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## Location

1440 KORUMBURRA-WONTHAGGI ROAD, KONGWAK, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### **What is significant?**

The Kongwak Public Hall as constructed in 1898 with additions in 1927 and 1956, at 1440 Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road, Kongwak, is significant. It is a Carpenter Gothic church, which reflects the two building stages in 1898 and 1963. It is a single storey longitudinal gabled building with a rear transverse gable and skillion. The 1956 brick front addition has rendered walls divided into bays by pilasters and a simple parapet with an implied string course, with tall windows on either side of the central entry.

Alterations and additions made after 1956 are not significant.

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

The Kongwak Public Hall is of local historic and social significance to South Gippsland Shire.

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

Historically, it is one of the oldest buildings in Kongwak and is associated with the formation of the town and district in the late nineteenth century. The alterations and additions demonstrate how the building was extended to meet the needs of the community as the township grew in the twentieth century. (Criterion A)

It has social significance for strong and enduring associations with the Kongwak community through its continuous use as a public hall for over 120 years. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1898, 1924, 1956, 1894, 1927, 1956, 1894, 1927, 1956,
Other Names	Kongwak Hall, Extra,
Hermes Number	73249
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

The staged development of the Kongwak Public Hall is reflected in the fabric. The 1924 and 1927 stages comprises the main single storey longitudinal gable building with a rear transverse gable and skillion. The 1956 brick front addition has rendered walls divided into bays by pilasters and a simple parapet with an implied string course, with tall windows on either side of the central entry. Post-1956 alterations and additions include the arched canopy at the front, and skillion additions on the west side and the metal weatherboard cladding and aluminium windows.

The hall is situated on a prominent corner site opposite the Primary School. Several large trees forming part of the Avenue of Honour are at the frontage of the property.

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