
AJAX COMPANY, DAYLESFORD

Location

WESTERN AVENUE DAYLESFORD, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0658

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 8260

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Ajax Company commenced mining in 1905 and the mine's regular and profitable gold production helped cause a strong revival in mining in the Daylesford district. The company erected a 10-head battery which was later upgraded to a 20-head battery. The battery was driven by a large compound condensing engine. In 1906, the mine's production made it one of the chief quartz gold-producing mines in the State. The company paid its first dividends in 1907 and maintained a healthy gold production until the 1920s. The mine closed down and its plant was auctioned in 1929. During this time, the company had crushed 223,168 tons for a yield of 102,110 ounces, and paid out dividends of £149,437. At the time of the company's closure its shaft had reached a depth of 1240 feet.

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.

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