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# ALCHEMIST CO

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## Location

40 DONALD MCLEANS ROAD SPRINGDALLAH, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0401

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Other Names      ALCHYMIST CO,

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Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Alchymist Great Extended Gold Mining Company

Alchymist Company

1855: first lease taken up (Reference: Dickers Mining Record,p63, in P. Milner, TR-93/16)

06/1864: lower down the lead from the Magnum Bonum; fitting up an engine (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythesdale Division, in P.Milner, TR 86/4,p730)

09/1864: machinery completed including a very good steam engine (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythesdale Division, in P.Milner, TR 86/4,p732)

12/1864: one of the only companies using steam power on Derwent Jack's Lead; still driving for the gutter (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythesdale Division, in P.Milner, TR 86/4,p735)  
02/1865: second lease taken up (Reference: Dickers Mining Record,p.63, in P.Milner, TR-93/16).  
03/1865: driving (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythesdale Division, in P.Milner, TR 86/4,p738)  
06/1865: broken into the gutter and obtained good prospects (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythesdale Division, in P.Milner, TR 86/4,p740)  
15/08/1865: steam engine, pumps, winding gear, puddling machines (Reference: Dickers Mining Record, p.49,in P.Milner, TR-93/16).  
22/08/1865: three compartment shaft, 8 ft 6 inches by 3 ft 6 inches clear, down 130ft; using a 12 inch by 30 inch horizontal high pressure steam engine, a Cornish flue boiler: 17 ft by 5ft with an exhaust steam feedwater heater, 10 inch draw lift with 6 foot stroke, so worked as to give the engine drivers a rest on Sundays, two 16 ft diameter puddlings machines belt  
07/1865-08/1865: recorded production of 43ozs 7dwt 23gr (or 1.350kg) (Reference: GEDIS, Ballarat Mine Data, October 1993).  
09/1865: have been getting paying wash-dirt for several weeks and the claim looks promising (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythesdale Division, in P.Milner, TR 86/4,p743).  
03/1866: ground abandoned; to be taken up again with machinery already on it (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythesdale Division, in P.Milner, TR 86/4,p747).

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