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# DUNN'S REEF

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## Location

DUNNS REEF TRACK MUCKLEFORD, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0146

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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## What is significant?

Palimpsest of historic mining relics including two puddling machines and mine workings and mine waste associated with a late 19th-century quartz mine.

## How is it significant?

The significance of the site comes from its condition, i.e., the retained fabric can be understood and interpreted.

# Why is it significant?

The site has local significance as a relic of Victoria's historic gold mining industry. In comparison to other contemporary quartz mine, however, the site lacks having evidence of mining machinery.

Interpretation of Site	Late nineteenth century small scale quartz mine that retains no evidence of mining machinery. The site is dominated by a large open cut and the remains of a timber-framed loading ramp. In the gully below is a water dam, two sludge ponds and two puddling machine sites. The site does not have the the ability to demonstrate the basic blue print and operation of a small scale gold mine.
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## History

The only battery erected at the mine appears to have been by the Dunn's Reef Co. In September 1875 the Dunn's Reef Company were reported at work with very fair prospects. A cross-cut has been put in at the 200-foot level, where the reef was struck, showing payable gold; but none had yet been crushed to test its value. [Mining Surveyors' Reports, September 1875] The crushings from the mine were not great, e.g., 160 tons/40ozs. In September 1882, the Mines Department reported that Dunn's Reef mines had been sold and the plant removed. *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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