

CATHERINE REEF UNITED COMPANY GOLD MINE



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Location

LODDON VALLEY HIGHWAY EAGLEHAWK, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1232

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO372

VHR Registration

February 27, 1997

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 11, 1999

The Catherine Reef United Company Gold Mine remains consist of sets of engine and battery foundations. These are remnants of quartz mining carried on at the site between 1861 and 1913. In its early period this mine was considered the second most important in Victoria behind the Port Phillip Company at Clunes. The engines and battery were intimately connected with the technology of quartz mining which required steam power to pound the quartz to sand in order to extract the gold.

The Catherine Reef United Company Gold Mine is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Catherine Reef United Company Gold Mine is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic example of an important form of gold mining. 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, quartz mining, with its intensive use of machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The Catherine Reef United Company Gold Mine is important for its manifestation of this facet of gold mining.

The Catherine Reef United Company Gold Mine 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.

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](#).

Specific Exemptions:

EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:

No permits are required for the following classes of works provided they are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation Plan For Historic Mining Sites prepared by David Bannear in 1996.

Mineral Exploration
Fire suppression duties
Timber production
Weed and vermin control
Public safety
Rehabilitation

Construction dates 1861,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number 5016
Property Number

Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1232 in the category described as a Heritage Place and Archaeological Place:

Catherine Reef United Company Gold Mine, Loddon Valley Highway, Eaglehawk, Greater Bendigo Council.

EXTENT:

1. All of the remnants of buildings marked B-1 to B-6 (brick foundations), B-7 (timber foundations) and B-8 (stone foundations) on diagram number 607532 held by the Executive Director of the Heritage Council.
2. All the land marked L-1 (including all archaeological deposits) on diagram 607532 held by the Executive

Director of the Heritage Council.

Dated 7 November 1996

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

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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/>