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# GREAT WESTERN CO

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## Location

39 BANDYS ROAD SMYTHESDALE, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0061

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Archaeological Significance	Local
Hermes Number	12058
Property Number	

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

GREAT WESTERN COMPANY, on Warrens Lead adjoining the Eldorado Co (March 1872).

OLD 48 COMPANY (name given in March 1872)

TELFORD, Mr. (new lessee in March 1872)

06.1859; has an engine of 10 to 15 horse power; has applied for a lease of 20 acres.

07.1859: tolerably fair returns.

08.1859: fair returns.

01.1860: doing well; weekly dividends of 5 to 10 pounds per man.

07.12.1860: obtained £17,000 worth of gold in three years of operation; have completed sinking a new shaft and erecting a new engine of 20 hp supplied by Mr. Peter Telford, who supplied the engine at the first shaft, which was 16 hp.

01.1861: having worked for 3 years with indifferent results washed out 413 ozs in the last week of last month, including 170 ozs on a single day; the mostly explanation is a wash from Green Hill, the company is now working at the base of this hill.

02.1861: results have fallen considerably.

03.1861; yield of 3065 ozs for the period 19 th January 1861 to 23 March 1861; expenses for that period were 642 pounds giving a dividend of 283 pounds per man to each of the 40 shareholders.

04.1861: yield has fallen dramatically.

07.1861: divided £16 per man last week.

08.1861: have done very well this month; dividend of £17 per man for the week ending the 17 th August.

09.1861: had only £4 per man last week but have much better ground to work.

10.1861: have touched on very good ground approaching the Beaumont Claim.

12.1861: dividends fluctuate from £2 to £12 per week.

04.1862: dividends average £24 per man per week; yielded 3705 ozs from January 25 th to April 19th, this yield was worth £14,610 less £351 for expenses gave a dividend of £356 per man to each of the 40 shareholders.

05.1862: fortnightly dividends were £37 10s and £74; appears to be the richest alluvial claim in the colony.

07.1862: two shafts down 200 feet; 14.75 inch by 33 inch steam engine for pumping, winding and puddling; boiler: 20 feet by 5 feet 6 inches; 6 inch drawlift; 18 foot diameter puddling machine.

09.1862: continues to give rich dividends of £20 to £30 per man.

10.1863: continues to pay.

03.1872: ground taken up again by Mr. Telford; bottomed his shaft and commenced driving; adjoins the Eldorado Co.

06.1872: underground arrangements are in order; prospects are satisfactory.

ELDORADO CO., on Warrens Lead adjoining Mr. Telford's claim, the Great Western Co.

12.1871: getting down gradually; may have nearly overcome the back-waters from the old drives.

03.1872: struck some gold bearing quartz in this claim.

06.1872: underground arrangements are in order; prospects are satisfactory.

09.1872: comprises both old and new ground, and has good prospects.

12.1872: yield for the quarter 707 ozs.

03.1873: yield for the quarter 926 ozs.

06.1873: yield for the quarter 1317 ozs.

09.1873: yield for the quarter 1024 ozs.

12.1873: yield for the quarter 1029 ozs.

06.1874: yield for the quarter 655 ozs.

09.1874: yield for the quarter 852 ozs.

09.1874: yield for the quarter 560 ozs.

03.1875: yield for the quarter 619 ozs 15 dwt.

06.1875: yield for the quarter 474 ozs.

09.1875: yield for the quarter 729 ozs.

12.1875: yield for the quarter 359 ozs 3 dwt.

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