
FERN HILL DEEP LEAD MINE

Location

4719 MIDLAND HIGHWAY DAYLESFORD, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0675

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 8277

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: In the late 1860s, the deep lead running north-easterly from Wombat Hill was being progressively traced towards Coomara. In 1867, a tributary to the main lead was prospected and traced to its source at Fern Hill. Several companies - including Fern Tree Hill, Galatea Gold Mining, and Newton No. 2 - commenced to work the Fern Hill Lead during the late 1860s/early 1870s. The mining operations conducted on the lead were relatively small scale: eg., the Fern Hill Tree Company installed a 10hp engine and 6-head battery; and the Galatea Company, erected a whim and puddling machine.

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