
SANDY CREEK HYDRAULIC SLUICING CO

Location

BROWNS ROAD SCARSDALE, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0086

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

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17.06.1905: company successfully floated; tender accepted from Roberts & Sons of Bendigo for the manufacture and erection of an up to date sluicing plant capable of treating 100 cubic yards per hour; the lease is 100 acres.

18.11.1905: pontoon complete; the machinery is on the ground and the company expects to make a start about Christmas.

20.01.1906: started three weeks ago and going strong.

10.02.1906: a water shortage halted operations; provision is now being made to raise the embankment of the Monkey Gully reservoir by 8 feet; the first paddock of 0.67 acres yielded 173 ozs.

10.03.1906: completed enlarging of the Monkey Gully dam by raising the wall by 6 feet, which took 5000 cubic

yards of earth.

31.03.1906: now increasing the capacity of Splitters and Chinaman's dams.

13.04.1906: still waiting for rain to fill the dams which will hold a total of 20 million gallons.

14.07.1906: a general meeting of shareholders held in Adelaide decided to wind up the company and form a new one in order to raise more capital.

28.07.1906: commenced work after an enforced seven month stoppage.

15.09.1906: second wash up produced 84 ozs 13 dwt from a 0.2 acre paddock; intend making better provision for storing tailings.

20.04.1907: compelled to cease work because of a shortage of water.

03.08.1907: resumed sluicing.

26.10.1907: idle because of a lack of water.

1907: pumped sluicing plant operating: 12 inch water pump, 10 inch gravel pump; 125 horsepower non-condensing steam engine.

22.02.1908: repairing boiler and preparing to start work on the shallow part of the paddock.

14.11.1908: working payable ground.

12.12.1908: stopped for a time since the returns from the deep ground are poor; yields are expected to improve in the shallow ground.

05.06.1909: dams are full; arrangements are being made for tributers to commence work.

1906 to 1908: recorded production of 977 ozs 5 dwt.

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