
GREAT BRITAIN CO

Location

15 MISTY LANE DURHAM LEAD, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0238

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11893

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

THE GREAT BRITAIN Co., Durham Lead,
NATIONAL CO. as reported in the Ballarat Star in August 1863,
c1857: commenced work.

06.1859: total expenditure £ 23,790 including the cost of machinery and plant of £ 3600; this ground could have been worked more profitably as part of a much larger holding; has not yet reached the gutter.

01.1860: has struck the gutter; obtained 0.5 ounces and 4.5 dwt per cubic foot from 2 prospects; new drive has to be put in at a lower level to work the ground.

05.1860: discovered a new lead, a tributary of the Durham Lead at a depth of 245 feet which is yielding 1 ounce per man per week.

05.1860: recorded production of 55 ozs (or 1.711 kg).

06.1860: the deep ground recently found has turned out to be very poor.

06.1861: persevering but with indifferent results.

1861: the National Company formed late in 1861; did not prove to be profitable and all but one of the original shareholders sold out; the mine was worked completely using hired labour, with almost fifty men being paid 45/- per week.

08.1863: the National and the Great Britain are the same company.

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