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# BONSHAW CO

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## Location

362 ALBERT STREET SEBASTOPOL, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0217

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11861

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

BONSHAW Co.

BONSHAW FREEHOLD Co., Crawfish or Prospect Lead, located on private property, No. 4 or Southern Division/Central Division Ballarat.

1858: began as a co-operative of 46 shareholders leased 180 acres from Jock Winter for 5 years paying a deposit of £1000 and £100 per year in rent eventually purchasing the whole 640 acres for £20,000. The No.1 shaft east of the Colac-Ballarad road was worked out by the end of 1866.

17.01.1860: drove into very deep ground in April 1859; worked at some disadvantage for months; had 3 horses below; eventually swamped out; the 10 hp engine being unable to cope; let the mine stand for 6 months until last August when they commenced putting up a 30 hp engine supplied by Messrs Carter & Co; it is now finished and

the company anticipates getting back to the earlier yield of £15 per man per week.

09.1861: still driving for the gutter.

1865: The second shaft half a mile north west of the first near the old Portland Bay Road was bottomed at 325 feet during 1865. Company now had capital of £84,000 in 3360 shares of £25 each. 600 yards of gutter was worked by between 50 and 55 men per shift on about 20 faces. Purchase of the property was completed and most of the property was leased for agriculture and mortgaged by the company for £8000.

06.1866: have struck a gutter which appears to be the continuation of the one worked by the Sebastopol companies; good prospects; yield of 984 ozs 16 dwt for 5 weeks work.

09.1866: yield of 2520 ozs.

Mid 1860's: the Bonshaw Freehold, the Buninyong Freehold, and the Leviathan were huge companies and were financed by speculators and capitalists mostly from Ballarat; these mines employed experienced Welsh and Cornish miners who were prepared to work for wages.

12.1867: company had won almost 30,000 ozs of gold worth £120,000.

10.1862 to 03.1874: recorded production of 93,535 ozs 9 dwt 8 gr (or 2909. 346 kg).

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