

BUTE CO NO.1

Location

OLD GLENELG HIGHWAY SCARSDALE, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0363

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11696

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Location given as allotment 4 Scarsdale - private property.

BUTE GOLD MINING COMPANY

BUTE COMPANY (a co-operative party)

08.1860: shaft is down 80 feet.

11.1860: it is expected that the Brown's and Smythe's Junction Co. will get the Trunk and Hong Kong Leads which will then proceed to Allotment 4 where the Bute Co. are operating.

12.1860: sinking their shaft and erecting machinery

01.1861: the reference to a shaft being bottomed in allotments 4 and 5 may be this mine.

02.02.1861: working on private property; lease is 125 acres; capital is £4000 in 100 shares; shaft is down 214

feet and the estimated depth of the gutter is 250 feet; have a 25 hp engine; all work is done by contract.

03.1861: not yet bottomed.

04.1861: bottomed on paying gold.

07.1861: good reputation.

08.1861: doing very well.

11.1861: excellent dividend of more than 200 ozs last week.

12.1861: doing as well as the Smythe's and Browne's Junction.

12.02.1863: the new shaft is down 60 feet and the plant of the late Smythesdale and Browns Junction Company is being established at the shaft.

06.1863: shaft is 7 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 3 inches and 100 feet deep; machinery includes: 12 inch by 36 inch steam engine for winding and pumping, a boiler: 17 feet by 5 feet 6 inches, 9 inch pumps, and a wooden puddling machine

07.1863: obtaining favourable results.

03.1864: returning large quantities of gold every week.

06.1864: one of the richest claims at Scarsdale; yielding well.

09.1864: continuing to give regular yields.

12.1864: had 102 ozs last week; old shaft that has been worked for the last 5 years has given up and allotment 4 their original claim is worked out.

03.1865: continuing to pay well.

06.1865: continues to pay well, had a dividend last week of 118 ozs.

09.1865: paying reasonably well.

15.08.1865: reports the use of a horizontal steam engine, pumps, and puddling machine.

08.05.1866: machinery in good order; shaft repaired due to subsidence of ground nearby

06.1866: paying moderately well.

14.08.1866: trouble with further subsidence; 17 sets of round timber 12 to 16 inches diameter crushed by the movement

09.1866: weekly yield of 144 ozs.

13.11.1866: 2 foot subsidence of ground along the line of the gutter for a width of 300 feet; fortunately the subsidence occurred slowly, otherwise the machinery and shaft within the area would have been damaged

12.1866: yielding better than ever.

08.01.1867: fire destroyed all surface buildings except office and smithy

03.1867: ground taken up by a co-operative; an engine has been erected and they will soon be ready for underground operations.

03.1868: yield for the quarter 547 ozs 18 dwt 18 gr

06.1868: yield for the quarter 486 ozs 15 dwt 15 gr

09.1868: yield for the quarter 445 ozs

12.1868: yield for the quarter 431 ozs.

03.1869: yield for the quarter 758 ozs 18 dwt 18 gr

03.1870: yield for the quarter 731 ozs 1 dwt 16 gr

06.1870: yield for the quarter 746 ozs

09.1870: yield for the quarter 926 ozs 14 dwt.

12.1870: yield for the quarter 500 ozs 4 dwt 3 gr

03.1871: yield for the quarter 397 ozs 3 dwt.

06.1871: yield for the quarter 480 ozs 13 dwt.

09.1871: yield for the quarter 548 ozs 5 dwt

12.1871: yield for the quarter 533 ozs.

06.1872: yield for the quarter 425 ozs.

12.1872: yield for the quarter 631 ozs 13 dwt.

03.1873: yield for the quarter 465 ozs 15 dwt.

06.1873: yield for the quarter 410 ozs 7 dwt.

09.1873: yield for the quarter 383 ozs 19 dwt.

12.1873: yield for the quarter 446 ozs 6 dwt.49

Production data from official sources:

Mine #1043 Mine : NEW BUTE CO.

From January 1866 to March 1877 the total yield was 21,500 ozs or 668.740 kg.

Mine #243 Mine : BUTE CO.

From July 1876 to September 1876 obtained 2 ozs 5 dwts or 0.07 kg. from 9 tons giving a yield of 5 dwt per ton or 7.78g/t.

In October 1867 had a yield of 178 ozs 5 dwts or 5.544 kg.

From January 1867 to December 1873 obtained 9,575 ozs 15 dwts or 297.848 kg.

Giving a total mine production of 303.462 kg.

Mine #216 Mine : BUTE CO.

From December 1861 to April 1866 obtained 22,500 ozs or 699.844 kg.

In September 1866 had a yield of 144 ozs or 4.479 kg.

12.1861 to 09.1876: total recorded production of 53,900 ozs 5 dwt or 1676.525 kg.

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