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# Traynors Lagoon Hall (former Mechanics Institute), 669 Traynors Lagoon Road, TRAYNORS LAGOON



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## Location

669 Traynors Lagoon Road, TRAYNORS LAGOON, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The Traynors Lagoon Mechanics Institute hall, 669 Traynors Lagoon Road, Traynors Lagoon, has significance for its associations with the establishment and development of the local mutual improvement society and Mechanics Institute. Built in 1909 and opened in 1909, the hall is also an intact example of a rudimentary Federation style. The building appears to be in fair condition when viewed from the road.

The Traynors Lagoon Mechanics Institute hall, 669 Traynors Lagoon Road, is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary Federation style. These qualities include the gable roof form that projects towards the road, together with the rear hipped roof forms that project at the sides. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, galvanised corrugated steel roof

cladding, front decorative timber wall cladding simulating ashlar, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, six round galvanised steel ventilators, broad eaves, timber framed double hung windows, vertically boarded timber doors timberwork in the flying gable end, timber bargeboards, timberwork simulating shingling in the gable end and the rectangular sign on the front gable that reads "Traynors Lagoon Mechanics Institute".

The Traynors Lagoon Mechanics Institute hall, 669 Traynors Lagoon Road, is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the establishment and development of the local mutual improvement society and particularly the development of the local Mechanics Institute from 1909 after the opening of the building. The building has associations with important local events, as well as being a repository for the local institute library.

The Traynors Lagoon Mechanics Institute hall, 669 Traynors Lagoon Road, is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the local community as an important meeting place for social and public events.

Overall, the Traynors Lagoon Mechanics Institute hall, 669 Traynors Lagoon Road, is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
Other Names	Mechanics Institute,
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## Physical Description 1

The Traynors Lagoon Mechanics Institute Hall, 669 Traynors Lagoon Road, Traynors Lagoon, is set in an open landscape comprising open grassed areas and perimeter trees and shrubs. There is an introduced brick toilet structure at the side towards the rear, while at the front is a flag pole and War Memorial (see TL/003 for further details).

The symmetrical, rudimentary Federation styled hall is characterised by a gable roof form that projects towards the road, together with rear hipped roof forms that project at the sides. The rear skillion supper room represents a later addition. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Six early round galvanised steel ventilators adorn the roofline. Broad overhangs are features of the eaves.

Other early features of the design include the decorative timber wall cladding simulating ashlar on the front wall, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding for the remainder of the building and the timber framed double hung windows. The vertically boarded timber doors at the front and sides are also early, as is the timberwork in the flying gable end, timber bargeboards, timberwork simulating shingling in the gable end and the rectangular sign on the front gable that reads "Traynors Lagoon Mechanics Institute".

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