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# ENFIELD CO

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## Location

859 BUNINYONG-MOUNT MERCER ROAD GARIBALDI, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0223

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11867

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

ENFIELD GOLD MINING CO., Durham Lead, No. 5 or Buninyong Division

03.1864: erecting 16 inch by 42 inch steam engine ;boiler: 29 feet 6 inches by 6 feet ;winding gear fixed, shaft dry ;sinking shaft, 9 feet by 4 feet

03.1865: bottomed on deep ground and obtained 29 ounces of gold from 2 machines; gold is rough and the lead appears rich.

06.1865: obtained good returns.

08.08.1865: shaft down 289 feet 6 inches; double decked cage fitted to allow 2 trucks one above the other double inclined tramway, 800 feet long, from mine to washing plant on the margin of the River Leigh; dirt taken down in a convoy of 12 trucks by winding gear and a small steam engine

27.03.1866: machinery working well  
06.1866: mining difficult, gold obtained paid for expenses.  
18.12.1866: 2527 trucks of dirt washed for the past fortnight  
01.01.1867: work suspended on 22 December for 6 days to clean boilers, machinery and sluice dam  
26.02.1867: friction belts and 10 trucks delivered; 3981 trucks of wash-dirt raised for the fortnight  
12.03.1867: a ton of truck wheels ordered from Hunt and Opie for 18 pounds.  
Friction straps fixed on the winding gear of the small steam engine, allowing a train of trucks to be taken down in perfect safety  
26.03.1867: 10 new trucks, 2 wire rope for the small steam engine, 3 tons of iron rails and 2 friction straps purchased; 4000 trucks raised for the fortnight  
09.1867: only paying wages, hope to prove the reef.  
12.1867: yield of 380 ounces.  
09.1868: yield of 208 ounces 15 dwt.  
12.1868: continues to improve; yield of 225 ounces 14 dwt and 2 grs.  
03.1869: reasonable returns of 263 ounces.  
06.1869: yield of 212 ounces 17 dwt,  
09.1869: poor yield of 127 ounces 14 dwt 12 grs.  
12.1869: wash has widened to 700 feet returns are poor, yield of 87 ounces and 8 dwt.  
03.1870: tribute party, yield of 201 ounces 15 dwt 12 grs.  
06.1865 to 06.1871: recorded production of 2461 ozs 3 dwt (or 76.552kg).

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