
POPE HOUSE



House, 1790 Grand Ridge Rd



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Window detail, House, 1790 Grand Ridge Rd



Bhutan Cypress hedge in front of house, 1790 Grand Ridge Rd



Outbuilding in rear yard of house, 1790 Grand Ridge Rd

Location

1790 GRAND RIDGE ROAD, TRIDA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO156

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Victorian homestead constructed c.1910, at 1790 Grand Ridge Road, Trida, and associated remnant garden is significant. The symmetrical double fronted Victorian timber cottage has a M-shaped hip roof with a single brick corbelled chimney. There is a pair of two-by-two pane double hung sash windows on either side of the front door, which itself features a toplight. The remnant early garden is also significant, which may have once been enclosed by a Bhutan Cypress (*Cypressus tortulosa*) hedge along the front and West of the building. Some of these Cypresses have been replaced with similar plants, especially along the Western boundary.

Any non-original additions, including the front verandah, rear skillion area and the Interwar and Post-war outbuildings, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 1790 Grand Ridge Road, Trida is of local historic and representative significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

Why is it significant?

Historically, this house demonstrates the selection of land and the development of working farms in Trida during the early part of the 20 th Century. The land was originally selected in March 1887 and survived the great bushfires of 1898. By 1899, the land was worth ~£167, with 83 acres of English Grass and 75 chains of fence. The Pope family upgraded the residence in 1908, which it is believed resulted in the extant property. This property is one of the few surviving buildings from a working farm in this region in which the residents were also the owners (Criterion A).

This property in Trida represents the simple farmhouses built by original selectors across this region. Although this homestead has been altered, the simple form and detailing is characteristic of these early houses which were once very common. This property is also rare and representative for being one of the few houses in the South Gippsland Shire that survived the 1898 bushfires (Criterion D).

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| 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, 1910, 1910, |
| Other Names | homestead, cottage, The Pope House, |
| Hermes Number | 73209 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The house at Grand Ridge Road, Trida is a double-fronted Victorian timber cottage of characteristic design with a M-hip roof and a symmetrical facade comprising two over two pane double hung sash windows on either side of the front door, which has a toplight. There is one brick chimney.

The house is situated within the side of a hill at the end of a driveway leading from the road and faces toward the southeast. It is set within the remnants of an early garden, which appears to have been once partly enclosed (and protected) by a Bhutan Cypress (*Cupressus torulosa*) hedge along the front and west sides. Today, remnants of this hedge include a row of eight mature Bhutan Cypresses across the front of the house and several more along the rear part of the west side boundary (The balance of the west side boundary contains trees of a different species, which may be a later replacement).

Visible changes to the house include the construction of a front verandah (it is not known whether this replaced an earlier verandah)

Other buildings in the vicinity of the house, which appear to date from the interwar or postwar periods including a gabled timber shed in the rear yard, former milking shed and creamery buildings clad in timber and/or corrugated iron on the hill behind, and a more recent garage adjacent to the end of the entrance driveway.

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