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# SUTCLIFFE'S BUILDINGS



Sutcliffe's Buildings (2020)



Sutcliffe's Buildings (2000)



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## Location

19-25 COMMERCIAL STREET, KORUMBURRA, 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?

The Sutcliffe Buildings at 19-25 Commercial Street, Korumburra, built in 1892, are significant. These three double storey Federation brick shops, with residences above, has a red brick facade with rendered bands on the upper floors of No. 21 and 25. The upper floors have centrally divided segmental arched windows above each store with deep panel piers and strolled cornice blocks separating the shops. The Dutch parapet pediments on the upper floor of each store includes some original urns. Other contributory features include:

- Narrow upper windows at rear Gabled roofline
- Inset shopfront entrances
- Non-original alterations and additions, other than those specified above, are not significant.

It is noted that none of the shopfronts are in the original state.

### How is it significant?

The former Sutcliffe Buildings are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the South Gippsland Shire. The buildings also have strongly association to the local businessman, Mr John Sutcliffe.

**Why is it significant?**

Historically, the former Sutcliffe Buildings are one of the oldest commercial buildings in Korumburra and the South Gippsland Shire. When completed, Korumburra was still in the early stages of settlement, with early photographs showing the buildings surrounded by remnants of the forests that once covered the township. The former Sutcliffe Buildings demonstrate the first phase of development in Korumburra following the opening of the Southeastern railway in 1891. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, the former Sutcliffe Buildings are a superior example of Federation commercial design within the South Gippsland Shire. The buildings are notable for their unusual division of the segmental arched windows and central pier. It is also notable that these buildings are one of only two examples of brick double storey terrace buildings in the Shire. This group of buildings continue to remain prominent, important features of Korumburra and significantly contribute to the Commercial Street streetscape. (Criterion E)

The buildings are strongly associated with the local businessman, John Sutcliffe, who was well known within the community and helped build the Austral Hotel in 1894 (see KOR-BR-034). Mr Sutcliffe purchased a number of sites in Korumburra during the early land sales of the township and gained recognition as Korumburra began to grow. (Criterion H)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1892, 1892, 1892,
Architect/Designer	Waugh, John, John Waugh,
Other Names	Shop, thematic, -,
Hermes Number	30709
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

"Sutcliffe's Buildings" at 19-25 Commercial Street, Korumburra are a group of three double storey brick shops with residences above, in Federation style. On the upper floor, each shop has a centrally divided segmental arched window and a Dutch parapet pediment. The central shop is of double width and has semi-circular arched windows on either side, and its larger and higher central pediment (which originally contained the name and date of construction) has been removed. Some of the original parapet urns remain. The red brick facade is relieved with typical rendered bands and the piers separating the shops are deeply panelled and have scrolled cornice blocks.

No. 19 has been painted externally and the original straight verandah has been replaced with suspended awnings. None of the shopfronts are original, although No. 25 retains an early shopfront, probably from the inter-war period.

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