

FASCINATING FIND

GIMPY HAMMER



Gympie is famous for its golden past and its floods. It is also the name of the worlds most painful plant, gimpi gimpi. Our other fame is a hammer invented here and made by the local blacksmiths.

The gimpy hammer (with various spellings) usually has a fairly short handle, with a head weighing about 4 lbs (2Kg). They were designed for use driving the rock drills in the confined quarters of the narrow tunnels that were excavated to chase the thin veins of gold in the quartz under Gympie.

Gimpy club hammers are available around the world, a new plastic handled one is shown here with an old one. They are displayed in the tank alongside more of our local historical items.