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# NEW MOON BATTERY SITE

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## Location

BEELZEBUB GULLY ROAD EAGLEHAWK NORTH, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7724-0025

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO689

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

The New Moon Quartz Gold Mining Sites consists of two large mines - South New Moon and New Moon - both containing an array of mining machinery foundations. The mines, after very indifferent beginnings in the late 1860s, went on to become State significant gold producers from the 1890s. Both mines closed during the First World War, and only the South New Moon re-opened briefly during the 1930s.

The New Moon Quartz Gold Mining Sites have attributes that elevate their significance above that of other extant historic mines on the Bendigo field. The South New Moon site has the last substantial remains of one the Bendigo's premier dividend-paying mines (surpassed only by two others); and the New Moon battery foundations (which supported 71 heads of battery) are the last substantial remains of one the massive crushing facilities that marked the zenith of quartz mining in Victoria during the 1890s.

The New Moon Quartz Gold Mining Sites are of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The New Moon Quartz Gold Mining Sites are historically and scientifically important as characteristic examples of an important form of gold mining. Gold mining sites are of crucial importance for the pivotal role they have played since 1851 in the development of Victoria. As well as being a significant producer of Victoria's nineteenth century wealth, quartz mining, with its intensive reliance on machinery, played an important role in the development of Victorian manufacturing industry. The New Moon Quartz Gold Mining Sites are important as a manifestation of this aspect of gold mining.

The New Moon Quartz Gold Mining Sites are scientifically important in that they contain comprehensive foundations and archaeological deposits associated with a period when the Bendigo goldfield was a world leader. The site is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts and evidence which will be able to provide significant information about the technological history of gold mining.

[Source: Victorian Heritage Register]

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Property Number

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