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## Location

377-379 POOWONG-NYORA ROAD, NYORA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

'Aroyn', the homestead at 377-379 Lang Lang-Poowong Road, Nyora, constructed in c.1939, is significant. The Art Deco Moderne Streamline-style homestead is a single storey, rendered brick building with two chimneys and

an L shaped hipped roof with projecting semi-circular bays. The hipped roof is clad in terracotta tiles and the building has a projecting quadrant portico between the front bay and main body of the house, supported by brick oval column. 'Aroyn' has steps to the front porch that have circular balustrades newels surmounted by oval sphere, a rendered plinth and recessed moulds around the facade and horizonatally divided steel frame windows.

The front of the building has a parapet and the entire building has manganese brick highlights showing details and sculptural forms. There is an attached garage and service wing with a lower parapet. The significant internal features at 'Aroyn' include large rooms, textured plaster walls, brick fire surrounds and Art Deco cornices.

'Aroyn' is almost identical to a house at 407 High St, Bendigo, built in 1939, designed by Bendigo architect Godfrey Eathorne for George Albert Pethard.

Non-original alterations and additions, other than those specified above, are not significant.

#### **How is it significant?**

'Aroyn', is of local aesthetic significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

#### **Why is it significant?**

'Aroyn' is the only residential building in the South Gippsland Shire that is built in the Art Deco Moderne Streamline-style. The homestead is in a prominent, elevated position, at the end of a long drive way on the outskirts of Nyora. The building can be considered a local landmark, and the planned formal gardens and lawns add context to the house, although they are later additions. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1950, 1939, 1939,
Architect/Designer	Eathorne, Godfrey,
Other Names	-, House, Title, thematic,
Hermes Number	30929
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

"Aroyn" at 379 Poowong-Nyora Road, Nyora is a single storey rendered brick moderne style house based on a main L-shaped hipped roof with projecting semicircular bays to the front and side. Like many of its contemporary moderne houses, the glamorous parapet facade is mainly a front to a more conventional hipped roof construction of terra cotta tiles, rather than a flat roof which was used in the most progressive examples. A quadrant portico projects between the front bay and the main body of the house and is supported on a brick oval column (now painted).

"Aroyn" is essentially identical to a house at 407 High Street, Bendigo. Notable elements of both houses include:

- The steps to the front porch with their circular balustrade newels surmounted by opal spheres.
- The rendered plinth and recessed string moulds around the facades.
- The horizontally divided steel frame windows.
- The attached double garage and service wing, with a slightly lower parapet.
- The large chimney, with the projecting oval canopy pier, providing a vertical counterpoint to the design.
- The use of brick details (presumed to be manganese brick, now painted) to highlight the details and sculptural forms.

The interior has very large rooms with typical textured plaster walls, art deco cornices and brick fire surrounds.

The variations with the Bendigo house are minor, as follows:

- The parapet of the garage is the same height as the balance of the house at Bendigo. At Nyora it is lower.
- The Bendigo house has a double recessed band around the parapet instead of one.
- It has two chimneys and different detailing to the chimney tops.
- Being in an urban context, the Bendigo house has a matching brick fence.

"Aroyn" enjoys a prominent, slightly elevated position at the end of a long driveway making it something of a local landmark. The planting and formal layout of the garden and lawn areas are sympathetic to the period of the house.

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