
Hill End Public Hall



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end memorial

Location

2494 Willow Grove Road, HILL END VIC 3825

Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

Level of significance

-

Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Hill End Public Hall to the extent of the 1941 building, and the World War I memorial and fence at 2494 Willow Grove Road, Hill End.

The 1964 additions to the hall are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Hill End Public Hall and the World War I memorial are of local historic and social significance to Baw Baw

Shire.

Why is it significant?

The hall is historically and socially significant as a building that has served the Hill End community for over 60 years and has strong and enduring associations with that community. The immediate rebuilding of the hall in 1941 after it was destroyed by fires demonstrated the importance of the building to the community (Criteria A & G).

The hall is of architectural significance as a representative example of a simple public building that demonstrates the use of fire-resistant materials in the mid-twentieth century. (Criterion D)

The war memorial is historically significant as a one of a series of memorials erected after World War One that provides tangible evidence of the impact of that conflict upon local communities. (Criterion A) It is socially significant as a place has strong and enduring associations with the Hill End community and remains the focus of remembrance day commemorations. The enduring connection is demonstrated by the memorials to other conflicts that have been added to the memorial over time. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Baw Baw - Baw Baw Shire Heritage Study Stage 2, Context P/L, 2010; Baw Baw - Baw Baw Heritage Study (Stage 1), Context Pty. Ltd, 2006;
Hermes Number	125672
Property Number	

Physical Description 2

The Hill End Hall occupies an elevated position overlooking the Tanjil River Valley just to the north of the Hill End township. The hall is a gable-fronted fibro-cement and Trimdeck building with a corrugated-iron clad roof. The eaves have exposed rafters. The Trimdeck metal sheets (ridges in a horizontal position) clad the lower part of the building, up to the window sills, with fibro sheets, secured by horizontal battens, above. The facade has no windows, just a central enclosed gabled porch. The building is four bays long. The windows on the side elevations are divided horizontally into three sashes, each with a horizontal muntin between the two panes. The lowest sash is a hopper window.

There is a skillion-roof weatherboard addition to the rear and back half of the left-hand side elevation. It has single-pane sliding sash windows. The interior is in good condition, with a stage and new jarrah floor.

Physical Description 1

The Hill End war memorial is a granite obelisk on a rough-hewn stone plinth, surmounting a two-stepped stone base. It is enclosed within a low fence of concrete bollards linked by rusted iron chain links inside of which is planted Rosemary, a traditional plant of remembrance. It commemorates the dead of both world wars, in Hill End and nearby Fumina. The inscription reads: "Erected by the residents of Hill End and Fumina in memory of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Great War 1914 - 1919. T.G. Bloxom, E.H. Burgess, L. Cummins, H.V. Dogral, F.H. Hitchins, W.F. Paul. World War II 1939-45; T.C. Rees.

Historical Australian Themes

8 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL LIFE

8.1 Creating places to meet and socialise; 8.8 Commemorating

Veterans Description for Public

The Hill End Public Hall, located at 2494 Willow Grove Road, occupies an elevated position overlooking the Tanjil River Valley just to the north of the Hill End township. The Hall was constructed in 1941 to replace a building destroyed by bush fire the previous year. The fear of further destruction prompted the use of weathered iron and fibro-cement for the walls, as well as corrugated galvanised iron for the roof. The hall was popular in the district, with regular dances and balls during the 1940s. Buses from Moe would pick up revellers from Trafalgar and Willow Grove during this time but these happy events had petered out by the 1950s.

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