

## FASCINATING FIND

### RAMMUT STAMPER

This prospector's two head stamper battery was made in Gympie by J.W. (Jack) Rammut (1889 - 1964).

Jack was a man of many talents and operated a farm, a gold processing operation and a sawmill. The museum has three of these machines, including one from a gold mine at Kabunga. We operate one of them periodically, powered by an open crank Wolsley petrol engine.

Fist sized lumps of gold bearing ore are fed into the mortar box. The heavy stamps are lifted by the cams and dropped, crushing the ore, which is washed through a screen onto an attached amalgamating table, where the fine gold is saved by amalgamation with mercury.

Overall the battery is about 8 feet high (2.4 m), the mortar box about 2 foot (600mm) wide, and the wooden flywheel about 45" (1.1 m) in diameter.

The museum also has on display a 4 hp inboard boat engine that Jack made.

