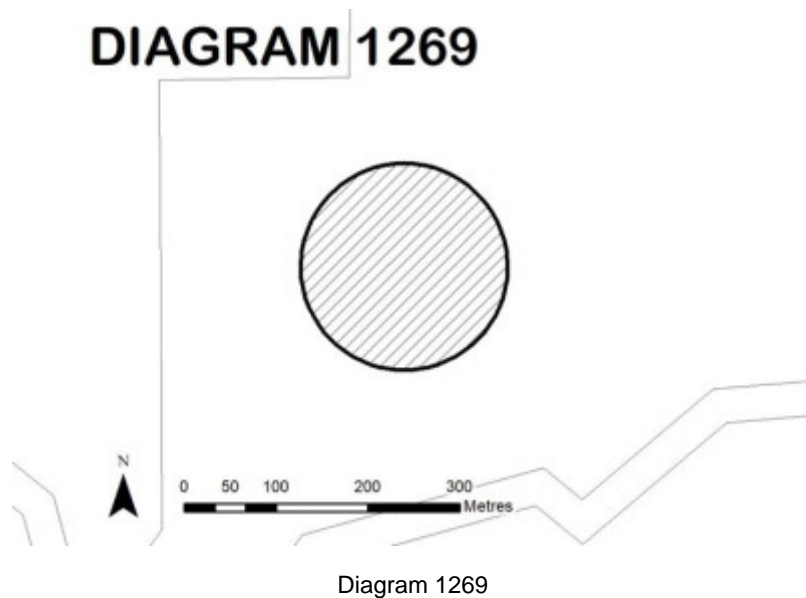


OMEO STATE BATTERY



1 gambetta reef battery omeo
old iron work



Location

DRY GULLY ROAD OMEO, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1269

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO287

VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

Amendment to Registration

November 16, 2023

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 17, 2023

What is significant?

The Gambetta Reef Gold Battery Site consists of the remains of one 5-head iron framed battery, portable steam engine, and various buried and partly buried piece of machinery. The site also has some relics, including a Cornish boiler, relating to an earlier phase of battery installation. The site is obscured by blackberry bushes. The Gambetta Reef Gold Battery Site is of historical and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Gambetta Reef Gold Battery Site is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of an important form of gold mining. Although being very close to Omeo, the machinery has not been significantly scavenged. The Gambetta Reef battery main period of operation was from 1901-12. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria. As well as being a significant producer of Victoria's nineteenth century wealth, with its intensive use of machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The abandoned mining machinery at the Monarch battery site is historically important for its evocation of the adventurousness, hardship, and isolation that was part of mining life in the high country areas of the State.

The Gambetta Reef Gold Battery Site is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the technological history of gold mining.

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates 1901,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Other Names GAMBETTA REEF GOLD BATTERY SITE, STATE BATTERY,
Hermes Number 4992
Property Number

Extent of Registration

Heritage Act 2017

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 2017**, I give notice under section 53 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by modifying a place in the Heritage Register:

Number: H1269
Category: Registered Place, Registered Archaeological Place
Place: Omeo State Battery
Location: 410 Dry Gully Road, Omeo
Municipality: East Gippsland Shire

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1269 being the area within a 90 metre radius around a point with latitude 37.09371° south and longitude 147.54118° east comprising part of Allotment 2031 Parish of Bingo-Munjie including the remains of one 5-head stamping battery, portable steam engine, shell of Cornish boiler, underground flue and chimney stack base, and remains of any other quartz mining artefacts

16 November 2023
STEVEN AVERY
Executive Director

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.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>