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# CHESTNUT-LEAF OAKS (QUERCUS CASTANEIFOLIA)

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## Location

1 & 5 VICTORIA ROAD, and 30 RAWLINGS LANE, LOCH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The three large Chestnut-leaved oak trees (*Quercus castaneifolia*), in the paddocks at the rear of 1 Victoria Road, Loch, are significant. The canopies do extend into the neighbouring properties. These three trees have been planted in a row to the eastern boundary of the property at the rear paddocks. The latest measurements taken, on 23 November 2003, the tree closest to Victoria Road had a girth of 4 metres and a height of 17 metres, spreading to a width of 27 metres.

Other trees and flora within 1 Victoria Road, Loch, are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The three large Chestnut-Leaved oak trees at the rear of 1 Victoria Road, Loch, are of local historical significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

### Why is it significant?

These three large oak trees are arranged in a straight line along the rear eastern boundary of the property, well behind the Catholic Church at the front of the property. The latest measurements of the tree closest to Victoria Road, in November 2003, dated the tree at approximately 90 years old, making these three trees over 100 years old. These trees and their configuration suggest they were meaningfully planted early on in the settlement of Loch and South Gippsland. The trees are also potentially associated with the Catholic Church at the front of the property (LO-VI-001) that was built in 1903 (Criterion A).

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1890, 1910, 1910,
Other Names	-,
Hermes Number	34701
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Three mature Chestnut-leaved oaks (*Quercus castaneifolia*) in the paddocks at the rear of the Loch Catholic Church. The westernmost tree, closest to the church is situated within 1 Victoria Road. The tree immediately to the east is within 1 Victoria Road, but the canopy extends over 5 Victoria Road and 30 Rawlings Lane. The third, northernmost, tree appears to be within the boundary of 1 Victoria Road, but the canopy extends over 30 Rawlings Lane.

According to the National Trust citation (T11767, Classified 11 November 1993), the specimen closest to the Catholic Church is the largest and more wide-spreading in form. Another larger example is known at Moss Vale Park, Leongatha.

Measurements: 25/10/1993

Spread (m): 27.1

Girth (m): 3.83

Height (m): 17

Estimated Age (yrs): 80

Condition: Good

Measurements: 23/11/2003

Spread (m): 27

Girth (m): 4

Height (m): 17

Estimated Age (yrs): 90

Condition: Good

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