

The discovery of gold (1953)

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NARRATOR: Edward Hargraves discovered gold near Bathurst, New South Wales, in 1851. And within a few years, strikes had been made in widely separated parts of the continent, attracting thousands of gold seekers from other countries.

In 1893, one of these men, Paddy Hannon, stumbled across a gold deposit at Kalgoorlie in Western Australia that opened up one of the richest goldfields in the world, known today as Kalgoorlie's Golden Mile.

The early diggers scratched the surface of the earth, but today 4,000 men work deep in the shafts of the Golden Mile.