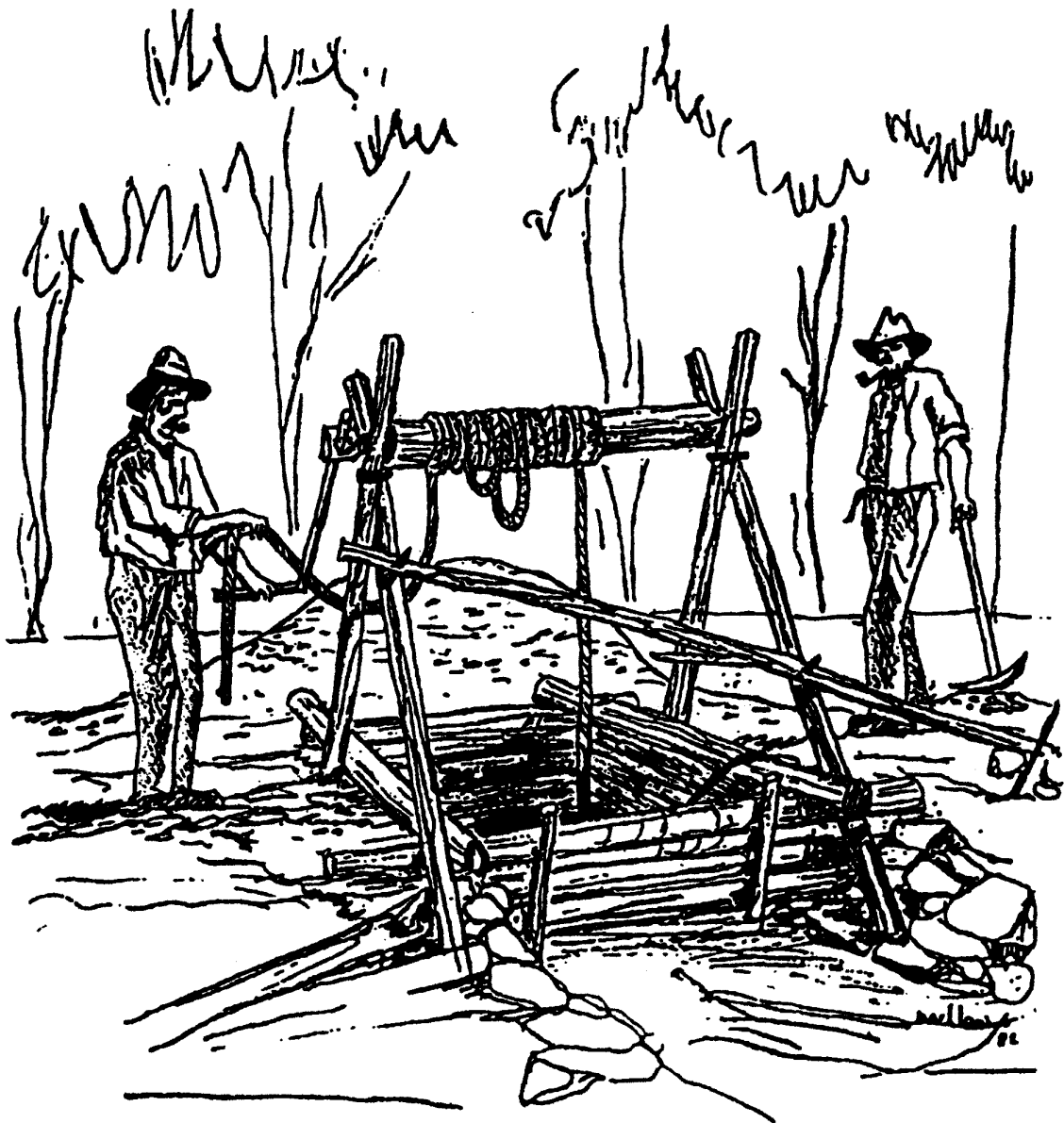
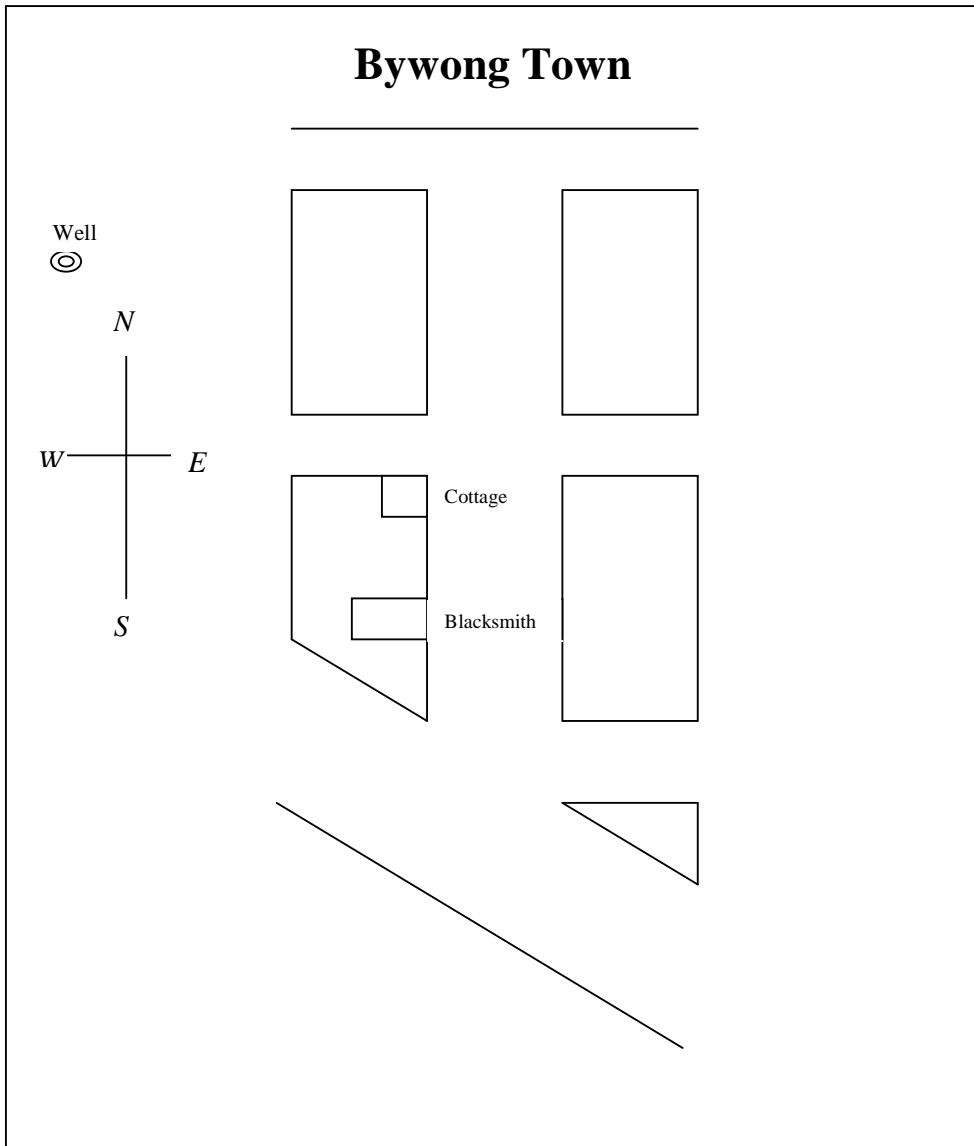


BYWONG TOWN MINING VILLAGE



1. The village of Bywong was surveyed in 18 by
2. Below is a plan of the village. Can you fill in the street names?



3. Why isn't there an established township at Bywong Town today?

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SERVICES AT BYWONG

1. Was there a store?.....
2. What did the store sell?
3. Was there a Post Office?.....
4. How often did the mail come and from where?.....
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5. Was there a school?.....
6. How many children attended the school?.....
7. Was there a doctor at Bywong?.....
8. What did the miners do in the case of sickness and accident at Bywong?
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BLACKSMITHING

Blacksmith played an important part in Australia's early pioneer and gold history. There was no blacksmith working at Bywong but if there had been he would have been responsible for a wide range of services.

1. Name some of the services provided by a blacksmith?.....
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2. Where would the miners have had to travel to if they could not afford to pay a blacksmith?
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3. What would they have done if they could not afford to pay, or to travel to a blacksmith?
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4. Sketch and name the main tools used in blacksmithing.



NEEDS OF MINERS AT BYWONG

FOOD

1. What sort of food did they eat?.....
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2. How did they cook it?.....
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3. Where did they get their supplies?.....
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WATER

1. Where did they get their water from?.....
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2. Why was the government well sunk?.....
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3. Who dug the well?.....
4. How does the water get into the well?.....
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5. Why is the well lined with stone?.....
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6. What was the water used for?.....
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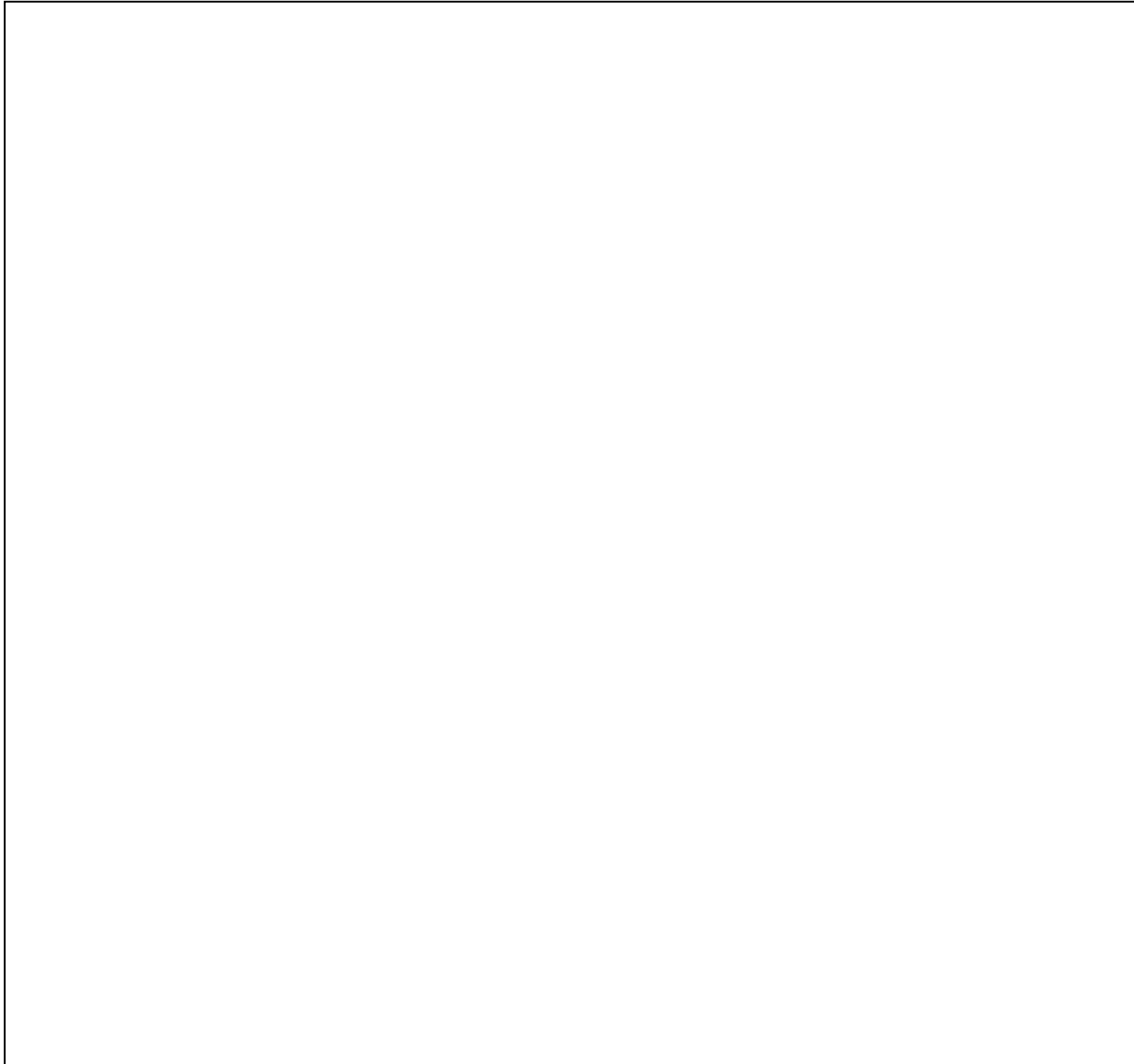
SHELTER

1. List the different types of dwelling at Bywong.
2. What do you think are the reasons for the different types of construction?

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3. Where possible ironbark trees were used for buildings in Bywong. What were the reasons for using ironbark?.....
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4. Stringybark trees were also used at Bywong. Describe what was used from the trees and for what purpose.....
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5. Sketch four different types of dwellings and describe what materials were used.



6. What is a pise hut?.....
7. How long would it take to build a pise hut?.....
8. What sort of roof was used?.....
9. Why is pise fragile?.....
10. What was used to weatherproof the walls?.....

MINERS SKILLS

- 1. What is the name of the type of gold mining at Bywong?.....
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- 2. How did the miners know that there was gold in the ground?.....
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- 3. What is the host rock to gold in the Bywong area?.....
- 4. What are the two indicators that the miners would have looked for, to find out whether gold might be in the ground?.....
- 5. How did the miners extract the quartz from the ground?.....
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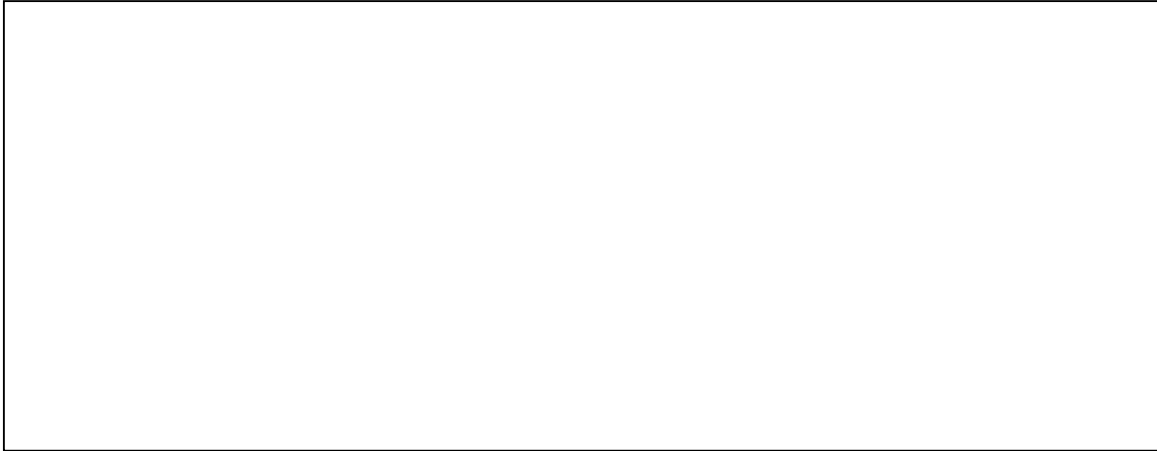


- 6. What rules did the miners need to obey?.....
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- 7. What did the miners do with their gold?.....
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- 8. What types of machine helped the miners?
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- 9. Explain the amalgamation process and what makes the amalgam?.....
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TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

1. Sketch some of the tools used by the miners



2. Explain how the horse drawn whim works and what was needed to construct it.

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3. Sketch and name some labour saving devices used by the miners.



4. How did these make work easier for the miners?.....

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5. Why were the miners considered lucky if they owned a horse and waggon?.....

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CHILDREN OF THE GOLDFIELDS

Children of the miners at Bywong in the 1890's obviously did not have television, videos games I-pods, or any of the games that are available to children today. If you were part of a miner's family in those days, what games do you think you would have played? What sort of toys would you have had? Would you have done your share of work around the house – what would that have been? [It would have been different for boys and girls] Would you have liked to have been living then? Write a short story which gives your answers to these questions.



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