

FASCINATING FIND

RUNGE STAMPER



The famous Scottish Gympie Gold Mines at Monkland closed in 1923, and apart from the surviving retort house, none of the original buildings or machinery remain on the site.

This 4 head stamper battery, which was driven by a 10 HP Southern Cross diesel engine, was used on the site after 1927 by Archbold and Runge to crush the mullock they trucked in from other parts of the goldfield. The wooden amalgamating table was clad with a copper sheet covered in mercury, which trapped the gold. A cyanide plant was also operated to treat tailings.