
SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Scots Presbyterian Church



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Location

1191 MARDAN ROAD, MARDAN, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Scots Pioneer (former Presbyterian) Church constructed by George Gardner and opened on Easter Sunday, 16 April 1911, at 1191 Mardan Road, Mardan, is significant. It is a Federation Carpenter Gothic Church of typical design with a gabled nave, a small projecting porch with side timber doors, and an off-centre gabled vestry at the rear. The lancet windows are two-pane with hoppers and coloured glass, while the timber doors also have a lancet shape with pointed arch heads on the side of the porch. The exterior also features a stepped timber buttress defining three bays within the nave, simple tie beams to the gable ends and a finial on top of the main gable ends, and circular louvred vents at the gable ends. The roof houses a corbelled brick chimney near the vestry and Health Department vents at the gable ridge.

There is also a corrugated iron and weatherboard gable building at the rear of the property which is the former Sunday School and Hall. This has a simple timber entry door and louvred vent at the gable end.

Non-original alterations are not significant.

How is it significant?

Scots Pioneer (former Presbyterian) Church is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the construction of this church, which replaced an earlier building, is associated with the growth of Mardan district in the early twentieth century and reflects the high number of Scottish settlers in the area.

(Criterion A)

Aesthetically, it is a fine example of a Carpenter Gothic church with typical form and detailing including the steep pitched roof, gabled porch, and lancet windows and doors. Of note are the stepped buttresses. It is an historic landmark within the Mardan district. (Criterion E)

It has social significance for its strong and enduring associations with the Mardan community through its use as a church for over 110 years. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1911, 1911, 1911,
Other Names	Former Mardan Presbyterian Church, Extra,
Hermes Number	30887
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Scots Presbyterian Church at Mardan South is a typical Victorian/Federation carpenter Gothic Church with a gable roof and a small projecting porch with side doors at the west and an off centre gabled vestry with a chimney at the rear. It has lancet windows in the nave and notable stepped half height timber buttresses defining three bays of the nave.

The vestry has a fireplace at the end with a Federation chimney cap. Gable end frame cross bars are still in place, suggesting further detail has been removed. Later Health Department vents have been located along the ridge.

A corrugated iron building of unclear function and age is located at right angles to the church at the north west corner.

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