

---

## MRS. MAHER'S DINING ROOMS (FORMER)



Dwelling AT 17 Long Street  
Leongatha 3953



17 Long Street



10 Roughead Street

---

### Location

17 LONG STREET, LEONGATHA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

---

### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 2022

#### What is significant?

The dwellings at 17 Long Street and 10 Roughead Street, Leongatha, constructed in 1891 and c.1894 respectively, are significant. These buildings are both simple double-fronted late Victorian villas, however 17 Long Street is made of weatherboard and 10 Roughead Street is made of local bricks. Both of these buildings have a hip and valley roof and straight verandah, supported by stop chamfered posts. Both these buildings also feature double hung windows on either side of the central front door, with 17 Long St including a sidelight.

At 17 Long Street, Leongatha, the decorative elements of the property remain, including cast iron brackets and the wrapping of the verandah around the street side of the house. There is a limited skillion section at the rear of the building along with a gabled weatherboard shed.

10 Roughead Street, is an early brick building and has been painted.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

#### How is it significant?

The houses at 17 Long Street and 10 Roughead Street are of historic and aesthetic significance to the South Gippsland Shire. 10 Roughead Street is also significant for its technological significance to the Shire.

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

Historically, these two dwellings are two of the oldest extant buildings in Leongatha and amongst the oldest in the South Gippsland Shire. They demonstrate the basic nature of the commercial-based buildings on the Northern side of the railway line in Leongatha. The former Mrs. Maher's Dining Rooms (17 Long St) is one of a small number of commercial buildings on the northern side of the Railway line, and 10 Roughead Street was next to a commercial building in the same area (Haynes Store). (Criterion A)

10 Roughead Street is believed to be the oldest extant brick dwelling in Leongatha and a rare early example of a brick dwelling within the Shire, due to the poor availability of brick materials prior to World War I. (Criteria A and F)

Aesthetically, these buildings are somewhat altered, however they significantly contribute to the historic character of Long Street and Roughead Street, and the northern part of Leongatha. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1891, 1891, 1894, 1891, 1894,
Other Names	Former Mrs. Maher's Dining Rooms (17 Long St), House, Extra, Title, thematic,
Hermes Number	30784
Property Number	

---

## **Physical Description 1**

The house at 17 Long Street, Leongatha is a standard double fronted symmetrical late Victorian timber cottage with a hip and valley roof. It has a mitred straight roof front verandah with stop chamfered posts with two remaining pieces of late Victorian cast iron brackets, The verandah returns on the street side and is now partly built in. It has typical single double hung windows to either side of the front door with sidelights. The eaves brackets have been removed. There is a limited skillion section at the rear and a small gabled weatherboard shed in the back area. There is no obvious evidence of any former function as a store.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*