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# STRZELECKI UNITING CHURCH



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## Location

1469 KORUMBURRA-WARRAGUL ROAD, STRZELECKI, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

Strzelecki Uniting Church opened on 6 October 1956, at 1469 Korumburra-Warragul Road, Strzelecki is significant. It is a small Postwar Gothic church with a terracotta tiled gable roof with a buttressed nave and a projecting front porch with an almost flat roof behind a slightly raking parapet and side entry doors. In the entry gable end is a circular window with radiating glazing bars. The windows have flat triangular arches and the heads, sills and cornices are trimmed with slightly darker bricks. The matching brick fence with a galvanised pipe rail and a wrought iron gate also contributes to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and addition are not significant.

### How is it significant?

Strzelecki Uniting Church is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant as the first joint denomination church to receive official sanction from the governing bodies of the both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, which was given more than 20 years prior to the formal creation of the Uniting Church of Australia in 1977. It demonstrates how the inter-faith cooperation in rural areas of the Shire continued into the Postwar period. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, it is fine and intact example of a Postwar church with simplified Gothic detailing including the buttressed nave, the circular window with radiating glazing bars, and the windows with flat triangular arches. The setting of the church is complemented by the original front fence . Along with the Strzelecki Public Halls it is one of two historic landmarks from different eras that 'bookend' the Avenue of Honour. (Criterion E)

It has social significance for its strong and enduring associations with the Strzelecki community through its use as a Uniting Church for over 50 years. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1956, 1956, 1956,
Architect/Designer	FC Armstrong,
Other Names	-, Extra,
Hermes Number	30981
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Strzelecki Uniting Church is a pink brick structure with a terra cotta tiled gable roof with a buttressed nave and a projecting front porch with an almost flat roof behind a slightly raking parapet and side entry doors. In the entry gable end is a circular window with radiating glazing bars The windows have flat triangular arches and the heads, sills and cornices are trimmed with slightly darker bricks.

The front of the site is closed with a matching brick fence with a galvanised pipe rail and a wrought iron gate. An invalid access ramp has been added across the front porch. The church is set in well kept gardens.

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