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# SOUTH BIRTHDAY CO

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## Location

SNOWGUM ROAD BERRINGA, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0102

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

**SOUTH BIRTHDAY GOLD MINING COMPANY**

1898: company formed early in the year to mine the continuation of the Birthday line of reef.

03.1900: 9 ounces 7 pennyweights 8 grains obtained from a trial crushing of 54 tons taken from No. 3 level.

08.1901: Thompson 10 head battery with 1000 pound stampers, Challenge ore feeders, ripple tables.

09.1901: 217 ounces 8 pennyweights obtained from 330 tons of stone taken from Nos. 5 and 6 levels.3

1901: Payable quantities of quartz having been proved a 10 head battery and modern appliances for gold saving were erected .3

03.1902: 489 ounces obtained from 1360 tons of stone taken from Nos. 5 and 6 levels.3

09.1902: 2595 ounces of gold obtained from 3206 tons of stone taken from Nos. 5 and 6 levels.3

1902 : 10 head battery; payment of dividends commenced.<sup>3</sup>

03.1903: 3108 ounces 5 pennyweight of gold obtained from 4561 tons of stone taken from Nos. 6 and 7 levels.<sup>3</sup>

09.1903: 2333 ounces of gold obtained from 5308 tons of stone taken from Nos. 6, 7 and 8 levels.<sup>3</sup>

1903 : 10 head battery.

The right to treat the tailings by cyanide was sold, but the returns from this operation appear to have been unprofitable.<sup>3</sup>

03.1904: 2115 ounces 11 pennyweight of gold obtained from 9020 tons of stone taken from Nos. 7 and 8 levels.<sup>3</sup>

09.1904: 2186 ounces 17 pennyweight of gold obtained from 9839 tons of stone taken from Nos. 7 and 8 levels.<sup>3</sup>

1904 : 10 head battery.

03.1905: 2016 ounces 17 pennyweight of gold obtained from 11,860 tons of stone taken from Nos. 7, 8 and 9 levels.<sup>3</sup>

06.1905: 16,057 ounces 8 pennyweights of gold obtained from 51,702 tons of stone crushed to date, with 9000 pounds paid in dividends.

09.1905: 1876 ounces 14 pennyweight of gold obtained from 11729 tons of stone taken from Nos. 8 and 9 levels.<sup>3</sup>

1905 : 10 head battery.

Main shaft down 950 feet a little to the west of the reef outcrop. The reef entered the lease at the No. 5 level (508 feet) and widened and decreased in grade with depth.<sup>3</sup>

1906 : 10 head battery.

1907 : 20 head battery.

No. 9 level down 928 feet 7 inches from the surface; equipped with complete crushing and gold-saving appliances; surface works lit by acetylene gas; baling tanks installed.

1908 : 20 head battery.

1898 to 1908: recorded production of 23,998 ozs 13 dwts from 95,714 tons (or 746.459 kg from 97,259 tonnes).

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