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# SUNNYSIDE TOWNSHIP SITE

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## Location

OMEIO HIGHWAY GLEN WILLS, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8424-0027

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 12154

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Gold reefs were worked in the Sunnyside area from 1891, and the reefs there were the main focus of activity during the first phase of quartz mining in the Mt Wills area (the second phase beginning in 1931 at Glen Wills). By 1893, Sunnyside township (originally known as the Slope), on the northern flank of Mt Wills, had a population of 300. The town had a store and post office, two billiard saloons, an accommodation house, numerous huts, and 37 'habitations' at the end of 1894, and a school was established soon after. The township was surveyed in 1896. Sunnyside store was burnt down in 1906, after which the town began to decline. As time went on, Sunnyside's sole reason for existence was to service the United Brothers mine, and when it shut down in 1913 the town was finished. The last house was removed from Sunnyside in about 1920

Reference:Fairweather, pp. 169-89

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