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# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY



St. Joseph's Catholic Presbytery



St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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Good Samaritan Convent



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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## Location

4 GUYS ROAD, KORUMBURRA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Rec for HO area contributory

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### **What is significant?**

St. Joseph's Presbytery, designed by Patrick Poer and opened in 1911, is a substantial red brick and render Federation bungalow with an unglazed half hipped terracotta tiled roof with projecting gables and a verandah on three sides. The terracotta roof includes ridge cresting and cross finials and the large corbelled and tabbed chimneys with terracotta pots. The verandah has substantial turned verandah posts with neck moulds and bracket capitals. The projecting gable has battened half-timbered gable ends and features single and paired timber sash windows which continue throughout the building. A foundation stone still features on the property.

How is it significant?

St. Joseph's Catholic Church complex, Korumburra, is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

### **Why is it significant?**

Historically, the complex demonstrates the development of St Joseph's in the early twentieth century after it was elevated to Parish status. This scale of this complex demonstrates the status of Korumburra as a regional hub within South Gippsland. (Criterion A)

It is significant as a representative Catholic Parish centre based around a place of worship, with an associated residence, convent and school. The convent and school demonstrate the importance of education to the Catholic Church and the expansion of Catholic education in the early to mid-twentieth century. (Criterion D)

Aesthetically, St Joseph's is the finest Interwar church in the Shire. It is notable for its substantial scale and fine detailing to both the exterior and interior, which reflects the skill of the architect, P.J. O'Connor. Situated on one of the highest points in Korumburra it is a prominent landmark. It is complemented by the presbytery, which is a fine example of a Federation bungalow with characteristic form and detailing including the dominant hipped roof and fine detailing to the verandah, gable ends and chimneys, and the convent and school, which collectively form a distinctive grouping. (Criterion E)

St Joseph's has social value for its strong and enduring associations with the local community through its use as a church, school and parish centre, which has been a focal point of the Catholic congregation for up to 100 years. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1911, 1911, 1914, 1939,
Architect/Designer	O'Connor, PJ, Robert Harper,
Other Names	St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, St. Joseph's Primary School Office, Korumburra Catholic Presbytery, Korumburra Catholic Church, St Joseph's Catholic Church Presbytery,
Hermes Number	30716
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

St. Joseph's Catholic Presbytery at 4 Guys Road, Korumburra is a substantial red brick and render Federation bungalow with an unglazed half hipped terra cotta tiled roof with projecting gables and a verandah on three sides. Other notable elements include:

- The substantial turned verandah posts with neck moulds and bracket capitals.
- Terra cotta ridge cresting and cross finials.
- Massively corbelled and tabbed chimneys with terracotta pots.
- Battened ends to half hips.

The Presbytery forms part of the Catholic Church precinct in Guys Road that also includes the adjacent St Joseph's Church (1939), Good Samaritan Convent (1914), and St Joseph's Catholic School (1914). (see separate citations.)

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