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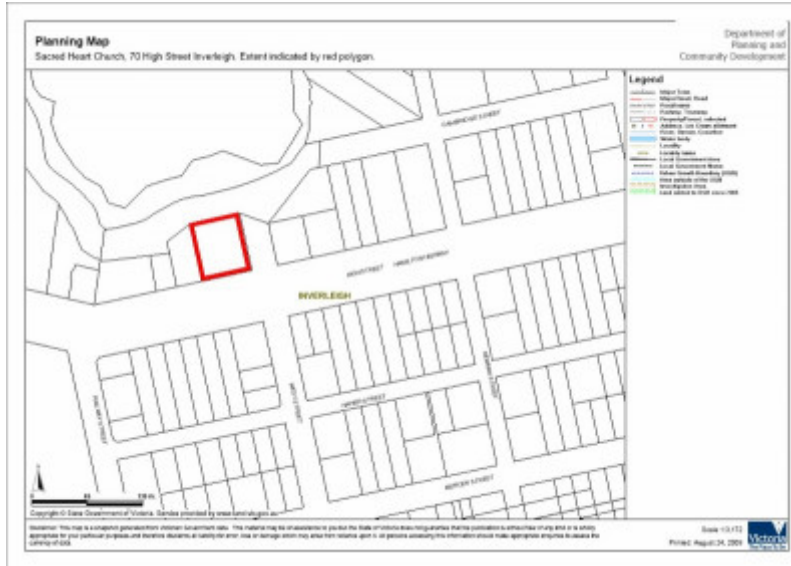
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Extent of registration map

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## Location

70 High Street, INVERLEIGH VIC 3321 - Property No 29990011

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO117

## Heritage Listing

Golden Plains Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 25, 2009

### What is Significant?

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 70 High Street, Inverleigh is located on the north side of the main street of the town. It was built in 1933, possibly as means of providing work during the Depression, and was designed in a simple restrained Gothic Revival style using typical materials for its time. The interior of the church is substantially intact and contributes to the overall integrity of the building. Integrity is demonstrated by the internal space, roof structure, battened wall linings, timber dado linings, interior doors with gothic arches, arched entry to the sacristy, windows, light fittings, pews and ecclesiastical fixtures and fittings. No architect has yet been associated with the design. The present church replaced an earlier timber church on this site which in turn replaced another on a site near the Inverleigh Cemetery. Mature *Cupressus macrocarpa* (Monterey Cypress Trees) surround the site. The building is largely intact, retains an excellent degree of integrity and is in good condition.

### How is it Significant?

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Inverleigh is of historical, architectural and social significance to the Golden Plains Shire.

### Why is it Significant?

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Inverleigh is of historical significance as a late church, possibly reflecting the need for employment during the Great Depression. The church is of social significance for reflecting the relative wealth and sense of community of the Catholics in the area. The church is of architectural significance for its conservative use of the ubiquitous Gothic Revival style.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Golden Plains - Golden Plains Shire Heritage Study Phase 2, Heritage Matters P/L, 2009;
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## Historical Australian Themes

The Australian Heritage Commission devised the Australian Historic Themes in 2001. The following themes have influenced the historical development of the ...

### 8 Developing Australia's Cultural Life

#### 8.6 Worshipping

##### 8.6.1 Worshipping together

##### 8.6.2 Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies

##### 8.6.4 Making places for worship

#### 8.7 Honouring achievement

#### 8.8 Remembering the fallen

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings

## **Intactness**

The church is intact externally and internally.

## **Integrity**

The church retains an excellent integrity.

## **Physical Description 1**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church (70 High Street) is located on the northern side of High Street. It dates from the 1930s and is clad in cement sheeting, possibly asbestos, with detailed strapping and a weatherboard dado. The gables are partly finished in timber shingles. It has a vestry at the rear and features four bays and diaper lead lighting contained within the lancet windows. It also features a small entrance porch with a mounted principal cross. It is finished in an appropriate exterior colour scheme. The front fence and gates are standard Cyclone products.

## **Physical Description 2**

Extent of registration: To the extent of the whole of the building, including the interior of the church, the mature trees, and all of the land comprising Allotment 13 of Section C of the Township of Inverleigh.

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