
MAXWELL CONSOLIDATED QUARTZ GOLD MINE



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quartz gold mines daylesford
brick remnants jan1998

Location

DOCTORS GULLY ROAD HEPBURN SPRINGS, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1760

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO977

VHR Registration

November 26, 1998

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 31, 1999

During the Depression of the early 1930s, the price of gold rose from £4 to £8 an ounce. The conditions of the times and the massive price rise caused a mining revival throughout the State. The key company in the mining revival at Daylesford was the Maxwell Consolidated. This company was vigorously prospecting in 1936 and by 1938 had installed a large mining and crushing plant. Rich crushings in the same year enabled the company not only to pay off a joint State and Commonwealth prospecting loan, but to distribute a small dividend to its shareholders. The following two years brought more success: £13,743 distributed in dividends in 1939, and £27,486 in 1940. The profits enabled the company to install more plant, including a cyanide works. The company's production declined in 1941, and from this time until its close in the early 1950s it was engaged in unproductive developmental work.

The Maxwell Consolidated Gold Mine is of historical and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Maxwell Consolidated 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 site stands has extensive and well preserved foundations and, as such, is a fine example of 1930s mining revival technology.

The surviving plant at these mines form an important reference point for an understanding of 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

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

Construction dates 1936,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number 5515

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 1760 in the category described as a Heritage place, Archaeological place:

Maxwell Consolidated Quartz Gold Mine, Daylesford-Hepburn Road, Doctors Gully, Daylesford, Hepburn Shire Council.

EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land including the remnants of mining and ore-treatment machinery foundations, cyaniding works, earthworks and any archaeological objects and deposits within a radius of 150 metres of a point with Australian Map Grid co-ordinates E464 N650 on 1:100,000 map sheet number 7723 Castlemaine.

Dated 5 November 1998.

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

[Victoria Government Gazette G 47 26 November 1998 p.2888]

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/>