

PRELIMINARY REPORT.THE RINGAROOMA UNITED MINE.

Several reefs exist in this Mine and include the Rosalind (and Gumsucker), South Rosalind, Premier, No. 3. Reef, Hannah, McCaul, Strahan, Fowler, Endeavour, Roaring Mag, and Cannon reefs.

These reefs were opened up in the eighties by different companies, such as the Gumsucker, Premier, Strahan etc. The Premier Co. had a battery, but no records of the early working exist.

The Ringarooma G.M.Co. Ltd., was registered in 1895, and carried out extensive workings on the Rosalind, South Rosalind, No. 3. and Premier reefs. These were worked through three adits, viz. Premier, Rosalind and Long. The payable shoots were stoped down to the level of the long adit, and it became necessary to sink a main winze below that level on the Rosalind reef. Active operations were carried out until 1900 in which year the battery was burnt down. It is reported that 2915 tons were crushed for 3621 ounces of retorted gold.

The mine was idle except for the work of small parties (Production 122 tons for 241 oz.) until 1922, when it was taken over by the Ringarooma United Gold Mining Company, N.L. The leases of this Company included all the reefs referred to at the head of this Report. The chief work carried out was sinking the main winze, driving the Hannah adit, while some stoping was carried out on the Rosalind and Hannah reefs. The work of this Company was continued by M. Hannah until 1927, stoping also being performed on the Strahan and Fowler's reefs. Records show a production of 420 ounces during this period.

Recently the Rosalind adit was extended to cut the Hannah reef at depth, but nothing of importance was cut.

Very little can be seen of the workings and reefs, and little can be added to the description of Twelvetrees (1900-1904).

The only places worthy of attention appear to be:-

1. The Rosalind reef below the long adit level.
2. The South Rosalind Reef.

As these places could not be examined, however, nothing can be said as the possibilities. According to statements made, however, the reefs are gold-bearing in these places.

3. The Strahan Reef.

The lower Strahan adit could be driven further south-east below the shoot worked in the upper Strahan adit.

4. As part of any developmental scheme, a crosscut

from the Rosalind adit could be driven east to cut the McCaul No. 1 lode (in approximately 100 feet) and Strahan reef (in approximately 350 feet) at depth.

Alternately a similar crosscut could be extended from Hannah adit.

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