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# PORT ARTHUR CO

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## Location

LINTON-PIGGOREET ROAD PIGGOREET, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0388

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11687

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

PORT ARTHUR Syndicate/ Company., Piggoreet

1905: gold was obtained in this lode at the shallow levels; this created quite a revival at Piggoreet, six mining plants were erected and about 20 leases were pegged out, but nothing payable persisted and the mines closed.

11.03.1905: discovered a promising lode on the west side of the Woody Yallock Creek and approximately half a mile north-west of Mr.T.Delahunty's property.

27.05.1905: water is heavy and operations had to be halted.

26.08.1905: started erecting plant.

07.10.1905: formal starting of the plant; the steam winch and poppet heads were obtained from the old Moonambel Extended Co. for £140.

25.11.1905: lode in the south drive is showing good gold and the company intends to hire the up to date battery at the Piggoreet mine, which is only a short distance away.

20.01.1906: invited tenders for a 10 head battery.

03.02.1906: purchased the battery from the Star of the East Co. for £160.

02.06.1906: prospects improved and battery will be ready next week.

30.06.1906: first yield from the battery was 127 ozs from 260 tons; an average of 12 dwt per ton; which is less than expected.

21.07.1906: the directors decided to deepen the shaft instead of paying a dividend; tenders are to be called for the supply a powerful steam winch.

28.07.1906: 200 tons gave a satisfactory yield of 128 ozs.

08.09.1906: good average stone.

15.09.1906: crushed 1209 tons to this time from which obtained a profit of £900.

20.10.1906: yield for quarter ending 30 September 1906 was 858 ozs.

27.10.1906: prospects are good and the first dividend of £750 has been paid; will soon erect additional equipment to deepen the shaft.

08.12.1906: results continue satisfactory; sunk 20 feet below the 100 foot level using a new steam winch.

19.01.1907: shaft is 15 feet by 5 feet to allow for a plunger chamber, and is down 200 feet; calling tenders for supply of a complete pumping plant with not less than 12 inch plunger workings, a large boiler and engine.

09.02.1906: excavating foundations for the erection of a large horizontal winding engine with an 18 inch cylinder.

02.03.1906: new winding engine delivered and will be ready in a month.

06.04.1907: a total of 4155 tons have been crushed for a yield of 2971 ozs giving an average of 14.5 dwt per ton; total dividend of £3750; new poppet legs will be erected before starting the new winding engine.

28.09.1907: the output for six months was 1589 ozs 7 dwt from 2123 tons and an additional £1041 from pyrites; dividend of £2250; has a credit of £844 19s 10d, plus £200 from pyrites; the shaft will have to be sunk and the battery extended; £25 per fortnight is being saved for prospecting.

30.11.1907: influx of water is retarding progress; calling tenders for supplying a complete pumping plant consisting of a 20 inch cylinder engine and 400 foot of 14 inch column with plunger and draw lift.

03.10.1908: with the Jubilee Phoenix is the only mine operating in the Piggoreet / Derwent Jacks area.

24.10.1908: operations are to be suspended and the pumps to be drawn because the shareholders are not paying calls, which is unfortunate because the lower levels have not been prospected; there are no companies working in the Piggoreet / Derwent Jacks area.

09.01.1909: directors are trying to resuscitate the company because the previous were close to a new payable stone.

16.01.1909: had payable stone at shallow levels but nothing was found at deeper levels.

03.04.1909: operations recommenced, mine being dewatered.

17.04.1909: boilers cleaned getting machinery ready to dewater the mine.

15.05.1909: plunger column being placed in the shaft at the 200 foot level and tanks will be used to dewater the lower levels.

22.05.1909: delaying in baling because the roads to the mine are too wet.

19.06.1909: mine dewatered with pumps and tank; company to receive £1000 grant that has to be matched by an equal amount, this will allow the company to sink to 500 feet.

16.10.1909: water lowered 100 foot.

01.1905 to 12.1909: recorded production of 6347 ozs 18 dwt from 9223 tons (or 197.446 kg from 9381 tonnes).

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