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# COLONIAL HOUSE



Colonial House (2000)



Colonial House - 25 Clarence Street image152



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## Location

25 CLARENCE STREET, LOCH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The 'Colonial House', at 25 Clarence Street, Loch, built in c.1890, is significant. The weatherboard asymmetrical Victorian villa has projecting eaves to the North and South with an added octagonal bay to the West, at the front of the building. The villa has a return bullnose verandah with slender cast iron posts and a cast-iron frieze. The eaves are decorated with paired crickets and alternating 'cricket bat' moulds and bosses, and dentil moulds beneath the verandah gutter boards. The windows throughout the house have segmentally arched heads and the front window is a three-part, double hung window. The side panelled door is in casement with sidelights, as part of the false Ashlar weatherboard front of the house. Other features include the two corbelled brick chimneys with rounded capping and the two large Aracuria trees denoting the front boundary. Non-original alterations and additions, other than those specified above, are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The 'Colonial House' at 25 Clarence Street, Loch, is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

**Why is it significant?**

Historically, this house is believed to be one of the oldest buildings in Loch. It has been a key property in the community, including in the 1920s, when it was owned by Dr. Naylor. The doctor used part of 'Colonial House' as his home surgery, making the property well known. This house demonstrates the first phase in the development of Loch following the opening of the South Eastern Railway in 1890. (Criteria A)

Aesthetically, this is a superior example of an asymmetrical Victorian villa with full detailing. It also demonstrates the only known example in the South Gippsland Shire of a cast iron verandah. The context of the building is enhanced by the mature, manicured gardens on the property, including the two mature *Araucaria* trees. This place significantly contributes to the aesthetic character of Clarence Street and Loch. (Criteria E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1890, 1890, 1890,
Other Names	Title, thematic, -,
Hermes Number	30868
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

"Colonial House" at 25 Clarence Street, Loch is an asymmetrical Victorian hip and valley weatherboard villa with projecting bays to the front and side and a return bullnose verandah. The front bay has a full height added octagonal bay with segmental arch heads to the windows. Other notable elements include:

- Corbelled brick chimneys with rounded cappings above the corbels
- Eaves decoration of paired brackets and alternating "cricket bat" moulds and bosses.
- Dentil moulds beneath the verandah gutter boards.
- Slender cast iron posts and a cast iron frieze to the verandah. (One of only two known examples in the Shire)
- A three part front double hung window and wide door casing with panelled door and sidelights.
- False ashlar weatherboards to the front of the house.

There are two large *Araucaria* trees at the front boundary. A modern steel picket fence at the front boundary is inappropriate.

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