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# RSL HALL



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## Location

Ritchie Street PENSHURST, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 18, 2003

What is significant?

The RSL Hall, Ritchie Street is a small weatherboard building located in Ritchie Street, on the edge of the township of Penshurst, and on axis looking north down French Street. It is not certain when the hall was built but it appears to date from the early 1920s. No designer or builder has been associated with its construction. It has been altered and extended but remains substantially intact and in good condition. The flagpole outside the front entrance is a key element in the significance of the place as is the cannon, moved in 1995 from the Penshurst Botanic Gardens.

How is it significant?

The RSL Hall, Ritchie Street is of historical and social significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The RSL Hall, Ritchie Street is of historical and social significance as the focus for the activities of the Returned Servicemen's League and the commemoration of those who served and died in active service.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1880,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23356
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The building is in good condition.

## Physical Description 1

The RSL Hal is a small, asymmetrical weatherboard hall in a vernacular style with a porch at the front and a dominating brick chimney. The RSL insignia is located on the chimney. The windows on either side of the chimney appear to have been altered. The hip roof which is half gabled, is corrugated iron. There are extensions on the east side under a skillion roof. The grounds are sparse but include a traditional flagpole in front of the building and a cannon in the north-west corner. Despite its humble scale, the building assumes a formal axial position looking north down French Street.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.5 Forming Associations

8.5.1 Preserving traditions and group memories

8.5.2 Helping other people

8.5.3 Associating for mutual aid

8.8 Remembering the fallen

Theme 9: Marking the phases of life

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

## Usage/Former Usage

Hall and clubrooms

## Integrity

Good degree of integrity

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