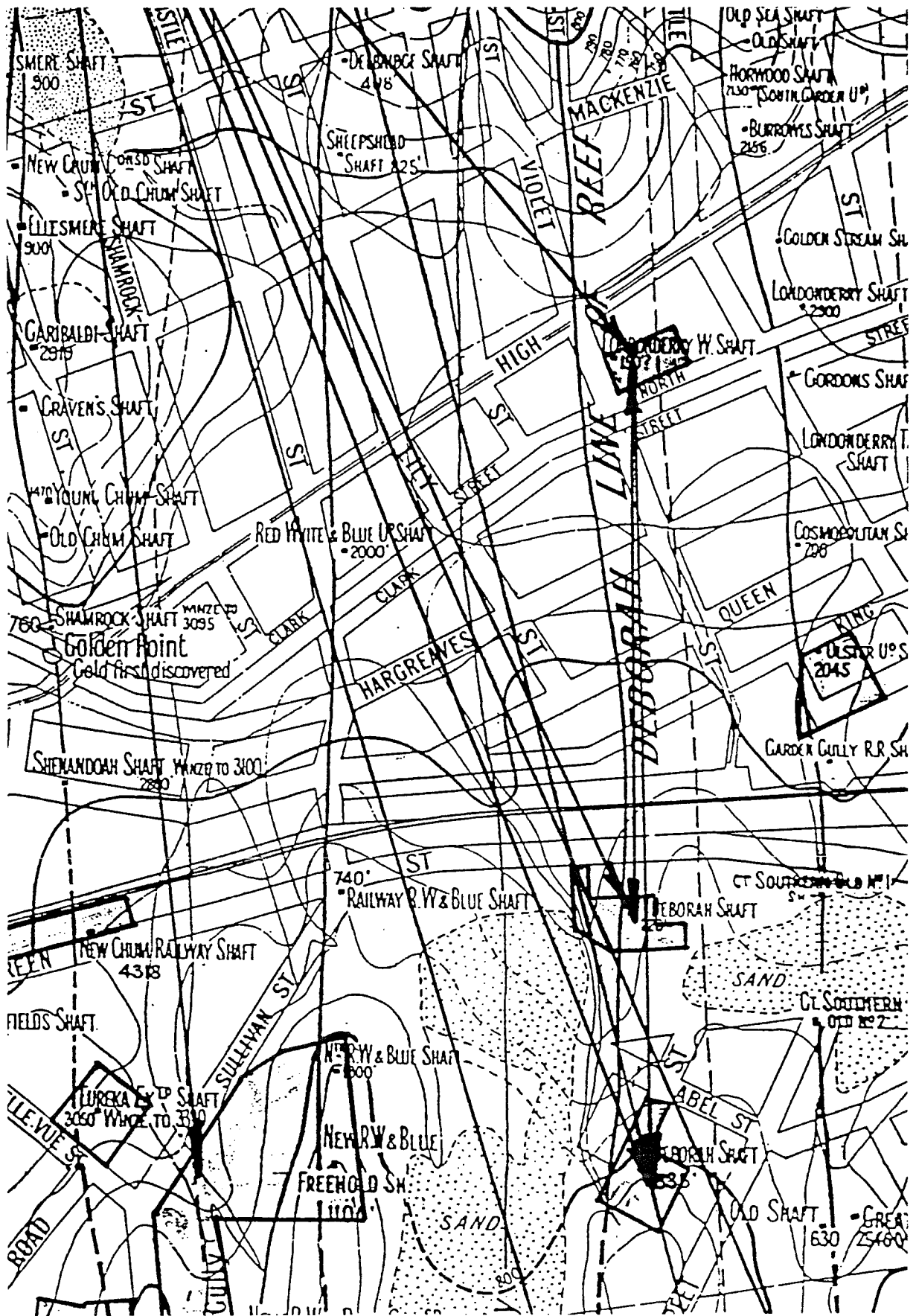


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Line of reef: Deborah [1.122, 2]

Location: between Bendigo Creek and High Street in Violet Street [1.122]; corner of Violet Street and Creek Street, with the engine house south of the shaft [2]

Grid reference: BV563275

Depth of shaft: 1347 feet [1.122, 2]

Yield: 2,900 / [1.122]; 29,460 / [2]; 29,944 / 63,386 [3]

Dividends: 39,000 pounds [2]

Period of operation: 1939-1954 [2, 5, 6]

Period of production: 1941-1954 [3, 5, 6]

Period of dividends: 1946 [3]

Best return:

Best yield:

Best dividend: 18,000 pounds (1946)[3]

Years of class 1 production:

Years of class 2 production: 1945, 1946, 1947, 1952

Years of class 3 production:

Notes: Originally the Londonderry West shaft, now a mining museum. The poppet head was originally at the No. 3 shaft, New Red, White and Blue Consolidated mine.

Photographs: Poppet head, engine house and other buildings from the corner of Violet Street and Creek Street. [2]

A group of miners underground at one of the plats in the 1940's. [4.73]

Poppet head, engine house and mullock heap from Creek Street. [1.58]

Significance

An important site during the 1930's mining revival period, which defined the northernmost workings along the Deborah line of reef and which is now the only place on Bendigo where it is possible to see mining plant, equipment and machinery at work on a site, both above and below ground. The poppet head is visible from Chum Hill, from the Deborah site, and from many other parts of central Bendigo.

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