
LEONGATHA SHOWGROUNDS GRANDSTAND



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Location

48-60 ROUGHHEAD STREET, LEONGATHA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO76

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Leongatha Showgrounds grandstand, designed by T.E. Molloy and constructed by Neil Falconer in 1922, Roughhead Street, Leongatha.

Why is it significant?

The Leongatha Showgrounds grandstand is of local historic and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

Historically, it is the oldest extant grandstand in the Shire and demonstrates the importance of the showgrounds to the local agricultural and sporting community. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2)

Aesthetically, the grandstand enhances the appearance of the Leongatha Showgrounds and Recreation reserve. It is also of interest as an example of the work of locally important architect, T.E. Molloy. (AHC criterion - E.1)

Technically, it is of interest as one of the first and most substantial buildings in the Shire to be constructed from locally made bricks manufactured at Koonwarra. (AHC criterion - F.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1922,
Architect/Designer	Molloy TE,
Other Names	Leongatha Recreation Reserve,
Hermes Number	30856
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Leongatha Showgrounds Grandstand is a typical form of grandstand building with tiered seating over the changing rooms, which form a brick base to the structure. The hipped roof with ridge gables is carried on steel rolled steel posts at the front of the structure which support steel trusses carried to the high brick wall at the rear. The roof plane is carried down further to form wide overhangs to the front and sides. The brick base has stepped sides with piers projecting above the deck to support horizontal sections of timber balustrade.

The building is set behind a bank sloping down to the oval which is bridged by three sets of steel steps leading to the bank. A later flat roofed addition is built up to the rear of the grandstand and the underside, which was originally semi-open, has been extended to provide social clubrooms and other facilities. It was originally designed to have a capacity of 1000 seated and 500 standing.

To the north of the grandstand is a brick kiosk with a wide eaved hip roof.

The 1951 wrought iron entry gates with rendered brick piers on Roughton Street is also of significance.

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