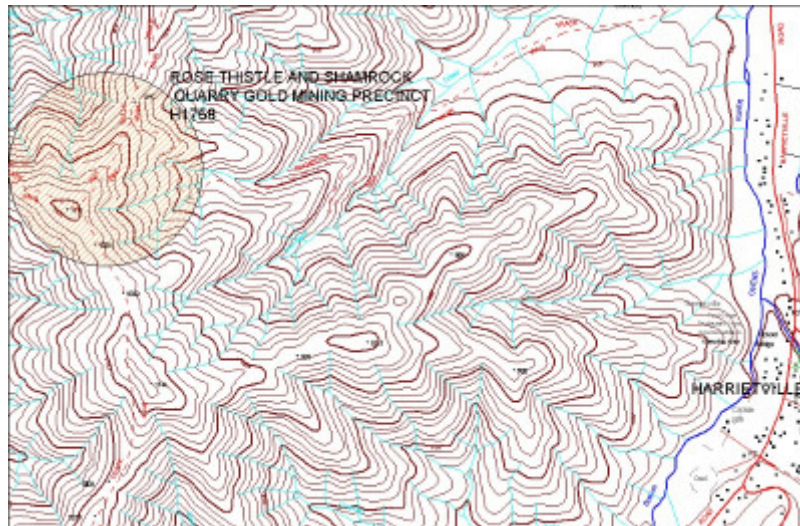


ROSE THISTLE AND SHAMROCK QUARRY GOLD MINING PRECINCT



1 rose thistle & shamrock quartz mining precinct harrietville lower treatment plant



rose thistle & shamrock quartz gold mining precinct harrietville plan

Location

CEMETERY LANE HARRIETVILLE, ALPINE SHIRE

Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1758

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO18

VHR Registration

November 26, 1998

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 31, 1999

What is significant?

The Rose Thistle & Shamrock mine was the largest recorded gold-producer and had the deepest workings in the Upper Ovens gold field. The mine was worked almost constantly from 1860 until 1934. One of the mine's most productive periods was during the 1920s when 46,000 ounces of gold were obtained from 49,000 tons of quartz ore. The precinct contains a wealth of archaeological evidence of the evolution of quartz mining and mineral processing technologies

How is it significant?

The Rose Thistle & Shamrock Quartz Gold Mine Precinct is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Rose Thistle & Shamrock Quartz Gold Mine Precinct 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 Rose Thistle & Shamrock precinct is quite different from other Alpine mining sites in presenting an easily interpreted sequence with each mining period surviving as a virtual time-capsule with its own mine workings, machinery relics, and engineering works. The educational value of the precinct is enhanced by its proximity to a major highway, ease of access, and natural setting in the rugged foothills of the Australian Alps.

The Rose Thistle & Shamrock Quartz Gold Mine Precinct contains a wealth of archaeological evidence crucial to an understanding of the development of mining and ore treatment technologies between 1860 and 1934.

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

 * Mineral Exploration
 * Fire suppression duties
 * Timber production
 * Weed and vermin control
 * Public safety
 * Rehabilitation

Construction dates 1860,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number 5512
Property Number

Assessment Against Criteria

Criterion A

Its importance in the course, or pattern, of Victoria's cultural history

Criterion B

Its possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Victoria's cultural history

Criterion C

Its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Victoria's cultural history

Criterion D

Its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of Victoria's cultural places

Criterion E

Its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group

Criterion F

Its importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period

Criterion G

Its strong or special associations with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

Criterion H

Its special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Victoria's cultural history

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 1758 in the category described as a Heritage place, Archaeological place:

Rose Thistle and Shamrock Quartz Gold Mining Precinct, Shamrock Track, Harrietville, Alpine Shire Council.

EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including the remnants of various gold mining operations (including machinery relics, mining engineering works and mullock heaps), residential fireplaces and any archaeological objects and deposits within a radius of 500 metres of a point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E033 N181 on 1:100,000 map sheet number Bogong 8324.

Dated 5 November 1998.

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/>