
BULLDOG DIGGINGS

Location

CAPE CLEAR-ROKEWOOD ROAD ILLABAROOK, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0208

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11854

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

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Montrose Hill, Bulldog or referred to as Bulldog Hill from October 1861, No. 4 or Southern Division, Ballarat.

06.1861: a slight rush has occurred; the workings are quite shallow at only 4 feet.

07.1861: a few parties remain and are making fair wages.

09.1861: rushed; 350 to 400 persons are making fair wages; 20 claims are yielding as high as 1 to 4 ozs per load, one obtained 18 ozs; wash-dirt is 2.5 feet thick at depths of 18 to 30 feet through hard stiff clay, cement and gravel.

10.1861: settled population of 400 miners; 60 companies have found gold, majority are making wages; one company obtained 39 ozs from 17 loads of stuff; depth varies from 20 to 25 feet, thickness varies from 4 inches to 2 feet, and it extends over 250 to 300 feet.

11.1861: yields have declined but prospecting is continuing in the area.

01.1862: rushed; 35 of the 45 holes bottomed averaged 1.5 ozs per load; depth is 36 to 50 feet; thickness of the wash-dirt is 1.5 to 4 feet; mining population is 600 and increasing; expected to be traced into a regular lead.

02.1862: Bulldog rush is yielding 1 oz 13 dwt to 2 oz 10 dwt per load; Rokewood Prospecting Company are erecting a steam baling machine to test the deep ground.

03.1862: still doing well; one party obtained 78 ozs last month from 15 loads of wash dirt; another got 13 ozs 8 dwt from 12 loads of cement that were crushed on trial.

04.1862: yield has fallen off.

05.1862: matters are looking brighter.

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09.1864: small rush

03.1866: most of the old gullies are in the possession of the Chinese, who give no information.

09.1866: a small rush at the end of July, 20 claims turned out well paying 5 to 6 pounds per man.

03.1868: miners are getting excellent wages, 1 pound per man per day is not uncommon.

06.1870: some good patches have been found and are being worked.

09.1871: rush to Bulldog, Nil Desperandum Hill and Mia Mia; depth is 57 feet and the yields are 1 to 3 ozs per load.

Illabrook, No. 4 or Southern Division, Ballarat.

12.1886: a number of small parties are working with average results.

06.1887: small parties are working some with excellent results.

09.1889: two or three sluicing parties are getting fair yields.

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