
KORUMBURRA HOTEL



Korumburra Hotel (2020)



Korumburra Hotel (2000)



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Location

81 COMMERCIAL STREET, KORUMBURRA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Korumburra Hotel (formerly Radovick's Hotel) at 81 Commercial Street, Korumburra, built in 1890, is significant. The two-storey rendered brick hotel with a rendered brick parapet concealing the unique roofline. The building has a two-storey street verandah on the Commercial and Radovick Street frontages with iron balustrades and lacework on the upper floor. The supporting pillars have rectangular indents and the original corner entry point from the original building remains. Other contributory features include:

- Four chimneys on original building
- 1931 additions to extend the building

Non-original alterations and additions, other than those specified above, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Korumburra Hotel (former Radovick's Hotel), at 81 Commercial Street, is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the South Gippsland Shire Council. The site is also very strongly associated with Mr Antonio Radovick.

Why is it significant?

Historically, The Korumburra Hotel (then Radovick's Hotel) was the first hotel to be built in Korumburra and one of the first commercial buildings in the town. Mr Antonio Radovick purchased the land during the first Korumburra land sales in January 1888 and built a timber hotel with verandah. The property was sold on 26 November 1931, coinciding with the Interwar additions seen today. The Korumburra Hotel demonstrates the early development of Korumburra and reflects the commercial focus in Korumburra at the time. The hotel also demonstrates the continued use of the property over time as a hotel on the main street of Korumburra. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, the hotel is in a prominent position on the corner of Radovick and Commercial Streets and significantly contributes to these streetscapes. The hotel's two storey facades and verandahs with cast iron balustrades on two elevations make the building significant to the aesthetic and historic character of Korumburra. (Criterion E)

Mr Antonio Radovick was a key figure in the early development of Korumburra, as evidenced by the naming of one of the earliest streets in the town after him (Radovick Street). Mr Radovick owned the Hotel until 1899 and used the venue for public meetings and gatherings. Although the hotel's name has since been changed from 'Radovick's Hotel', the building remains linked to him through its location at the Radovick St entrance. (Criterion H)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1890, 1890, 1931, 1934, 1890, 1931,
Other Names	Former Radovick's Hotel,
Hermes Number	30711
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

brick hotel with a brick parapet and a two storey street verandah to two street frontages. Occupying a prominent corner site at the intersection with Radovick Street, the Hotel is an imposing element in the streetscape of Commercial Street.

The original hotel on this site was constructed of timber and early photographs show it with a verandah only to the Commercial Street elevation. It is not clear how much of the original fabric survives under the later additions, which were presumably carried out during the interwar period.

The cast iron balustrade to the upper verandah was possibly recycled from the original building.

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