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# Meeniyan Police Station Complex

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## Location

139-141 WHITELAW STREET, MEENIYAN, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Demolished/Removed

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 1, 2004

The Meeniyan Police Station complex was demolished in December 2001 and January 2002 and replaced with the present buildings. The statement of significance for the complex as it was is as follows:

### ***What is significant?***

*The Meeniyan Police Station complex, comprising the station and residence constructed in 1949 and an early portable lock up, at Whitelaw Street, Meeniyan.*

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

*The Meeniyan Police Station complex is of local historic, aesthetic and technical significance to the township of Meeniyan.*

*Historically, it demonstrates the development of police facilities in the Shire in the post war period.*

*Aesthetically, the station and residence are of interest as an integrated complex that exhibit moderne influences.*

*Technically, the portable lock up is a locally rare example of a prefabricated building that demonstrates how this technique was used to create readily transportable structures for use in rural areas.*

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1949,
Hermes Number	73330
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## Physical Description 1

The Meeniyah Police Station complex comprises the station office, residence, garage and a small portable lock up. The station is a small weatherboard building with a gable roof. A brick chimney is placed centrally in the facade and the corner window demonstrate moderne influence. The residence, which is located to one side is asymmetrical in plan with a gable roof and a projecting bay. A simple garage is situated between these two buildings. To the rear of the Station is a small portable lock up which appears to be constructed of four panels with horizontal weatherboards that have been literally bolted together at the corners.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

High

## Historical Australian Themes

Government and Community Institutions  
Govt. Structures, Law Enforcement & Democracy

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