
BIRTHDAY NEW FIND CO.

Location

MISERY CREEK ROAD ENFIELD, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0099

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11994

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

BIRTHDAY NEW FIND COMPANY

31.10.1903: a test sample of 2 tons 16 hundredweight of stone taken from surface trenches and open cuts was crushed at the Ballarat School of Mines for a return of 14 pennyweights 12 grains of gold per ton.

12.1905: a test sample of 13 tons of stone taken from the east and west lode at the adit level was crushed at the Kangaroo battery for a return of 11 pennyweights of gold per ton, with 1.5 pennyweights of gold per ton from the concentrates and 2 pennyweights of gold per ton in the tailings.2

01.1906: a test sample of 3 tons of stone taken from the north and south lode, 6 feet wide in a formation 40 feet wide at the adit level, was crushed at the Ballarat School of Mines for a return of 19 grains of gold per ton over the plates, with 7 pennyweights of gold per ton from the concentrates and 7 grains of gold per ton in the tailings.2

07.02.1906: test sample of 5 tons 3 hundredweight of stone taken from the east and west lode at the adit level was crushed at the Ballarat School of Mines for a return of 14 pennyweights 14 grains of gold per ton over the plates, with 6 pennyweights of gold per ton from the concentrates and 3 pennyweights 2 grains of gold per ton in the tailings.²

1906: erecting a small mill.

1907: 8 head battery; main shaft down 100 feet; 10 head battery erected; mine situated about 0.75 miles north east of the Birthday Tunnel mine. A shaft has been sunk near the crest of a low hill and an adit has been driven from the western side of the spur to intersect this shaft at a depth of about 130 feet.²

1908: 8 head battery.

1905 to 1908: recorded production of 241 ozs from 629 tons (or 7.496 kg from 639 tonnes).

13.12.1911: plant, machinery and equipment sold by public auction. It consisted of a Horwood and Sons nine inch double winch, an 8-head stamp battery, a Harrison and Sons concentrating table, an 11 inch cylinder steam battery engine, a Cornish flue boiler 24 feet by 6 feet, feed pumps, Berdan pan, tanks, cage, bellows, anvil, vice, tools, poppet head, housing and sundry items.

1911: mine closed, machinery removed.

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