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# BUFFALO STATIONMASTER'S RESIDENCE



Buffalo Station residence

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## Location

12 MCPHEE STREET, BUFFALO, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Demolished/Removed

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Buffalo Stationmaster's residence, designed by the Victorian Railways and constructed c.1928, at 12 McPhee Street, Buffalo is significant. It is a single storey double fronted dwelling with a transverse gable roof extended to cover the front verandah. The central front doors are flanked by double hung windows with four panes per sash. The verandah posts are square and there are simple timber fret brackets. There is a plain brick chimney on one side.

Non-original alterations and additions to the residence are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The former Buffalo Stationmaster's residence is of local historic, and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland

Shire.

### **Why is it significant?**

Historically, it is one of a number of similar residences that were erected at stations along the South Eastern Railway line, and is the only extant building associated with the former Buffalo station. It is important in demonstrating the importance of the railway to small rural towns and the continuing development of the railway in the interwar period. Once relatively common at railway stations throughout South Gippsland, this is now one of only two known surviving examples on their original site in the Shire. (Criteria A & B)

Aesthetically, it is the most intact example of this type of station residence in the Shire, and its form and detail represents the simple, but well resolved standard design used by the Victorian Railways at the time. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1928,
Architect/Designer	Victorian Railways,
Other Names	Railways Departmental Residence, House,
Hermes Number	30559
Property Number	

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### **Physical Description 1**

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The Buffalo Station residence is essentially identical to those erected at Korumburra and Leongatha during the same period (see separate citations) and is the most superior example, in terms of its intactness.

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