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# ARGYLE



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## Location

4420 SOUTH GIPPSLAND HIGHWAY, FOSTER, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Rec for HO area contributory

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The homestead known as 'Argyle', at 4420 South Gippsland Highway, Foster, constructed c.1908-09, is significant. The ashlar weatherboard Federation asymmetrical homestead has a projecting hip to the north and a timber straight roofed return verandah supported by stop chamfered turned posts. Cast iron friezes, gable brackets and finials are other features of the homestead, along with two corbelled chimneys. Other Contributory elements of the building include:

- Tripartite windows, with three individual elongated windows at the facade of the projecting porch.
- Original Victorian door with stained glass
- Internal Dado rail

Non-original alterations and additions, other than those listed above, are not of heritage significance

### How is it significant?

'Argyle' is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the Toora and Foster area and the broader South Gippsland Shire.

**Why is it significant?**

Historically, 'Argyle' is a representative example of an intact early 20th Century farmhouse and demonstrates the pattern of settlement and the early settlement of the Toora and Foster area. This site demonstrates the importance of the agricultural industries in the Foster and Toora area that began in the early 20th Century and continues to today. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, 'Argyle' is a substantially intact and superior example of a Federation asymmetrical house, including original door and tripartite windows, as well as the internal dado rail. (Criterion E)

This homestead is associated with the locally important McDonald family for whom the homestead was built for. Hugh and Mary Ellen McDonald were key figures in the development of the Toora and Foster. Mr McDonald was one of the founders of the Great Southern Cooperative, which owned butter and dairy factories in Foster and Welshpool, and Cooperative Stores in Foster and Toora. (Criterion H)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004; |
| Construction dates        | 1908, 1908, 1908,   |
| Other Names               | -, McDonald homestead, house, Extra, thematic, Federation,                                |
| Hermes Number             | 30613   |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Description 1

The homestead at "Argyle" is an asymmetrical late Victorian/Federation weatherboard villa. Notable features include the ashlar boards to the facade, elongated windows, and the verandah decoration.

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