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# NORTH NUGGETTY AJAX COMPANY

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## Location

16 AJAX ROAD DAYLESFORD, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0660

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 8262

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The North Nuggetty Company was floated to work the northern portion of the Nuggetty Ajax Company's lease. The North Nuggetty commenced sinking in 1909 and mined profitably until 1917. After this, the company was mainly occupied with unprofitable developmental work which eventually led to its demise in 1926. From 1909 to 1917 the mine produced 48,000 ounces of gold and the company paid out £57,000 in dividends. The company had a 15-head battery and were the first mining company at Daylesford to generate its own electricity. A disastrous fire in 1914 destroyed the winding engine and housing, as well as the housing over the boilers and air compressing plant. The company erected a new winding and air compressing plant, and installed a suction or producer gas plant to drive the compressing plant and stamp battery. The introduction of suction gas was a measure in economy to counter a general decline in the gold content of the ore being extracted.

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