

MOYARRA STATE SCHOOL NO. 3556 (FORMER)



Moyarra State School No. 3556 (former, 2000)



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Location

136 ANDERSONS INLET ROAD, MOYARRA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Moyarra State School No. 3556, now the Moyarra Hall, at 136 Andersons Inlet Road, Moyarra, built in 1907, is significant. It is a single room weatherboard school of non-standard design with a corrugated iron gable roof. It has three two-over-two pane double hung windows on the south side wall, and a brick chimney on the opposite side. The east gable retains a gable end frame and finial. Internally, there are original tongue and groove lining boards, ornate ceiling roses, blackboards, a World War I Honour Roll and school memorabilia. In the grounds a memorial plaque placed on a large boulder commemorates the centenary of the school in 2007. The mature cypress and pine trees around the boundaries of the site also contribute to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Moyarra Hall and former Moyarra State School No. 3556 is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is associated with the development of the Moyarra district in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, which resulted in the need for a permanent school. As the only public building in the district, it remained the heart of the Moyarra community until its closure in 1972. Since 2014, the former school and hall has been revived as the primary social and meeting place in Moyarra, beginning a new chapter for the building. (Criterion A)

It is a rare example of the non-standard schools built by local communities in the early decades of the twentieth century. This is demonstrated by the narrow rectangular plan and the small domestic scale windows placed without regard to orientation (standard Education Department schools were invariably oriented north-south, with the entry to the north and main classroom windows facing south). (Criterion B)

The building within its setting of mature trees has aesthetic significance as a local landmark within the Moyarra district. (Criterion E)

Socially, it is significant for its use as a community and public building for over 110 years and the strong and enduring community attachment is demonstrated by the centenary plaque and the recent reopening of the building as the public hall for the Moyarra district. As the community is both isolated and widely spread, having a central focal point for education and social gatherings is essential to the strong feeling of community within the Moyarra area. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1907, 1907, 1907,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department,
Other Names	Moyarra Public Hall, Former Moyarra Primary State School No. 3556,
Hermes Number	30922
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Moyarra State School No. 3556 at Andersons Inlet Road, Moyarra is a single room weatherboard school with a corrugated iron gable roof and a later skillion extension at the rear. It has three double hung windows on each side and a gable end frame and finial at the skillion end.

The former entry end has since been re-sheeted in Hardiplank boards suggesting the possible removal of an original porch/entry.

The design of the building differs from contemporary Education Department single room schools in that its proportions are narrower and the windows are of a domestic nature, not paying attention to orientation; the typical Education Department school was invariably oriented north south, with the entry at the north and the main classroom windows facing south. It is surrounded by mature cypress and pine trees.

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