
MORNING STAR MINE AND INGLEWOOD GOVERNMENT BATTERY

Location

PHILLIPS STREET INGLEWOOD, LODDON SHIRE

Municipality

LODDON SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7624-0112

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The site possessed evidence of two crushing batteries - one associated with a mining company and the other with the Victorian Government's attempts in the early stages of the twentieth century to promote local prospecting for gold.

How is it significant?

The site is significance because of it has:

Intactness: retained evidence of the key aspects of a quartz mine – remains of a crushing battery, winding engine bed and shaft; and a Government battery

Integrity: a compact arrangement of mining relics which demonstrates two periods of quartz mining.

Condition: retained fabric in a condition that can be understood and interpreted

Why is it significant?

As a relic of Victoria's historic gold mining industry. The site also demonstrates the investment by private companies into gold mining and the government's support for the gold industry in the early twentieth century.

Interpretation of Site	The site is associated with historic gold mining. This is demonstrated by the surviving relics that include remains of two quartz crushing batteries dating from different time periods. The site is located on Crown land and locally protected as a historic site.
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History

In 1881, the Morning Star Company succeeded in getting rid of the water, have obtained (in ground to the north of the engine shaft) good prospect. The company erected a battery and mined with great success through the 1880s. In 1887 were reported as still getting rich stone and were erecting a new pumping engine of 30-horse power. The mine worked into the early 1900s, e.g., between 1904 to 1907 the crushing statistics were 4211 ounces of gold from 12,700 tons of stone. This government crushing facility was erected in 1915 and included a 5-head battery operated by a suction gas engine. It is estimated that between 1915 to 1941 the crushing figures were 3551 ounces obtained from 6049 tons of stone.

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