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# GULF STATION, YARRA GLEN

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## Location

1029 MELBA HIGHWAY YARRA GLEN, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0173

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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This historic homestead was built in the 1850's and the surrounds were farmed by the Bell family for almost 100 years. This site consists of ten rustic timber farm buildings with corrugated iron roofs; which have been constructed using various vertical and horizontal slabs with structural members of peeled logs.

There is the potential for significant archaeological deposits to exist that relate to the Bell families occupation of the site. This site represents a preserved example of early pastoralism in rural Victoria and the domestic life of the Bell family. This site displays examples of early architecture in rural Victoria. Examples of farm machinery and techniques.

This site is significant for the community as an example of life of one pioneering family, and to others in the state as a National Trust Property.

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Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: After surveyor Robert Hoddle explored the area in 1838 it became known as Yarra Flats, but the Scottish settlers favoured Yarra Glen, the name which has survived to this day. William Bell and his three sons became established land holders by 1854. William Bell died in 1870 but the property remained with his descendants until after World War Two, when a soldier settler, J. Smedley, took over. The State Government purchased the remnants of the property totally 16 ha in 1976 and appointed the National Trust as the Committee of Management.

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