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# RISING STAR COMPANY

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## Location

LAKE ROAD DAYLESFORD, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0665

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 8267

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: In 1877, Rolleri & Massiminos party discovered the Rising Star line of reef. The company formed to work the successful prospect - the Rising Star Company - became a major gold producer and caused a quartz mining boom at Blind Creek. Other companies formed, and who worked with some success, were the South Star, North Star, and Western Star. The Rising Star Company operated until 1886. The company initially installed a small battery of 8-heads of stampers, but by 1880, were erecting pumping and winding machinery, as well as a new battery: a 15hp engine and 16-heads of stampers. The company's stamping power was increased in 1881 with an additional 12-heads. By the end of its career, the company had a mining plant comprising seven boilers, five engines, a 28-head battery, and seven Halley's patent percussion tables for treating pyrites; and up to January 1886, had sunk the main shaft to a depth of 630 feet, obtained 33,000 ounces of gold, and had paid out £43,920 in dividends to its shareholders.

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