

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: BUCYRUS STEAM SHOVEL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SHIRE OF BANNOCKBURN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD:

Industrial

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN:

Reference: Manufactured by Bucyrus Coy,
South Milwaukee
Wisconsin U.S.A.

BUILDER:

Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:

Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

Reference: Purchased in 1903 arrived at
Mt. Morgan in July 1903.

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

Landed cost at Mt. Morgan 2,662 pounds.

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

Mount Morgan Gold Mining Co. Ltd.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

Rockhampton Harbour Board
Australian Portland Cement Works, Ryansford.

OTHER NOTES

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NEGATIVE FILE:

☐	Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate	☐	Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.
☐	National Trust of Australia (NTA) Classified/Recorded File No.	☒	Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 45

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME

Bucyrus Steam Shovel
Quarry,
Ryansford

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Bannockburn
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE 217, A1

PRESENT USE

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE
ADDRESS Ryansford

Australian Portland Cement Works

TELEPHONE (052) 262630

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CORIO SHIRE

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

1. Information supplied by F. Cunningham on the Mt. Morgan Mine and the Bucyrus Steam Shovel (worked for Mt. Morgan Ltd. for 48 years)
2. Letter to Mr. K.M. Niall, Mt. Morgan Mining Co. Ltd., from Rockhampton Harbour Board 11.4.1910.
3. Notes on Bucyrus Steam Shovel working at the Harbour Board Quarries, Fitzroy River Works signed T.H. Baynes, Engineer-in-Chief.

CITATION The Bucyrus Steam Shovel at the Batesford Quarry of the Australian Portland Cement Works commenced work at the Mount Morgan Mine in Queensland in September, 1903, having been imported from the manufacturer's plant in the U.S.A.

The 55-ton shovel was purchased by the Australian Portland Cement Works after 1923 and brought to Geelong.

The machinery is one of few surviving steam-powered shovels in Australia, and of great significance to the history of industrial archaeology in this country.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- ☒ Its creative and/or technical accomplishment
☒ Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised
☒ In danger of being lost or of exceptional interest
☐ Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase
☐ Its townscape and/or landscape value
☒ Its aesthetic value

SIGNIFICANCE

☐ LOCAL ☐ REGIONAL ☒ STATE ☐ NATIONAL ☐ WORLD

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ GOOD ☐ FAIR ☒ DETERIORATED ☐ RUINS

INTEGRITY

☐ HIGH ☒ LOW ☐ ALTERED ☐ DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

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