
WONDERFUL REEF MINE

Location

OFF MIDLAND HIGHWAY HEPBURN, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0673

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 8275

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The reef running along Wonderful Creek was first worked with considerable success during the mid 1860s. Daylesford's mining register lists the Wonderful Reef Company as one of the main gold producers during 1864-1865. In March 1867 the company was engaged in sinking a pumping and winding shaft, and reported contemplating adding an additional 12-head of stampers to their crushing mill. The company was defunct by 1872, when a new company (bearing the old name) were re-fitting the plant. The re-formed company was short-lived. During the 1880s, Wonderful Reef was being worked by at least two companies; namely, the Morning Light Quartz Mining Company, who erected a 8-head battery; and the Electric Light Quartz Mining Company, who cut a tunnel in some 289 feet from the creek in the hope of intersecting the reef. The reef's last major mining venture was floated in 1889 when the Wonderful Quartz Mining Company was reported issuing 24,000 shares, with the intention of using the capital raised to fix powerful machinery at the mine.

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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