

DEBORAH COMPANY QUARTZ GOLD MINE



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Location

9-11 ABEL STREET GOLDEN SQUARE, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1365

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO436

VHR Registration

October 23, 1997

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 1, 1999

The Deborah Company Quartz Gold Mine consists of a steel poppet head, sets of concrete engine beds, concrete foundations of a workshop and a 20-head crushing battery. The Deborah Company's operations on the site span the period 1932-50, when the mine was one of the most successful of Bendigo's (and Victoria's) 1930s mining revival. The mine and the machinery were subsequently purchased by the adjoining North Deborah Company, which worked it until 1954. It appears that crushing continued to be carried out at the battery until the early 1960s. The shed and crushing machinery plant presently on the site are the former Golden Square government battery, which was relocated to the site in 1996.

The Deborah Company Quartz Gold Mine is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Deborah Company Quartz 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 reliance on machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The Deborah Company Quartz Gold Mine is important as a manifestation of this facet of gold mining.

The Deborah Company Quartz Gold Mine is also historically significant in association with the North Deborah Mine to the south, and the Central Deborah Mine (also to the south): jointly they form the only example in Bendigo where the once-common spectacle of poppet heads marking out a line of a reef, can still be observed.

The Deborah Company Quartz Gold Mine is scientifically important due to the survival of the steel poppet head and a comprehensive array of foundations relating to one of Bendigo's most important twentieth-century mines. The 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.

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:

(Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)

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, and/or. Deborah Mine Conservation Plan (part of Deborah Poppet Head Restoration and Park Establishment Project - a proposal by the Deborah Triangle Trader's Association)

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

Construction dates	1932,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place, Registered archaeological place,
Hermes Number	5255
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 Heritage Register Number 1365 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Deborah Company Gold Mine, off Abel Street, Bendigo, Greater Bendigo City Council.

EXTENT

1. All the land marked L-1 on Diagram Number 608043 held by the Executive Director and including all above-ground structures (steel poppet head, sets of concrete engine beds, concrete floor slabs, battery foundations), remnants of mullock paddock, and all archaeological deposits and artefacts

Dated 16 October 1997

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/>