
RECHABITE MINE SITE

Location

INDIGO SHIRE, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0030

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 10944

Property Number

History

The first claim was registered on what was then called the Teetotal Reef in 1869. From 1870, crushings were carried out at O'Dwyer's Cead Mille Failtha battery. The numerous quartz claims on the Teetotal reef were amalgamated in 1873 and the reef was renamed the Rechabite. The mine gave patchy returns over the next few years: occasionally very rich, often poor. In 1876 the Rechabite Reef was held by 20 shareholders; it was divided into just four shares the next year. The mine seems not to have been active during this period, as its pumping machinery was sold to the Wallaby Co. at the end of 1875. In 1881, the Rechabite Co. (re?)opened a crushing mill and commenced working on a large scale. Within months, they had plans to replace it with a larger one. At the end of 1882, the shoot of payable stone being worked in the Rechabite mine ran out, and mining was suspended. In 1884 the Rechabite mill site was re-registered and the abandoned ground was taken up as the Old Rechabite Reef. An expensive tunnel was commenced in 1886, with the intention of cutting the reef at a lower level, 'where they know rich stone lies', but the reef was not struck in the place expected. The mine was flooded

out in 1887, and the claim was repeatedly suspended pending the erection of pumps. In 1889 an amalgamation of the adjoining Rechabite, Wallaby, and Marco Polo companies was mooted, to enable the purchase of pumping machinery which would drain all three mines. It is not clear whether that proposal went ahead. No further mention of the Rechabite Reef has been found.

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