
WHEEL KITTY CO

Location

AISBETT ROAD NEWTOWN, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0376

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11709

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

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WHEAL KITTY COMPANY (co-operative party of 24)

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11.1861: ground occupied

29.11.1862: Wheel Kitty commenced work.

01.1863: giving excellent dividends.

10.1863: doing first rate.

03.1864: returning large quantities of gold weekly.

06.1864: a co-operative party that has been paying good returns for a long time; work is done systematically.

09.1864: blocking out and doing well; have driven to their lower boundary; a prosperous company since its

formation.

12.1864: yield of 30 ozs last week; this co-operative party is doing much better than larger companies that operate under the contract system on similar ground.

03.1865: shaft down 260 feet; using a 14.25 inch by 30 inch steam engine for pumping, puddling and winding; have a boiler: 20 feet by 5 feet, 2 iron puddling machines, and hemp ropes; using 8 inch pumps, plunger to 200 feet, drawlift for remainder; only pumping 1.25 hours per shift; have a 6 inch house lift paying excellent dividends.

15.08.1865: five inch surface plunger on the incline, 250 feet in length; to raise water from the creek

29.08.1865: putting up new gearing for 2 puddling machines and overhauling machinery

09.1865: continuing to pay well.

12.1865: continues with its usual good returns

03.1866: regularly at work and doing well.

06.1866: divided £20 per man for 2 weeks; the most profitable claim in the division.

12.1866: yielding better than ever; one of the best paying mines in the colony dividends range from £12 to £40 per fortnight.

03.1867: best claim on the lead; dividends range from £20 to £40 per fortnight.

06.1867: excellent dividends during the quarter.

09.1867: dividends from £20 to £40 per fortnight.

12.1867: yield for the quarter 825 ozs 2 dwt; worked out at the end of last month; 30 men were employed; gross yield was 11,600 ozs; length of frontage claim was 1320 feet.

(new company)

08.1868: shaft down 45 feet; machinery erected

12.1868: yield for the quarter 300 ozs.

03.1869: yield for the quarter 355 ozs 5 dwt 15 gr

06.1870: yield for the quarter 291 ozs 16 dwt.

09.1870: yield for the quarter 357 ozs 14 dwt

06.1871: yield for the quarter 220 ozs 3 dwt.

1864 to 06.1871: recorded production of 13,414 ozs 15 gr (or 417.233 Kg).

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