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## RSL HALL (FORMER)



30 Holmes Road.JPG



Moonee Valley Heritage  
Review 1998

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### Location

30-32 HOLMES ROAD, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO233

### Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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### Statement of Significance

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The former Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Imperial League of Australia Essendon Branch building at no. 30 Holmes Road, Essendon, was erected in 1920-21 following the formation of the Branch in 1919. It is historically and aesthetically important. It is historically important (Criterion A) in that its presence in the Holmes Road streetscape recalls the importance of the former RSSILA just after the Great War whilst its design (Criterion E) is expressive of the emotionally charged times in which it was built through its use of monumental Neo Classical forms with upper level loggia from which the public could be addressed on special occasions. The later additions

have compromised this significance by concealing the original facade and by reducing the space for public gatherings at the front.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Andrew Ward, 1998;
Construction dates	1920,
Other Names	RSSILA Hall,
Hermes Number	24024
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

An imposing Neo Classical public building of the inter-war period now with wings extending to Holmes Road. The original facade, now partially obscured by the wings, has an arcaded lower level with a surmounting loggia of three bays, the bays on either side having windows and the entire composition being subdivided into three parts by red brick pilasters with stylised cement decoration in lieu of capitals. The complete facade is unified by a simple frieze and plain parapet treatment.

## Integrity

Condition: Sound. Integrity: Medium, paint colour scheme unsympathetic.

## Historical Australian Themes

8. Developing cultural institutions and ways of life. 8.5 Forming associations.

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