

# KORUMBURRA RAILWAY STATION COMPLEX



Korumburra Railway Station complex



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## Location

STATION STREET KORUMBURRA, South Gippsland Shire

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO18

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Korumburra Railway Station complex, designed by Charles Norman and constructed by G Vincent in 1906, at Station Street, Korumburra. It comprises a four-track carriageway with the principal station and other buildings located to the north and the goods shed to the south east of the area. A further track passes the goods shed via a more recent covered area.

The complex occupies an elevated site on an embankment between Commercial Street and Station Street.

Access is via Station Street from a raised double-sided ramp.

The station is a long low structure in Queen Anne style of red brick with rendered bands sitting on a split and margined basalt base. The main building has a terra cotta hipped tiled roof with large groups of chimneys with corbelled tops and panelled roughcast shafts. The roof has terra cotta cresting and finials with two small vent gables and two larger gable ends facing the street. The gable end over the entry is actually false, having a rendered parapet with Lombardic detailing concealing a raised low pitched corrugated iron roof providing a clear storey to the entry. The other is stepped and detailed in roughcast panels. The roof overhang has a roughcast cove. The entry at the ticket window section has a slab floor in coloured stones with a central diamond motif. All of the openings have segmental arches with a string mould carried over them as a hood mould.

The windows to the front have brick reveals and the entry has dressed basalt pylons. The openings to the platform have basalt quoins. To either side of the main section there are lower parapeted sections with similar wall treatments, at the down side, for storage and lamp room, etc., on the up side the waiting room and toilets. Three gables project towards the platform side, with each containing windows above the eaves line. The platform, which is constructed of timber with a bitumen surface, is covered by a steel cantilever verandah for the length of the main building.

Further to the "up" side of the main building is the van goods shed, which is a smaller rectangular building in similar hipped style and detail to the main building. Further along the platform is a small corrugated iron gable structure with a small platform verandah. The signal box was formerly at the down side end of the platform. A gabled corrugated iron works depot building is sited against Station Street to the west.

The goods shed is at the south east of the complex and is a typical corrugated iron gabled shed with wide eaves over the loading platform. A gabled weatherboard staff residence is at the down side between the former signal box and the road.

### How is it significant?

The Korumburra Railway Station complex is historically and aesthetically significant to the State of Victoria, and is of local social significance to South Gippsland Shire.

### Why is it significant?

It is historically significant as an important element of the Great Southern Railway and for its role as a marshalling point for goods trains that faced steep descents in both directions, as the junction for lines from local coal mines and as the starting point for other branch services. In a local sense, it demonstrates the early significance of Korumburra that, at the time, was the largest and most important town in the Shire. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2) Aesthetically, it is the most outstanding station building and the largest complex in the Shire and demonstrates the importance of Korumburra as the major station on the South Eastern Railway. It is a significant and a rare example of a station building in Queen Anne style. (AHC criterion - E.1 and F.1)

Socially, it played an important role in the development of the Korumburra community and is an important part of the identity of the town. (AHC criterion - G.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1906, 1906, 1906,
Architect/Designer	Norman, Charles, Charles Norman,
Hermes Number	30742
Property Number	

## Physical Description 1

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