

## POUND HILL

### Location

WHYTES ROAD SMYTHES CREEK, BALLARAT CITY

### Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

### Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

### Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0046

### Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 12042

Property Number

### History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

STANTON & DICKMAN, Pound Hill at Smythesdale

16.01.1904: mining on Pound Hill.

Pound Hill, Smythesdale

11.02.1905: shaft down 60 feet where the water is too difficult to deal with using a windlass.

04.03.1905: the Standard battery at Linton commenced crushing for the Pound Hill Co.

20.04.1905: a mine has been floated by Mr. Meudell and Mr. McKay of Melbourne; the float seems assured with 3000 to 4000 shares already applied for locally.

POUND HILL CO., Smythesdale

20.04.1905: the quarterly report for the Smythesdale Mining Division gives the yield for this company as 15 dwt 2

gr per ton from 90 tons crushed during the quarter.

27.05.1905: the company floated by Mr. Meudell and Mr. McKay is proposing to erect a battery and winding plant.

22.07.1905: shaft should be down to 200 feet for opening out in a few weeks; a start has been made on erecting the winding plant and a whip is being used at present.

09.09.1905: good progress in sinking the shaft to the 200 foot level and the company is proceeding to erect a 10 head battery.

04.11.1905: battery horses and wiper shaft are in position.

16.12.1905: battery delayed by the water giving out and a pump has been erected at the creek.

03.03.1906: temporarily suspended operations; the mine may be let on tribute.

31.03.1906: plant sold, both winding and crushing; mine may be given another trial.

28.09.1907: the Cherry Hill Co. has purchased the battery from the Pound Hill mine, which had previously been at the Homeward Bound mine; the plant will be removed and re-erected at a cost of £273 by Mr. Kinsman.

12.05.1906: despite the report of a new trial by a local syndicate this mine was wound up.

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1904 to 1906: recorded production of 306 ozs 17 dwt from 989 tons (or 9.544 kg from 1,004 tonnes).

Information about the origin of the features at Pound Hill has been provided by Ray Willis whose great uncle lived in a house at Pound Hill. His great uncle was a fossicker who mined the shallow alluvial deposits along the rivers and creeks in the Smythesdale area. He, like many other men in the district at that time, cut firewood, trapped rabbits and went harvesting in season. Ray has known this area since he was a boy. He rescued the top pulley from the rotting whip pole over the 1930's mine shaft and donated it to Sovereign Hill in the late 1970's. Neither of the quartz reef mines was successful according to information passed onto Ray by his uncle.

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