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# TULLAREE



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## Location

1050 STEWART & DUNLOPS ROAD, BUFFALO, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

Tullaree, at 90 McRae Road, Buffalo, built c.1907, is significant. The red brick, tuck pointed transitional Victorian-Federation homestead has a symmetrical hip and valley roof. The entrance features a projecting arched portico intersecting the three-sided bullnose verandah, supported by double neck moulded paired, stop chamfered verandah posts. The projecting arched portico has a gable roof with a fretted gable end, overhanging the roughcast gable end wall to the portico with 'Tullaree' on a heraldic shield. Other contributory elements include:

- Rendered chimney cap mouldings
- Paired eaves brackets
- Tripartite front windows with floor level sills
- Projecting brick bay windows Internal ceilings lined in Lincrusta Walton wallpaper (embossed wallpaper)

Other key features of heritage significance on the property include the pair of Washingtonia Palms at front of homestead.

Non-original alterations and additions are not of heritage significance.

**How is it significant?**

Tullaree is of local historic, aesthetic and technical significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

**Why is it significant?**

Historically, Tullaree is the oldest homestead in the Buffalo and Tarwin district. Tullaree was instrumental in opening up the swampy country of the Parish of Tarwin South as a grazing area. It is one of the only substantial dwellings in the area, associated with large scale early grazing properties that it still extant. The homestead demonstrates the early settlement and development of this area of the South Gippsland Shire. The homestead has been connected to the renown Clement family. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, this homestead is the most substantial Victorian-Federation house in the South Gippsland Shire. Tullaree is a locally rare example of this style of house in brick construction. This is especially significant as brick materials were extremely restricted in the Buffalo and Tarwin area due to the distance and difficulty of the terrain. The Washingtonian Palms and the unique portico enhance the aesthetic significance of the homestead. (Criterion E)

Technically, the quality of the brickwork and detailing, including tuck pointing of the building, is locally rare within the Shire. This detailing, combined with the unique projecting arched portico, illustrates the high-quality work on the homestead, that aligns with the wealth of the Clement family. (Criterion F)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1907, 1907, 1907,
Other Names	-, Clement homestead, House, thematic,
Hermes Number	30560
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The homestead at "Tullaree", at 1050 Stewart and Dunlops Road, Buffalo is a large tuck pointed brick Victorian-Federation transitional villa in symmetrical hip and valley form. The three-sided bullnose verandah is intersected at the recessed entry by an arched portico with its gable roof at the same level as the main roof. Other notable elements include:

- The fretted gable end fascia to the portico.
- The roughcast gable end wall to the portico with the name of the property emblazoned on a heraldic shield.
- The rendered chimney cap mouldings.
- The paired eaves brackets.
- The tripartite front windows with floor level sills placed in projecting brick bays.
- The double neck moulds to the paired stop chamfered verandah posts.
- The internal ceilings are lined in "Lincrusta Walton", an embossed linoleum like material.

It is unlikely that the interior decorations cost the reputed amount of money. However, something special may be hidden behind the present paint. The former verandah brackets and possible frieze are now missing, its floor has been re-decked and the timber roof framing has been replaced with steel.

The setting of the homestead is enhanced by a pair of Washingtonia Palms in the front of the house.

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