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# STANLEY CO

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## Location

ILLABROOK-PITFIELD ROAD PITFIELD, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0119

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 12013

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

STANLEY GOLD MINING COMPANY, Pitfield Plains, Bulldog West, (private property),  
NEW STANLEY COMPANY (name given in the March 1871 report). There was a New Stanley Co. located at Illabarook recorded production for this mine from January 1908 to December 1912 was 871 ozs 13 dwt (or 27.112 kg).

1864: started and sunk to a depth of 120 feet when water was met; machinery was put on the mine.

09.1865: shaft down 119 feet; 70 horsepower steam engine on the ground

14.11.1865: erecting new 30 inch cylinder steam engine

12.1865: fine 70 horsepower steam engine erected

03.1866: erecting machinery

12.1870: prospects of this mine are good for mining in the district.

1870 or 71 ; it stood for six or seven years before sinking was resumed and the shaft sunk to 220 feet.; the lead was worked for 1000 feet but proved to be unpayable; mine was then taken on tribute by a party of Chinese for a period but was then abandoned, ransacked by fossickers and finally closed.

03.1871: company referred to as the New Stanley; has highly promising prospects.

31.10.1872: special meeting of shareholders agreed to the issue of 2000 extra shares at £1 to all 4 weeks of driving.

21.01.1873: actively pumping and water reducing.

06.1872: referred to as the Stanley again; was the test mine for the Pitfield Plains; has exhausted its capital for prospecting and has passed into the hands of a Chinese tribute party for two years.

1872: recorded production of 120 ozs or 3.733 kg.

03.1873: prospects look better with a new run of stone which is yielding 10 ozs per machine.

12.1874: 90 horsepower beam engine removed from the division

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