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# Hamilton R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. Memorial Hall



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Memorial Hall

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## Location

81 Kennedy St HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

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## Statement of Significance

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**SIGNIFICANCE:** Important for its associations with the friendly societies, returned servicemen and for its architecture. Relates to Hamilton Club and Mechanics Institute nearby and the Masonic Temple in Lonsdale Street both architecturally and socially.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**Former MUIOOF Hall (now RSS&AILA Memorial Hall)**

81 Kennedy Street

Built on land originally sold by the Crown to J Mooney in 1854, the hall appears to date from the late 1880s when the various friendly societies were consolidating their position in the community. It is of local significance for its historical associations both with the Manchester Unity and the Independent Order of Oddfellows and with the RSS & AILA after the Second World War. The Renaissance Revival style of architecture is a conventional choice for such a building and represents the respectable position friendly societies held in the community, providing social security in the form of health and funeral benefits, emergency welfare and life assurance. It was essentially a middle and working class movement and provided a sense of belonging. That function, in a sense, has continued with the RSS & AILA.

The hall relates to Hamilton Club and Mechanics Institute nearby and the Masonic Temple in Lonsdale Street both architecturally and socially. There is a possibility that the facade post dates the construction of the hall and that Frank Hammond was the architect. The building is substantially intact and in good condition. It is an important contributor to the streetscape.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1880,
Architect/Designer	Hammond, F,
Other Names	Former MUIOOF Hall,
Hermes Number	125524
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### MATERIALS:

**Roof:** corrugated iron

**Walls:** rendered bluestone

**Dressings:** cement render

**Plinth:** rockface bluestone

**Windows:** timber double hung sash

**Paving:** concrete

Other: Castlemaine slate ramp

**NOTABLE FEATURES:** Central pedimented porch

## Historical Australian Themes

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1880s

Health: Friendly Societies

Sports and Recreation: Clubs & Societies

## Integrity

Integrity: G

## **Physical Conditions**

Conditions: G

## **Veterans Description for Public**

The Hamilton R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. Memorial Hall is located at 81 Kennedy Street. The building dates from the late 1880s, when the various friendly societies were consolidating their position in the community. It has historical associations both with the Manchester Unity and the Independent Order of Oddfellows. On November 9th 1955 it was rededicated as the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A.

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