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# KORUMBURRA BAPTIST CHURCH



Korumburra Baptist Church



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## Location

39A MINE ROAD, KORUMBURRA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO61

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Korumburra Baptist Church, designed by Jervis and Ormerod and constructed by Mr Faulkner in 1895, at Mine Road, Korumburra.

The design of the Korumburra Baptist Church is based on the simple 45 degree Gothic weatherboard nave with lancet windows decorated with geometric leadlight. The building is distinguished by the design of the skillion half hip porch and the unusual splayed semi-tower above it. These are clad in cement sheet with cover strips set out in a panelled design with diagonal elements and contain small Gothic windows and a Gothic lancet panel in the "tower". The porch and tower are roofed with terra cotta shingles with bracketed eaves. The tower is finished with

a three-sided cone in the same profile as the nave roof.

Given the the original date of construction and the lack of similar features on the main structure, the very distinctive design of the porch and "tower" suggests that they may have been added at a later date, possibly the inter war period.

There are substantial later additions to the rear.

#### **How is it significant?**

The Korumburra Baptist Church is of local historic and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

#### **Why is it significant?**

Historically, it is important as the first Baptist Church to be built in the Shire, and is thought to be the only early Baptist Church still extant. It is therefore highly significant in demonstrating the early development of this Church in the Shire. (AHC criteria - A.4, B.2 and D.2)

Aesthetically, it is an interesting example of Federation Carpenter Gothic style, which includes unusual detailing not found elsewhere in the Shire such as the treatment of the main front with its panelled projections. (AHC criteria - B.2 and E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1895, 1895, 1895,
Architect/Designer	Jervis & Ormerod,
Other Names	-,
Hermes Number	30720
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

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There are substantial later additions to the rear. There is no fence.

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