
BIGELOW'S STORE & RESIDENCE (FORMER)



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Location

35 VICTORIA ROAD, LOCH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Rec for HO area contributory

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Bigelow's Store, at 35 Victoria Road, Loch, built in c.1890, is significant. This single Victorian weatherboard complex with a residence to the west and a commercial building to the east has a shop that includes a hip and valley roof and reconstructed, straight roofed street verandah. The setback residence includes a projecting octagonal bay with double hung windows on each face. Other key features of these two buildings include:

Commercial Building:

- Largely segmented arched framed windows and timber stalls on either side
- Splayed entry
- Interior timber lined.

Residence:

- Convex roof verandah between the residence and the shop with turned posts
- Single chimney with corbelled brick
- Central row of chamfered timber posts

Non-original alterations and additions, other than those specified above, are not of heritage significance.

How is it significant?

The former Bigelow's store is of historic and aesthetic significance to the South Gippsland Shire. The store is also strongly associated with Charles Bigelow.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the former Bigelow's store is one of the oldest commercial buildings in the Shire as Mr Charles Snow Bigelow purchased this lot at the first Loch land sales on 22 November, 1887. This building demonstrates the important, early commercial development of the Shire that occurred following the construction of the South Eastern Railway in 1890. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, the store is a superior and substantially intact example of a large Victorian commercial property within the Shire. In addition, it is one of the few Victorian shop and residence complexes of this scale that still remains in South Gippsland Shire. The residence and shop significantly contribute to the character of Loch and demonstrates the early optimism of the Loch community. (Criterion E)

The former Bigelow store is strongly associated with Mr Charles Snow Bigelow, one of the commercial pioneers of this region of the Shire, especially Loch and Jeetho. Besides being an early commercial magnate, Mr Bigelow was active in development of the Loch township and the South Gippsland Shire. Mr Bigelow was significant to the former Shire of Poowong and Jeetho, the Presbyterian Church and sporting clubs within Loch and the surrounds. (Criterion H)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1890, 1890, 1890,
Other Names	-,
Hermes Number	30878
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Bigelow's Store and residence at 35 Victoria Street, Loch is a single storey weatherboard complex on the north side of the main street of Loch, comprising a shop to the east with an attached residence to the west. The shop has a hip and valley corrugated iron roof with a reconstructed straight roofed street verandah with turned posts. Its original shopfront has large segmentally arched frames and timber stalls on either side of a splayed ingoing entry. The interior is timber lined with skylights and a central row of stop chamfered timber posts.

The residence is attached to the shop, but is set back from the front boundary. It has a projecting octagonal bay with an octagonal hip and double hung windows in each face, enclosing a convex roof verandah between it and the shop. Its single chimney is of corbelled brick

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