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# Glenfine Mining and Homestead Complex

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## Location

Glenfine Road CAPE CLEAR, Golden Plains Shire

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0017

## Heritage Listing

Golden Plains Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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Victorian Heritage Register

Heritage Inventory History of Site: In 1833 Thomas Downie migrated to Australia from Scotland and settled a tract of land in the Creesy district that became known as the 'Glenfine' run. In 1848, Thomas Chirnside acquired the land. In 1853 his brother, John took over the property and ran it as a horsestud. It was sold to William Rowe in 1857. Rowe used Glenfine as a pastoral property. A stone villa residence was built in 1873. Gold was discovered at Glenfine in 1898 and Rowe created a private township sub-division on the property. The established township was known as Hollybush and by 1900 it had a population of 426. By the 1920's the gold was depleting and Hollybush ceased to function as a town.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Golden Plains - Golden Plains Shire Heritage Study Phase 1, Lorraine Huddle P/L, 2003;
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## Physical Description 1

Victorian Heritage Register

Description: Remains of Glenfine South Mining Co, consisting of 2 separate shafts and accompanying foundations. The remains of the mullock heaps, quartz wash and tailings heaps cover an extensive area. North-west of the mine are the footings of structures associated with the mining township of Hollybush. NE of the mine is the Glenfine Homestead complex.

## Physical Description 2

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Homestead Statement of Significance: Two-storey mansion of 1873 of bluestone rendered to emphasize quoins, heavy cast-iron ornament and paired columns on verandah and balcony extending around three sides, steeply pitched slate roof with bracketed eaves and attic ventilators and interesting attached conservatory. Architect H R Caselli. The bluestone paving and walling at the rear is noted. Minor internal alterations since 1946 also probably include removal of original rendered decoration to external arch of entrance porch.

Mile Post Statement of Significance: Cast iron mile post originally on roadside at Pitfield. Mine Ruins Statement of Significance: Ruins of brick buildings with arched openings including one small vaulted chamber possibly former explosives store, adjacent to mullock heaps, the remains of the gold rush to Pitfield in the 1890s.

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