
LEONGATHA RAILWAY STATION COMPLEX



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Location

LONG STREET, LEONGATHA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO67

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Leongatha Railway Station complex is of local historic and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

Historically, the complex at Leongatha was second in importance only to Korumburra on the South Eastern Railway and demonstrates the importance of railways to the development of the Shire. It is also important as one of a group of public buildings constructed in Leongatha in the Federation period that demonstrate the emerging importance of the town as a commercial and civic centre at that time. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2)

Aesthetically, the station building, which is one of only two constructed of brick in the Shire, is a substantially intact example of the "Specials" sub-group of the "Gisborne" style that retains the corrugated iron wing on the up side, which is now rare. The overall complex, which includes associated buildings such as the Goods Shed and staff accommodation, and the informal park surrounds forms an important precinct that makes a significant contribution to the historic character of Leongatha. (AHC criterion - E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1910,
Architect/Designer	Victorian Railways,
Hermes Number	30788
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Leongatha Railway Station complex comprises a four track carriageway with the principal station and other buildings located to the east and the goods shed to the west opposite the platform. The station building is single storey brick building in Federation Queen Anne style with a terra cotta tile roof. The major half hip office element is extended along the platform to the north by the waiting room with a lower, narrower hip section. The entry is marked by a projecting gabled porch at the re-entry of the intersection of the two platform elements. The building is extended further north with a galvanised iron toilet block with a vaulted roof and gabled end parapets. Other notable elements of the station building include:

- The battened half hip ends with terra cotta finials.
- The tapered roughcast chimneys with flat caps and pots.
- The decorative parapet projecting above the main segmental window of the office building.
- The roughcast upper body above a string mould to the brick walls.
- Quoined and chamfered brickwork to the main body of the walls.
- The projecting bracketed gable porch supported on splayed chamfered posts carried on brick pedestals.
- The projecting timber viewing room and the relatively intact fittings of the office.
- The pressed metal ceiling to the office.
- The cantilevered steel platform canopy with a scalloped valance, which extends for the length of the building.
- The corrugated iron wing on the "up" side containing the ladies and men's toilets

The platform front is constructed of non-original pre-cast concrete. To the north of the station building is a recent water tank on a steel framed stand, beyond which is a steel pedestrian overpass bridge with a ramp down to the platform level. Now closed, this replaced the original timber truss footbridge. To the south is a galvanised iron shed (lamp room) with a vaulted roof. The goods shed opposite the platform is a typical small vertical galvanised iron structure with a gable roof extended over the loading dock. A more recent skillion goods shed with loading bays is located to the north west of the complex.

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