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# BOYD'S HYDRAULIC SLUICING CO.

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## Location

1380 GLENELG HIGHWAY SMYTHESDALE, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0050

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

BOYD'S HYDRAULIC GOLD SLUICING COMPANY

20.01.1906: a syndicate has purchased this lease which also encompasses Sago Hill and the Nintingbool Estate.

10.02.1906: equipping a plant that will be the best in the district, it will have 12 and 14 inch pumps capable of treating 130 cubic yards per hour.

10.03.1906: both boilers are in position and it is expected that the plant will be completed in six weeks.

02.06.1906: operating on a face 30 feet high.

14.07.1906: company successfully reconstructed.

11.08.1906: operating with two nozzles; fortunate to have a good water supply.

18.08.1906: operating successfully.

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

08.02.1908: moved the barge further up the creek and nearly ready to resume sluicing.

07.03.1908: cleaned up 0.75 acres and after 355 hours obtained a yield of 118 ozs, ground is averaging 3.9 grains per cubic yard; 40.9 yds treated per hour; ground is 8 to 12 feet deep; 75 to 80 ounces covered expenses leaving a nice profit.

04.04.1908: yield for the month was 98 ozs plus 5 ozs of concentrates; the patent gold saver caught 14 oz 7 dwt.

23.05.1908: moving the barge closer to the face so cleaned up a small paddock in 119 hours for a yield of 16 ozs.

12.09.1908: working on a wash which is at a depth of 20 feet.

03.10.1908: cleaned up for a yield of 215 ozs 10 dwt which includes 8 ozs 14 dwt from the gold saver and 3 ozs 11 dwt from the concentrates; this is the best yield so far.

14.11.1908: working payable ground.

24.12.1908: operating in the deepest part of the paddock and getting payable returns; company is now in a good financial position and there is a possibility that another plant will be erected as there is a large area of wash.

30.01.1909: yield for the quarter of 295 ozs.

17.04.1909: operating on ground from 6 to 40 feet deep and getting payable returns.

24.04.1909: yield for the quarter of 191 ozs.

02.10.1909: good progress is being made in excavating a site for the No.2 plant; the No.1 plant is working payable ground.

16.10.1909: yield of 437 ozs giving a dividend of £200.

1910: No. 1 pumped sluicing plant operating; No. 2 pumped sluicing plant operating.

18.03.1911: both plants are working well.

1911: No. 1 pumped sluicing plant operating: 12 inch water pump, 10 inch gravel pump, 125 horsepower non-condensing steam engine; No. 2 pumped sluicing plant operating: 10 inch water pump, 12 inch gravel pump, condensing steam engine.

1912: No. 1 pumped sluicing plant operating; No. 2 pumped sluicing plant operating.

1913: No. 1 pumped sluicing plant operating: 56 horsepower non-condensing steam engine; No. 2 pumped sluicing plant operating: 12 inch water pump, 10 inch gravel pump, 88 horsepower non-condensing steam engine.

1914: No. 1 pumped sluicing plant operating; No. 2 pumped sluicing plant operating.

1915: No. 1 pumped sluicing plant operating; No. 2 pumped sluicing plant operating.

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