
LEONGATHA STRZELECKI MEMORIAL



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Memorial

Location

LONG STREET, LEONGATHA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO68

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Strzelecki Memorial at Leongatha, designed by J.T. Knox and constructed by Jas. Palmer in 1927 at Long Street, Leongatha.

Why is it significant?

The Strzelecki Memorial at Leongatha is of local historic and technical significance to the town and district of

Leongatha.

Historically, it is important as one of a series of similar memorials that were erected in 1927 at various sites throughout Gippsland, including Mirboo North and Korumburra, to commemorate the exploration of Gippsland by Paul Edmund Strzelecki. It is also of interest for its association with James T Knox. (AHC criteria - A.4, D.2 and G.1)

Technically, it is of interest as the only example in the Shire of the use of concrete block construction, as pioneered by James T Knox, in a public monument. (AHC criterion - E.1 and F.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1927,
Architect/Designer	Knox, James,
Hermes Number	30789
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Strzelecki Memorial at Leongatha, located close to the road on Long Street in the railway reserve, is a simple squat square tapered column of concrete blocks on a roughly coursed bluestone rubble square base, with a flat pyramidal top surmounted by a weather vane. A bronze plaque on the east side commemorates Strzelecki's passage through South Gippsland; "Count Strzelecki. First Explorer of South Gippsland passed within 10 miles of this spot May 1840". A drinking fountain is located above a small projecting trough below the plaque.

The concrete blocks were supplied by James T Knox, and are the same used at other buildings he constructed in the Shire including Knox's Rockhill farm, his former Manager's residence in Simon's Lane, and the "Star" Office in McCartin Street.

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