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# DUKE OF CORNWALL CO

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## Location

909 BUNINYONG-MOUNT MERCER ROAD GRENVILLE, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0224

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11874

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

DUKE OF CORNWALL GOLD MINING Co. Durham Lead, No. 5 or Buninyong Division

23.03.1863: the Durham Lead is attracting considerable attention at this time and several new companies have commenced operating on a large scale including the Duke of Cornwall which has purchased a 35 hp engine from Melbourne.

25.06.1863: had a grand festival to celebrate the launching of its 40 hp engine.

03.1864: presently sinking in reef.

03.1864: shaft down 220 feet; fixing pump rods; have a 18.5 inch by 30 inch steam engine for pumping and winding, a boiler: 30 feet by 5 feet 6 inches, 12 inch pumps, and flat ropes

03.1865: struck wash-dirt after driving for some time.

06.1865: obtained good returns.  
09.1865: obtaining sufficient gold to pay expenses.  
06.1866: mining difficult, gold obtained paid for expenses.  
10.07.1866: cover broken on governor valve of steam winding engine for reasons not known; stoppage of all underground work for a week  
03.1867 : alluvial claim registered for five men.  
09.1867 : only paying wages, hope to prove the reef.  
16.10.1867 : delay for a week due to breakage of machinery  
03.1868: yield of 215 ounces.  
06.1868 : yield of 276 ounces and 6 dwt.  
09.1868 : yield of 330 ounces 10 dwt.  
12.1868 : continues to improve; yield of 283 ounces 14 dwt and 14 grs.  
03.1869 : good return of 370 ounces 18 dwt and 12 grs.  
06.1869 : yield of 337 ounces 15 dwt 12 grs.  
09.1869 : tribute company; yield of 397 ounces 5 dwt 12 grs.  
12.1869 : yield of 406 ounces 15 dwt 12 grs.  
03.1870 : yield of 185 ounces 15 dwt 12 grs.  
06.1870 : yield of 245 ounces 12 dwt.  
09.1870 : yield of 182 ounces.  
12.1870 : yield of 99 ounces 11 dwt.  
03.1871 : yield of 192 ounces 6 dwt.  
06.1871 : yield of 5 ounces.  
09.1871: yield of 100 ounces.  
12.1871 : yield of 245 ounces 2 dwt.  
06.1872 : yield of 149 ounces 5 dwt 14 grs.  
09.1872 : yield of 366 ounces 4 dwt.  
12.1872: yield of 227 ounces 13 dwt.  
03.1873 : yield of 300 ounces.  
06.1873 : yield of 183 ounces 5 dwt 12 gr.  
1865 to 1871; recorded production of 7611 ozs gr (or 236.753 kg).

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