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# BELTRASSNA



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## Location

8294 SOUTH GIPPSLAND HIGHWAY, RUBY, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Rec for HO area contributory

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

Beltrassna, at 9284 South Gippsland Highway, Ruby, constructed in c.1903, is significant. This asymmetrical Transitional Victorian/Federation Villa is weatherboard in construction with projecting gabled at the front and to the side. The projecting gables are bracketed from the walls and feature pressed metal on the front gable and battened weatherboards on the side gable. The return bullnose verandah is supported by cast iron posts and a cast iron frieze, which is rare for the area. There are three-part double hung windows in the main rooms, with scalloped ends below windowsills and windowsills. The exterior is sheeted in false ashlar boards and the roof features three corbelled chimneys.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The Beltrassna homestead is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, Beltrassna demonstrates the second phase of development in this area of South Gippsland, following the 1898 bushfires that devastated the region and also after the establishment of the first co-operative butter factory in the area. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, this homestead is a superior example of a Transitional Victorian/Federation villa. It is particularly notable for its decorative detail and cast-iron verandah, which is one of only two known examples within the Shire. Additionally, it is on a rise overlooking the main thoroughfare of the South Gippsland Highway, making it a local landmark. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1903, 1903, 1903,
Other Names	-, Extra, title, thematic, house, homestead, Federation,
Hermes Number	30961
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

"Beltrassna" at 8294 South Gippsland Highway, Ruby is an asymmetrical weatherboard Transitional Victorian/Federation villa with projecting gables to the front and side. Its roof is of corrugated iron and the main walls are sheeted in false ashlar boards. Other notable elements include:

- The return bullnose verandah supported on cast iron posts with a deep cast iron frieze, which is one of only two examples known to exist in the Shire.
- The three-part double hung windows to the main rooms, with scalloped frets below the sills. The exposed windows have window hoods with scalloped ends, which are of uncertain age.
- The projecting gable ends, which are bracketed from the walls and are sheeted in battened pressed metal (to the front) and in weatherboards at the side). The front gable appears to be partly covered at the peak.
- The chimneys, which are of corbelled red brick.

It occupies a prominent position on a gentle rise overlooking South Gippsland Highway. The garden contains a mature Magnolia Grandiflora.

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