
CALEDONIA CO

Location

CAREYS ROAD AND GLENELG HIGHWAY SCARSDALE, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0060

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Archaeological Significance Local

Hermes Number 12057

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

CALEDONIAN COMPANY, located on Warrens/German Leads, south of and adjoining the Beaumont Co.,

CALEDONIA COMPANY (from June 1861)

1856: commenced operation.

14.08.1858: had the most complete plant of all the deep leads parties in this neighbourhood. This co-operative had 24 shareholders, 23 working and one injured: 2 engine drivers, 1 black smith, 1 dray man, 2 sluicers, and 17 working below; their engine was 12 hp, the pump occupied half of the shaft, a band raised the trucks in the other half and only one throw of the stuff was required from the drive to the sluice, props were supplied on contracted

and the sluice boxes extended for 200 feet. The 17 bachelors in the party had formed a company for the provision of accommodation. They had a cook house and dining room built of hard wood with part canvas and part shingle roof. A cook was paid £3 per week, this facility was managed by a 3 man board.

06.1859: have applied for a 30 acre lease; the lead contracts to 150 feet in this companies ground and is intersected by the German Lead from the eastern ranges, which has been more productive than the main channel.

07.1859: have been working for a considerable time and broken into the workings of the only other company on the German lead; engaged in taking out their blocks.

08.1859: have been adjusting their boundary with the Newcastle Co.; held up for a fortnight following an inflow of water.

12.1860: moderate dividends during the month.

01.1861: dividends are never below £5 per man per week.

03.1861: very good dividends from wash-dirt that is not rich but is of sufficient quantity to make it pay well.

05.1861: dividend of £5 per week per man.

06.1861: ground has improved lately.

07.1861: good claim.

09.1861: averaged £5 per man per week since commencing.

01.1860 to 09.1861; recorded production of 190 ozs (or 5.91 kg).

10.1861: doing very well.

12.1861:doing well.

09.1864: giving wages; have been operating since 1856.

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