

# CALEDONIA MINE

Black Flat

Place No. 49

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<b>ADDRESS</b>	Tills Drive Warrandyte	<b>Last Update</b>
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## DESCRIPTION

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**Condition** - **Integrity** Not known

**Threats** **Key elements**

**Designer**

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## HISTORY

The Caledonia Mine was operated from c1904/5 to 1910 by Mr Till employing up to 250 men at a time when Warrandyte mining was in decline.[1] It was first worked under the name New Haven (c1903). [2]

After the closure of the mine, Till became an orchardist and built a house in what is now Tills Drive (refer to separate citation in this Study).

The Caledonia Mine was the richest mine in Warrandyte. The main shaft was sunk to 620 feet, with drives on a number of levens [3]. It produced \$102,178 worth of gold and paid dividends of \$25,166 on a capital of \$12,500. In 1905 a crushing from the Caledonia Mine in a bend of the river east of the 'Island', yielded 145 ounces of gold from 80 tons of quartz. The mine gave good returns until 1908 when it was hampered by too much water seepage. [4]

Assistance from the government in 1909 was to no avail and the machinery and equipment was sold that April. Its closure meant the end of large scale gold mining in Warrandyte.

The evidence remaining from Caledonia Mine includes a machine bed and mullock heaps, and a boiler (moved from site), each now on separate properties. It was the last of Warrandyte's major and highly successful mines.

### SOURCES

- [1] Cranfield, p.98
- [2] Cranfield, p. 99
- [3] Cranfield, p. 100
- [4] Keogh, p.39

**Creation Date**

**Change Dates**

**Associations**

**Local Themes**

Mr Till

4.01 - Gold mining

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### LEVEL

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
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None Specified

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### Extent

### Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:
Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:	
Tree Controls:	Aboriginal Heritage Place:	

Outbuildings or Fences:  
Description:

Incorporated Plan:

Incorporated Plan Details

**Conservation Management**

**Extra Research**

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