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# BLACKSMITHS CLAIM

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## Location

719 GEELONG ROAD BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0439

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The mine has historical significance for its association with the Ballarat gold mining era. The archaeological significance is unknown unless the shaft is excavated. The archaeological potential of mine shafts lies in their ability to illuminate the techniques of shaft building in the 19th century and secondly, there is unknown potential for the shaft to contain material from that period.

Interpretation of Site	Functioning mine in the mid 19th century then probably filled in when mining ceased in the 1860s.
Hermes Number	74192
Property Number	

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## History

Blacksmiths Claim was an intermediate size mine shaft (dug to 110 feet). Sunk to exploit ancient & buried alluvial gold deposits. A total of 6,000 ounces of gold was recovered from the claim equalling 3,000 pounds per man

(eight men at Blacksmiths Claim). Neighbouring parties drove their drive shaft right into the Blacksmith Shaft (B. Smyth 1980, 444).

*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.*

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