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# MOUNT ROUSE QUARRIES



23374 Mount Rouse Quarry  
Ritchie St Penshurst 0914

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## Location

off Ritchie Street Mount Rouse Reserve PENS Hurst, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Mount Rouse Quarry is located on the north-east face of Mount Rouse. It is supported by plant and equipment and functional buildings. The quarry mines bluestone which has been used in the construction of many houses, roads and other structures throughout the Shire of Southern Grampians. There appear to have been at least five quarries on Mount Rouse. It is not known when the various quarries were first opened.

How is it significant?

The Mount Rouse Quarry is of historical and scientific significance to the Southern Grampians shire and to the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The Mount Rouse Quarry is of historical significance as a major employer and as the source of the material for

buildings, roads and railways and of scientific significance for the exploitation of a natural resource from an early period.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002; |
| Construction dates        | 1864,  |
| Heritage Act Categories   | Registered place,  |
| Hermes Number             | 23374  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Conditions

not applicable.

## Physical Description 1

The quarry is located on the north-east face of Mount Rouse, and removes bluestone from the side of Mount Rouse. The bluestone has been used to construct almost all the stone buildings in and around the township, as well as the roads. The Mount Rouse Quarry is supported by plant and equipment and functional buildings. Access is gained from the eastern end of Ritchie Street.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies  
3.14 Developing an Australian engineering and construction industry  
3.14.2 Using Australian materials in construction

## Usage/Former Usage

quarry

## Integrity

high degree of integrity

## Physical Description 2

D. Hourigan, first owner of the freehold land.

## Physical Description 3

Quarry appears to extend into the Mount Rouse Reserve.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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