
Korumburra Drill Hall



Drill Hall internal prior to conversion to sport facility

Location

8 Charles Street KORUMBURRA, South Gippsland Shire

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO57

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Korumburra Drill Hall, designed by the Public Works Department and constructed in 1914, at 8 Charles Street, Korumburra.

Why is it Significant?

The Korumburra Drill Hall is of local historic significance to Korumburra.

Historically, it is significant as the only Drill Hall in the Shire and illustrates the measures that were taken throughout Victoria to prepare for the outbreak of the First World War. (AHC criteria A4, B2 and D2)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004; |
| Construction dates | 1914, |
| Other Names | Department of Defence - Third Recovery Company, |
| Hermes Number | 125663 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The Korumburra Drill Hall is gabled Federation Hall. Clad in corrugated iron, its simple utilitarian design is typical of other drill halls throughout Victoria.

In a similar manner to one room state schools, Drill Halls were constructed throughout Victoria to a standard design that only varied in terms of size

Physical Description 2

Style

Federation Drill Hall

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic Context

Government and Community Institutions

Sub-Themes

Military Defence

Veterans Description for Public

The Korumburra Drill Hall, at 8 Charles Street, was designed by the Public Works Department and constructed in 1914. It was one of a number of Drill Halls established throughout Victoria at the beginning of First World War and the only one established in South Gippsland. An article in the 16 June 1913 edition of the Great Southern Advocate reported that Korumburra Shire Council had voted to put £80 toward the purchase price of £125 of a site for the Drill Hall, on condition that the balance was subscribed by residents of the district. The area officer, Captain OL Olden, explained the advantages of making Korumburra the "military training headquarters of South Gippsland." Korumburra was chosen ahead of Leongatha and Wonthaggi and the Drill Hall became the headquarters of the Army during the First World War.

The Hall consists of a gabled Federation Hall, clad in corrugated iron. Its simple utilitarian design is typical of the other drill halls built throughout Victoria. Very little use was made of the hall until militia army units were formed in 1938 prior to the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939. It became the HQ of the 22nd Battalion until these units moved overseas and it was taken over by the VDC until the end of the Second World War. In 1949, a CMFR Battery was established in the Hall, which remained there until it was disbanded in 1959. In 1960, the hall was occupied by the 2nd Field Regiment.

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