
RUSSELL'S REEF AMALGAMATED NO.2 SHAFT

Location

RESERVOIR ROAD LAURISTON, MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0440

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The remains of a small scale, early 20th century, quartz mine. The remains comprise the some brick machinery beds and a filled shaft. All the mine's mullock has been removed.

How is it significant?

The site has significance because of its:

Intactness: retains evidence of the key aspects of a quartz mine – an arrangement of machinery mounting beds

Condition: retained fabric in a condition that can be understood and interpreted

Why is it significant?

Locally significant as a early 20th-century quartz mine.

Interpretation of Site	A quartz mine that dates from the early years of the 20th-century. The remains are located on a Water Reserve managed by Coliban Water
Other Names	,
Hermes Number	8099
Property Number	

History

The Russell's Reef Amalgamated Company spent the early part of 1907 in developing the saddle reef. Defects found to exist in the winding gear, consequently the directors decided to obtain a new gear of the first-class type. This has been obtained and placed in position. Advantage was taken by the management of the suspension of underground operations to give the whole of the machinery and boilers at the No 1 shaft a thorough overhaul. It was found that the two boilers that had been in use required some slight repairs. This resulted in a new high-pressure boiler which had been purchased some time previously has been built in and put into commission. In 1907 the shaft was 1,260 feet deep, and an average of 30 men were employed. Russell's Reef Amalgamated , No 2 shaft (Company was formed c.1891 and appears to have mined more-or-less continuously until 1911) *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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