
SIR JAMES MCCULLOCH MINE

Location

TYQUINS ROAD TARADALE, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0562

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site Heritage Inventory Interpretation: Mining area.

Hermes Number 8198

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: This land was subdivided in 1853 and was purchased by W. Kaye on 29/3/1853. Sir Jas. McCulloch was shown as the mining leaseholder on the map of goldmines prepared by Archdale in 1870 Prior to this time the mine may have been worked by the Scorpion Company, which sank a shaft through the overlying basaltic rock to a depth of 200 feet. This lead was worked by the Cambrian Company during the mid 1860s. In March 1865 the Mining Surveyor located the Cambrian Company half a mile to the south of the London and Melbourne Company (site H7723- 0431). This would locate it at this site. However, the Geological Survey of Victoria Quarter Sheet no 9 (2nd edition locates the Cambrian Company approximately 500 metres further north (site H7723-0566). The Department of Technology, Industry and Resources map, entitled "Castlemaine Deep Leads" indicates that the Scorpion Lead was in approximately the

position of this site, running east from Back Creek towards the Central Company site (H7723-0428). The "Mount Alexander Mail" of 6/5/1868 reported that the Cambrian Company ground, close to the Central Company, was yielding nuggets to 4.5 oz.. On 29/5/1869 the paper reported that the company was trying to strike a gutter by tunnelling from the creek at the side of the hill. The tunnel was 396 feet long. This was probably in the vicinity of the westernmost mullock heap, which is adjacent to the creek gully. This was probably the tunnel referred to in the Mining Surveyor's Report of June 1869. He reported that the Cambrian Company had struck the gutter in deep ground. A tunnel, which was 400 feet long, was excavated to drain water from the mine into Back Creek. On 22/6/1870 the paper reported that Sir James McCulloch had taken up the ground formerly held by the Cambrian Company. On 9/7/1870 it reported that 300 acres in allotments 54 and part of 55 were taken up with both alluvial gutter and quartz reef mining.

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