

---

# 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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*