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# HOUSE



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## Location

42 BROWN STREET, LEONGATHA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO147

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The house at 42 Brown Street, Leongatha, constructed in 1913-14 for Richard and Ethel Bishop, is significant. This asymmetrical Federation timber bungalow features a steeply pitched hip roof with front facing gablet and projecting gables to Brown Street and to the West. There is a separate return verandah between these two projecting gables supported by turned timber posts. The house has small half-timbered flying gables and an original front door with sidelights and highlights, however the leadlight is not original but the coloured glass in the toplights are.

Other key features include:

- Square edged weatherboards
- Notched weatherboards to resemble shingles at the gable ends
- Two corbelled brick chimneys with rendered caps
- Paired double hung sash windows in the front projecting bay
- Two box bay windows with triple casement windows and toplights under the verandah
- The sympathetic repairs include Replaced concrete verandah floor
- New window hood on projecting bay

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

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

The house at 42 Brown Street, Leongatha is of historic and aesthetic significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

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

Historically, this house was on 4 acres of land and built for Richard and Ethel Bishop in 1904 with significant additions in 1913. This house demonstrates the number of small farms that existed on the edge of Leongatha in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It was around this time that there was an important phase of growth in population in Leongatha, of which this house was a part. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, it is a well detailed, intact example of a Federation Bungalow that has been sympathetically restored. The building features a flying half-timber gable ends which are rare within the South Gippsland Shire. This house significantly contributes to the streetscape of Brown Street and surrounds. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - Amendment C92 Heritage Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2014; South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1910, 1913, 1913,
Architect/Designer	Unknown,
Other Names	-,
Hermes Number	72769
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

The house at 42 Brown Street is a Federation/Edwardian timber bungalow. The house as it appears today is a result of the significant alterations and additions carried out in 1913-14. Asymmetrical in plan, it has a steeply pitched hip roof with a gablet, projecting gables to the front and on the west side, and a separate return verandah contained between the bays, which is supported by original turned timber posts (the brackets are sympathetic, but not original). The house is clad in square-edged weatherboards and there are small, half timbered 'flying' gables and notched weatherboards (to resemble shingling) in the gable ends. There are paired double-hung sash windows to the front bay, and two box bay windows with triple casement windows with toplights to the front and side walls under the verandah, and the original front door has sidelights and highlights (the leadlight glass is not original, but the coloured glass to the corner toplights is). There are two tall corbelled brick chimneys with rendered caps.

The house has a high degree of external intactness and integrity when viewed from the street. Visible changes include replacement of the verandah floor with concrete, new windows in the west side projecting bay (the window to the verandah having replaced a door), the addition of a window hood to the projecting bay. Additions have been made at the rear of the property and the present owner (2014) has sympathetically restored the windows along the east elevation.

A gable-fronted garage has been built on the north side of the house.

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