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# MIRBOO SHIRE HALL & OFFICES (FORMER)



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## Location

30 RIDGWAY, MIRBOO NORTH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO95

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Mirboo Shire Hall & Offices, designed by AC Leith & Bartlett and constructed by H. Roberts in 1938, at 30 Ridgway, Mirboo North.

### Why is it significant?

The former Mirboo Shire Hall & Offices is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the town and district of Mirboo North.

Historically, as the municipal headquarters of the former Mirboo Shire, it is important in demonstrating the history of local government and the development that occurred in the interwar period. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2) Aesthetically, it is a locally superior example of an interwar public building in the Classical Revival Style by noted Melbourne architects, Leith & Bartlett. It is the focal point of the civic precinct in the historic Ridgway precinct in Mirboo North. (AHC criterion - E.1) Socially, it has played an important role in the development of the Mirboo community and is an important part of the identity of the local area. (AHC criterion - G.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1938,
Architect/Designer	Leith & Bartlett,
Hermes Number	30909
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## Physical Description 1

The former Mirboo Shire Hall and Offices at 30 Ridgeway, Mirboo North is a two storey transverse structure with a hip roof as the former shire offices, with a large half hipped hall extending down the site from its rear. Its facade is symmetrical in design focused on a wide slightly projecting brick bay with a brick parapet bearing the coat of arms of the shire above a slightly recessed entry, which is enhanced with rendered reveals and a slightly projecting rendered hood.

The second facade element, almost full width and also slightly projecting from the basic brick box contains the entry projection at ground floor and a rendered upper level to the boxed eaves comprising a series narrow windows separated by banded piers. A blind panel on each side of the central three windows contains the metal "wafer" mountings of flagpoles which extend up the wall and through the roof. The end elevations are identical with a slightly projecting chimney at the centre of each.

The steel framed windows have horizontal glazing bars and the front projection is quoined with recessed brick courses. The hall at the rear has a half hip roof and an exposed reinforced concrete frame and is treated internally in minimal moderne style. At the front of the building stands a cast iron gas lamp standard of uncertain origin.

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