

LOCH MASONIC TEMPLE



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Location

20 VICTORIA ROAD, LOCH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Rec for HO area contributory

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Loch Masonic Temple at 20 Victoria Road, Loch, built in 1922, is significant. The building is a hipped, red brick Interwar hall with a lower transverse front gable with a rendered parapet across the frontage and the North Western corner, including a flat triangular pediment centred above the projecting entry. The entrance includes a set of brick stairs with rendered balustrades meeting a narrow entry door, while above the door height along the Western wall is rendered with square cornices. Other key features include:

- Small windows
- Piers either side of entry capped with Ionic volutes
- Corbelled architraves
- Postwar additions, including supper room, to rear (Western hip)

Non-original alterations and additions, other than those specified above, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Loch Masonic Temple at 20 Victoria Road is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the Loch Masonic Lodge was the third Lodge to be established in South Gippsland after being completed in July 1924 and the first meeting to be held in the new building on 14 August of the same year. This Temple was one of three Masonic Halls in South Gippsland to be built during the Interwar period, demonstrating the significance of the Masonic organisations within the Shire community at this time. This Temple demonstrates the growth of Loch as a community during the Interwar period . (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, the combination of brick and rendered Interwar architectural features give the building a unique character within Loch. This building is a superior example of an Interwar hall within South Gippsland Shire and significantly contributes to the character of Loch. (Criterion E)

Socially, Masonic organisations were, and continue to be a significant part of the social fabric of the South Gippsland Shire community. Over time, this building has also been used by other community groups such as the Girl Guides, enhancing its social significance for the community of Loch. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1922, 1922, 1922,
Architect/Designer	Unknown,
Other Names	-,
Hermes Number	30876
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Loch Masonic Temple at 20 Victoria Road, Loch, is a large hipped Interwar red brick hall with a lower transverse front gable hidden behind a parapeted entry element at the front north west corner and an extended parapet wall to the east capped with a false tile roof. It is built up on a brick base at the street front and the narrow entry door is approached by a flight of steps with a rendered balustrade. The windows, which like most Masonic buildings are typically small, are located where the brick wall body ends at door height, while the upper part of the wall is rendered and includes a square cornice and the higher entry parapet with a flat triangular pediment. The piers at either side of the entry element are capped with Ionic volutes and support a corbelled architrave. A west side hip has been added in the post war period.

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