



▲ Fig. 1 Aerial view over the Golden Mile, Kalgoorlie, 1946



▲ Fig. 2 Alluvial panning for gold

The history of the Golden Mile

This is one of the new StoryMaps from the Kalgoorlie Super Pit StoryMap collection published by the Geological Survey of Western Australia.

Alluvial gold was first discovered on the slopes of Mount Charlotte in June 1893 by Irish prospectors Paddy Hannan, Thomas Flanagan and Dan O'Shea.

The discovery sparked the Western Australian Kalgoorlie gold rush and unearthed one of the richest goldfields in the world, referred to as the Golden Mile.

This StoryMap describes the events of the gold rush in Kalgoorlie, including the implications of the sudden population boom and need for huge amounts of resources such as timber and water, building of the 'Golden Pipeline', and tales of how the streets of Kalgoorlie ended up being literally paved with real gold.

This StoryMap also contains the addition of links to Australian Earth Science curriculum topics identified within the Story.

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