
BOSLEY FARM



House, 425 Harding-Lawson Road



Verandah detail, 425 Harding Lawson Road



Front door, 425 Harding Lawson Rd



South gable window, 425 Harding-Lawson Rd



2014

Location

425 HARDING-LAWSON ROAD, FISH CREEK, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO141

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Bosley Farm, at 425 Harding Lawson Road, Fish Creek, built in c.1930, is significant. It is an Asymmetrical Interwar weatherboard homestead with a hip and gable roof and two plain brick chimneys. There is a return straight verandah supported by chamfered timber posts and the double door entrance is high-waisted with glass inserts. Other key features include:

- Original, double hung, sash windows in singles and pairs
- A window on the Southern gable that is a multi-pane 6x6 sash window
- Added bay window to the North
- Replacement windows to the South and West along with Western additions.

Non-original alterations and additions, including outbuildings, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 425 Harding-Lawson Road, Fish Creek, is of local historic significance to the South Gippsland Shire and representative of the Fish Creek Soldier Settlement community.

Why is it significant?

Historically, Bosley Farm is a homestead that was originally part of the Fish Creek Soldier Settlement during the Interwar period. The land was not granted a licence until 1898 when William Lawson Jnr owned the property and leased it in 1905. A Crown grant for the property was obtained in 1919, just prior to the establishment of the Soldier Settlement. The Soldier Settlement of 52 returned servicemen was established along Harding Lawson Road and continued into the early 1940s. Bosley Farm is one of the new remaining buildings still associated with both the Lawson family and the Soldier Settlement period. (Criterion A)

This homestead is a representative example of a house associated with the Closer and Fish Creek Soldier Settlement. The Fish Creek Soldier Settlement faded over time due to the poor quality of the land for farming and the falling prices of farm commodities. While community builders were opened (The Soldiers Hall and Fish Creek West State School No. 4473), eventually only 5 families stayed on their farms. Bosley Farm is one of the few buildings in the area that represents this period in the history of the South Gippsland Shire. (Criterion D)

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;
Other Names	Lawson house, homestead, -,
Hermes Number	72629
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The house, constructed c.1930, at 425 Harding-Lawson Road, Fish Creek is situated at the end of a long driveway on the crest of a hill and faces toward the north. It is an interwar bungalow, asymmetrical in plan, with a hip and gable roof that extends to form a return verandah, which is supported on chamfered posts. Typical of the period, there are double 'high-waisted' entrance doors with glass inserts, and the original windows are double hung sash in singles and pairs. One window, in the south facing gable, has six over six pane sashes. There are two plain brick chimneys.

Alterations to the house include a bay window to the north-facing gable, replacement of some windows in the south and west elevations, and additions on the west side. Other buildings, which appear to date from the post-war era, include a garage/carport, and a large shed to the west of the house.

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