

FASCINATING FIND

MINING TRUCK



A really fascinating find at the museum was discovered when volunteers were doing maintenance work among the footings of the winding engine.

This mining truck or trolley is of wooden construction with some steel where necessary, and cast iron wheels. The history of this one is unknown.

Trucks like this were used above and below ground on 2 foot (610mm) gauge rails to transport gold bearing ore to treatment, or for moving mullock (waste rock). They held about a ton of rock and were hauled by men, horses or machines.

The millions of tons of mullock that once covered parts of Gympie have largely been carted off to provide materials for roads and railways.