

NOTES TO AUSTRALASIAN MINING HERITAGE - CHECK LIST

This list shows the following:

- Historic mine sites, processing plants and smelters where there are remaining signs of their use.
- Operating mine sites with heritage items.
- Tourist mines located in historic mining areas.
- Museums with mining relics, large and small in their collections.

Mining heritage is a term used in the general sense of relics associated with the mining industry including mine sites, processing plants, smelters, towns, transport, and other infrastructure such as power generation and supply, dams, and pipelines.

The data fields are as follows:

- Facility name – the name applied by the owner or operator.
- Description – underground mine, open pit mine, processing plant, smelter, coke ovens, museum and others.
- Location – nearest town or city.
- Street address – generally in built up areas.
- Direction and distance – generally from the post office in the nearest town or city.
- North latitude – in decimal degrees (negative in Australia and New Zealand)
- Longitude – in decimal degrees.
- Country or state – Australian states and New Zealand.
- Facility start year – year production commenced.
- Facility finish year – final production year, but there might have been periods when the facility was not producing. Does not apply to museums.
- Operating or closed - does not apply to museums.
- Last or current operator – does not apply to museums.
- Commodity – does not apply to museums.
- Comments – limited details.
- References – generally from the internet and not exhaustive.

The listing of mining heritage sites is not a guarantee of access by visitors. Many of the sites listed are on private property or mining leases. Some of the sites are visible from public land, and some are accessible with permission from the owner.

Visitors should abide by any specific instructions from property owners, leave gates as found, and avoid disturbing livestock. Visitors can also provide feedback to owners by reporting any hazards and any signs of illegal access by others, such as hunters.

Visitors should take any of their rubbish with them, and avoid removing any relics.

On any sites that are available for access by the public there are hazards that need to be considered by visitors. These can include:

- Open shafts.
- Unstable edges in open pits.
- Derelict buildings.

- Unfenced dams.
- Steep and uneven bush tracks with potential for significant injury and vehicle damage.
- Uneven ground with potential injuries for walkers.

Children and animals should be closely supervised. The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy takes no responsibility for injury or damage while visiting these sites.

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