
COAL CREEK, KORUMBURRA

Location

COAL CREEK ROAD KORUMBURRA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8021-0044

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE: The coal creek mine was historically significant as one of the state's leading black coal mines from the eaerly 1890's until the advent of the State Coal Mine at Wonthaggi in the early 1990s. Little or no visual signs of the mining operations remain.

Interpretation of Site	The site has been remodelled from an archaeological mining place to a replica mine and a reconstructed 'mining village'. In the process, it is assumed that much of the archaeolgocial potential of the place has been destroyed. HOwever intact pockets of sub-surface archaeology may survive within the site.
Hermes Number	43998
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History

Coal was discovered at Coal Creek in 1872, but little mining took place until the early 1890s. Coal Creek was set aside as a coal reserve in 1879, and an exploratory tunnel begun in 1888 intersected 3 coal seams. Commercial production utilising a new Victorian Railways branch line commenced in 1892. The operation was expanded with the creation of a new company in 1894, but lost VR contracts saw the mine struggle for many years. In 1922 the operation was reformed as sunbeam collieries, which operated until 1958/59.

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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