
GORDON MASONIC HALL



23-34 Maribyrnong Road.JPG



Moonee Valley Heritage
Review 1998

Location

32-34 MARIBYRNONG ROAD, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO249

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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The former Ascot Vale Masonic Hall later the Gordon Masonic Hall, was erected at nos. 32-34 Maribyrnong Road Moonee Ponds, in 1886-87 to the design of local architect Joseph C. M. Cowan. It has aesthetic and social importance. Its aesthetic importance (Criterion E) arises from its somewhat severe Classical Revival design which is expressive of the conservatism of the Masonic Lodge and compares with similar buildings in View Street, Bendigo of 1873; and High street, Echuca of 1907-08. It is an unusual public building of its type in the Municipality (Criterion B). It is important also for the value placed on the building by masons in the area (Criterion

G) and for its association with Joseph. C. M. Cowan, especially on account of it being one of his major commissions.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Andrew Ward, 1998;
Construction dates	1886,
Architect/Designer	Cowan, Joseph Charles M,
Other Names	Ascot Vale Masonic Hall,
Hermes Number	23936
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

An imposing Classical Revival Masonic Hall with stuccoed trabeated facade, the plain pilasters having Doric Order capitals. The entablature carries the phrase "Ascot Vale Masonic Hall Company Limited." in cement. It is surmounted by a bracketed cornice and balustraded parapet with "A.D.1887." in cement. The three bays into which the facade has been subdivided have aedicules to the openings and there are Masonic symbols in the tympanum to the pediment surmounting the central entry. The side walls are in face brickwork and are utilitarian in character. They bear a painted sign reading "Gordon Masonic Hall".

Condition: sound. Integrity: High, interior not inspected.

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