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# POOWONG NORTH STATE SCHOOL NO.4102 (FORMER)



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## Location

30 ALLCHINS ROAD, POOWONG NORTH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

The former Poowong North State School No. 4102, designed by the Public Works Department and constructed in 1927, at 30 Allchins Road, Poowong North, is significant. It is a typical Interwar one room school of standard design with a gable roof and an offset projecting gable porch to the north. It has two sets of tall multi-pane double hung windows to the south and a single paired set to the north, high set multi-pane hopper windows in the side walls, and unusual three pane windows to the front and side of the porch. Other original details include simple eaves brackets and louvred vents to the gable ends. The mature exotic trees within the grounds including Pines, two Chinese Windmill Palms (*Trachycarpus fortunei*) also contribute to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and additions and other buildings on the site are not significant.

#### How is it significant?

The former Poowong North State School No. 4102 is of local historic significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

#### Why is it significant?

Historically, it is associated with the development of Poowong North after World War I, when closer settlement resulted in the need for a permanent school to serve the district. As one of two public buildings it remained the heart of the Poowong North district until its closure and it is now one of the oldest buildings in the area. The mature trees within the grounds demonstrates the tradition of Arbor Day and improvements made to the school grounds by students and the community. (Criterion A)

It is a representative example of the standard interwar school design that was first used at Melton South State School No. 3717 in 1922. The distinguishing feature of this design is the offset porch, which enabled a larger cloakroom, and demonstrates the continuing development of one-room school design during the interwar period. Of the surviving examples in the Shire this is most intact example and the remnant mature trees provide a related setting. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1926, 1927, 1927,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department,
Other Names	Poowong North Primary School No.4102, Extra, -,
Hermes Number	73034
Property Number	

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### Physical Description 1

An interwar one-school timber school of standard design with a gabled roof and a projecting gabled porch. There is a bank of multi-paned windows in one elevation.

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