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# KITTY'S LEAD

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## Location

KITTYS LANE NAPOLEONS, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0258

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

23.10.1857: Victoria lead at Kitty Gully, Buninyong has been opened and all 40 claims are being worked with some paying very well, the upper end is 6 to 20 feet deep with the lower end is up to 110 feet deep; the Napoleon Lead presents a favourable appearance; Union Jack and Glencoe Leads have been abandoned.

KITTY'S LEAD, 3.5 miles south-west of Buninyong township on the Western Durham Ranges,

12.1870: a rush of up to 500 people to an area where a payable quartz reef was supposed to exist; 750 ounces of gold has been found in the form of nuggets from a few ounces to 11 pounds at depths of from 3 inches to 9 feet.

03.1871: still yields nuggets; population has thinned down, remaining miners expect to get steady returns; yield of 500 ounces; both alluvial and quartz are prospected.

09.1871:still yields well, yield is 720 ounces.

12.1871 : steady yield which totalled 700 ounces for this and other shallowing workings.  
03.1873 : yield of 360 ounces, including nuggets as large as 12 lbs.  
06.1873 : yield of 350 ounces, this figure is for both Kitty's Lead and Gympie.  
09.1873 :yield of 350 ounces.  
12.1873 : yield of 100 ounces.  
03.1874 : yield of 120 ounces for Kitty's and South Durham.  
06.1874 : yield of 220 ounces for Kitty's and South Durham.  
06.1878: nuggets are again being found.  
03.1882: good alluvial prospect obtained at 60 feet by a party working the gully.

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