GREENFIELDS

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Greenfields verandah gablet

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Greenfields south gable

Norfolk Island Pine

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Location

915 FALLS ROAD, FISH CREEK, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO140

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

What is significant?
The homestead at 'Greenfields', constructed in 190 4-06 for the Cahill family, at 915 Falls Road, Fish Creek is significant. It is a large double fronted late Victorian symmetrical timber villa. It has a corrugated iron M-hip roof with projecting gables at rear on both sides, each with decorative timber trusswork. The separate return convex verandah between the projecting gables is supported on timber posts with arched ladder valance (the valance to the front elevation is original - the valance to the side elevation has been added) and has a gablet over the entrance faced with pressed metal with an Art Nouveau pattern. The original four-panel door has sidelights and highlights and is flanked by tripartite windows. Other original windows in the side elevations are double hung sash and there is a further tripartite window in the south-facing gable. There are three corbelled brick chimneys. Non-original alterations and additions to the house and other buildings on the property are not significant.

How is it significant?
The homestead at 'Greenfields' is of local historic and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

Why is it significant?
Historically, it is associated with the pioneering Cahill family who were among the first selectors in the Fish Creek district and is representative of the more substantial houses built on farms once they had become established and profitable. The significance of the place is enhanced by its rarity values as one of the few known surviving pre-World War I homesteads in the Fish Creek district. (Criteria A, B, D & H)
Aesthetically, it is a large and superior example of a Transitional Federation Villa, which retains notable detail to the verandah and is a well-known local landmark. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - Amendment C92 Heritage Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2014; South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1908, 1904, 1904,
Other Names	House, homestead, -,
Hermes Number	30577
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

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The house has been restored sympathetically. Minor alterations include the replacement of windows in north side walls and projecting gable, and the replacement of a door to the verandah from the south facing gable with a window. A small addition has been made at the rear.

The house is set within a well-established cottage style garden, developed by the current (2014) owners, which provides an appropriate setting. An early planting is the Norfolk Island Pine, situated centrally in front of the house.

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