

FASCINATING FIND

MODEL STAMPER



One of the best exhibits at the museum is this wonderful one sixth scale motor-driven working model of a 10 head stamper battery and amalgamating tables, built by Bill Runge.

It stands about 800mm high, and produces a realistic sonic and visual demonstration of these noisy machines in action.

Within a year of James Nash finding gold here there were several stamper batteries at work crushing the gold bearing quartz from the reefs. By the turn of the century there were hundreds of them through Gympie, pounding away 24 hours a day, six days a week.

A real 100 year old stamper that we have at the museum is about 5 metres high and 5 metres long.

The famous Scottish Gold Mine at Monkland had a stamper battery of 125 head.