
CRESCENT



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Location

82 TOWNSEND STREET, and TURNBULL STREET, PORT WELSHPOOL, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO17

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

'Crescent', constructed c.1881 by Jack Avery, at Turnbull Street, Port Welshpool.

Why is it significant?

'Crescent' at Turnbull Street, Port Welshpool is of local historic and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

Historically, it is one of the oldest buildings in the Shire and one of the few surviving examples constructed in the period prior to the construction of the South Eastern Railway. It is therefore highly important for its ability to illustrate the early settlement and development of the Shire, particularly the early importance of coastal towns before the advent of the railways. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2)

Aesthetically, it is a unique example in the Shire of a dwelling and store, built in the form of a traditional dwelling on the street frontage. Its original function as a store is revealed by the second entrance and the asymmetrical placement of the windows. (AHC criterion - E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1881,
Other Names	Port Welshpool Museum,
Hermes Number	30954
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

"Crescent" at Turnbull Street, Port Welshpool is basically a double fronted hip and valley timber residence with a corrugated iron roof built up to the street frontage, with a recent wide, mitred straight roofed street verandah over the footpath. It is two rooms deep with rear skillion extensions.

The front facade has the front panelled door with sidelights placed centrally and single double hung windows on either side, that at the north placed closer to the centre to allow for the second entry to the shop which is a single panelled door close to the north end of the facade. The verandah appears to be of recent construction and has plain square posts and a scalloped ladder frame frieze. The side windows have small bracketed hoods, probably also of recent origin. The building presently has only one corbelled brick chimney.

The grounds surrounding the dwelling contains items in the Museum's collection, most notably the wooden fishing boat, "Janet Isles", which is stored within an open sided shed.

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