations), mullock heap, pebble dump, and all archaeological features and artefacts on diagram number 608331 held by the Executive Director of the Heritage Council. The land includes all of CA 62 and 63, Section A, Parish of Smeaton, County of Talbot, together with a right of carriage way over the road derived from Volume 7261, Folio 1452187.

Dated 13 August 1998.

RAY TONKIN
Executive Director

[Victoria Government Gazette G 33 20 August 1998 p.2256]

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/>