
WAHROONGA



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Location

7855 BASS HIGHWAY, LEONGATHA SOUTH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Rec for HO area contributory

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 2022

What is significant?

The Wahroonga homestead, at 7855 Bass Highway, Leongatha South, constructed in c.1897, is significant. This large Asymmetrical Transitional weatherboard villa has a front and side projecting gable with four bi-chrome corbelled brick chimneys. The projecting gables include bracketed gable ends with gable frames, finials, and projecting box bay casement and hopper windows. The bullnose return verandah is decorated with a ladder frame frieze and fretted bracket, and is supported by turned timber posts.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

Historically, Wahroonga is one of the oldest homesteads in the Leongatha district, with evidence of construction prior to the devastating 1898 bushfires. This homestead is one of a small number of rural buildings and

homesteads that demonstrate this earliest phase of settlement and development in the Leongatha area. Wahroonga, which is believed to be a former dairy, also has former associations to the locally important Henderson family. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, this homestead is a superior example within the Shire of an asymmetrical Victorian-Federation villa, especially the notable detailing including the original box windows, corbelled chimneys and gable ends. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1897, 1897, 1897,
Other Names	Extra, title,thematic, house, homestead, Federation, -,
Hermes Number	30761
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

"Wahroonga", at 7855 Bass Highway, Leongatha South is a large asymmetrical Transitional weatherboard villa with projecting front and side gables and a return bullnose verandah. Other notable elements include:

- The bi-chrome corbelled brick chimneys.
- The bracketed stepped gable ends with batten frames and finials.
- The projecting box bay casement and hopper windows.
- The verandah with its ladder frame frieze and fretted brackets, supported on turned posts.

The homestead faces the road at the end of a driveway lined with Cypress Trees. There is believed to be an early dairy on the property.

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