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# AGNES STATE SCHOOL NO.3043 (FORMER)



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## Location

9 MAIN STREET, FOSTER, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO38

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 23, 2022

### What is significant?

The former Agnes State School has been relocated to the Foster Museum, 9 Main Street, Foster. The building now forms part of the South Gippsland Historical Society complex, which includes a collection of historic buildings and objects from Foster and the surrounding districts.

The former Agnes State School No. 3043, constructed by John Sumners and opened in June 1906 at Agnes, and later moved to the present site at Main Street, Foster. The former Agnes State School No. 3043 is a small weatherboard gabled hall with a projecting porch.

### How is it significant?

The former Agnes State School No. 3043 is of local historic, social and architectural significance to Foster and Agnes district.

**Why is it significant?**

Historically and socially, although no longer on its original site, the School is still able to illustrate the early development of educational facilities in the Shire. It is of particular interest as one of two surviving examples (the other being at Moyarra) of how prior to 1910 small schools were established by local communities if they agreed to provide a building. (Criterion A)

Architecturally, the school is a locally rare example of a non-standard school building of the type constructed by local communities before the Education Department introduced a standard design for very small schools in 1910. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1906, 1906, 1906,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department, John Sumners,
Other Names	Foster Museum, Foster Historical Society Museum, Former Agnes State School No. 3043,
Hermes Number	30603
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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