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# MAIN LEAD CO

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## Location

GLENELG HIGHWAY SCARSDALE, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0032

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Other Names      SMYTHES & BROWN'S JUNCTION GM CO,

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

SMYTHES AND BROWNES JUNCTION GOLD MINING COMPANY

SMYTHESDALE AND BROWNE'S JUNCTION COMPANY (August 1860 report)

BROWNS AND SMYTHES JUNCTION COMPANY (November 1860), on the Hong Kong Lead and possibly the Golden Gate Lead in Allotment 3 at Scarsdale

25.06.1860: company formed.

08.1860: shaft is through the rock.

12.1860: largest steam engine in the district

11.1860: reached the black in their shaft and are fitting up a good engine; it is expected the company will get the Trunk and Hong Kong Leads which will then proceed to Allotment 4 where the Bute Co. is operating.

12.1860: have the largest steam engine in this part of the district; through the rock and into a thick bed of black clay.

01.1861: shaft bottomed at 180 feet, about 60 to 70 feet too shallow; dip of reef indicate the gutter is south of the shaft which indicates that this may be the Hong Kong and Croesus Leads rather than the Smythe's and Browne's which are thought to be to the east.

03.1861: struck a little wash-dirt but not yet into the depth of it.

04.1861: gutter reached; broken into the gutter and obtained over 30 ozs to 3 machines full.

06.1861: have got very good wash-dirt but there is some uncertainty about the direction of the lead.

07.1861: very good claim.

08.1861: doing very well.

09.1861: paying moderately well.

11.1861: excellent returns; yield of 200 ozs for last week or 10 ozs per man.

12.1861: doing well, 720 fathoms superficial of wash-dirt yielded 1450 ozs.

10.1862: using a 18 inch by 36 inch steam engine for pumping, winding and puddling, three 16 foot diameter puddling machines placed some height above the ground for easy disposal of tailings, 8.25 inch pumps with 3 foot stroke operate for about 8 hours a day; flat wire rope was used at first, but are now using Manilla rope

1860 to 10.1862: recorded production of 7,651 ozs 10 dwt (or 237.994 kg).

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08.1865 to 12.1866: recorded production of 335 ozs 21dwt (or 10.453 kg).18

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