

FASCINATING FIND

SCOTTISH SCALES



Along Brisbane Road at Monkland the famous Scottish Gympie Gold Mines operated its No 1 and 3 shafts mining the Scottish, Cornish and Inglewood reefs. The Scottish mines produced about 660,000 ounces of gold, (over 18 ton), during the period from 1896 to 1924, valued then at over 2 million pounds. At today's gold price of about AU\$1450 an ounce, that would be worth about 1 billion AU\$.

This sturdy yet accurate set of scales was used by the Scottish mine to weigh the gold they produced. They are about a metre high and constructed of cast iron, copper and brass.

Along with other local mining equipment, they are on display in the tank at the museum.