
LUCK'S ALL MINE

Location

A1 TRACK GAFFNEYS CREEK, MANSFIELD SHIRE

Municipality

MANSFIELD SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8123-0005

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 10805

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The Luck's All mine was the principal quartz working on the Big River goldfield, and one of the last to cease operation. The mine was in work from 1865-86, 1903-5, and 1913-15. During the initial period, the Luck's All Co. paid dividends of £60,000. Gold production from the mine totalled 14,016 oz. According to Milner, the mine is significant for being the northernmost extension of the same dyke formation worked on Morning Star Hill and at the Loch Fyne mine near Matlock. A 4-head, water-powered battery was installed at the fledgling mine in 1865, and was added to almost immediately by a 12-head battery (with foundations laid for four more heads) and a 16-hp steam engine. A tramway between mine and battery, 266 yards in length, was constructed the same year, and extensive tramways to convey timber and firewood were built in 1869. After languishing in the late 1860s, yields revived in 1871. The waterwheel and smaller battery were removed to the reefs at Acheron in 1875. By the early 1880s, the Luck's All was the only Big River quartz mine still operating. It recorded its last crushing as in 1883;

mining ceased in 1886. The Luck's All mine continued idle until 1899, when prospecting recommenced. The mine was again in production between 1903-5 and 1913-15, returning modest yields from small crushings.

References:

Australian Mining Standard, 1 June 1899, p. 103

Milner, pp. 20-23

Mining Surveyors' Reports (Big River Subdivision), March & June 1865, December 1869, June 1871, March 1876, December 1882, September 1885, June 1886; (Alexandra Subdivision), June 1875

Murray, pp. 22-4

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