
KORUMBURRA COMFORT STATION FOR WOMEN



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Location

3 RADOVICK STREET, KORUMBURRA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO63

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 2022

What is significant?

The Korumburra Comfort Station for Women, designed and constructed in 1944 by the Public Works Department, at 3 Radovick Street, Korumburra.

The Korumburra Comfort Station for Women at 3 Radovick Street, Korumburra is a cream brick single storey moderne structure with a high parapet concealing its skillion roof. At the southwest corner is a rendered brick pylon in stepped art deco style bearing the sign, "Comfort Station", in characteristically simple upper-case lettering. The building has been converted from a women's only facility to cater for both sexes, but the present

doors and some interior detail appear to be original. The windows are closely spaced double hung. Stylistically, the building is related to the adjacent State Bank, which was renovated in 1940.

An "historic" verandah in faux Victorian style has recently been added, which detracts from the character and stark simplicity of the original design.

How is it significant?

The Korumburra Comfort Station for Women is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the town of Korumburra.

Why is it significant?

Historically and socially, the quality of the design and prominent location of the facility on one of Korumburra's main commercial streets illustrates prevailing attitudes to the provision of separate public conveniences for women in the pre-World War 2 period (AHC criterion A.4 and C.1)

Aesthetically, it is a well resolved interwar public building, which is notable as a locally rare example that features progressive Moderne influences such as the stepped pylon at the south west corner. (AHC criterion - E.1 and F.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1944, 1944, 1944,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department,
Other Names	-,
Hermes Number	30727
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

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