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# Fish Creek Memorial Hall



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## Location

13 Falls Road FISH CREEK, South Gippsland Shire

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Fish Creek Memorial Hall, designed by TE Molloy and constructed by Cunningham and Smith in 1930 at 13 Falls Road, Fish Creek.

Why is it Significant?

The Fish Creek Memorial Hall is of local aesthetic and social significance to South Gippsland Shire.

Aesthetically, it is a key public building that contributes to the historic character of Fish Creek and is also of interest as a substantially intact example of the work of the important local architect TE Molloy that may be directly compared with the more superior Mirboo-on-Tarwin Public Hall. (AHC criteria - E.1, F.1 and H.1) Socially,

it demonstrates the importance of public halls to the development of small rural towns. (AHC criterion - G.1)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004; |
| Construction dates        | 1930,   |
| Other Names               | 13 Falls Road Fish Creek 3959,  |
| Hermes Number             | 125659  |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Description 1

The Fish Creek Memorial Hall is another example of a public hall design by local architect, TE Molloy, and is a simple gabled brick hall with a cinema projection box as a smaller projecting gable over the entry portico, which is supported on concrete "Doric" columns standing on pedestals at either side. The false gable end on the portico is a later addition, covering the original masonry parapet. This portico is flanked by matching hipped side rooms with paired sets of multi-pane metal windows.

The hall has a steel roof frame with a vaulted ceiling, presumably carried on the bottom chords of the trusses. It has an elevated rear stage and side wings with a rear supper room. The undercroft and base of the main structure is in reinforced concrete.

The nature of the design, apart from the portico columns is very utilitarian, but the massing is reminiscent of that of the Mirboo-on-Tarwin Public Hall by the same architect, which was built in the previous year. (see separate citation.)

## Historical Australian Themes

Thematic Context

Government and Community Institutions

Sub-Themes

Schools, Churches, Public Halls, Cemeteries & Hospitals

## Physical Description 2

Designer

TE Molloy

Contractor

Cunningham & Smith

Style

Interwar Public Hall

## Veterans Description for Public

The Fish Creek Memorial Hall was opened in April 1930. The architect was TE Molloy and the contractor was Cunningham & Smith of Korumburra. It replaced the original Fish Creek Public Hall that had been constructed in 1900 and was situated opposite this site, on land where the Butter Factory was constructed in 1934.

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