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# Emu Soldiers Memorial Hall



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Study, 2004

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## Location

Dunolly Road EMU, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

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## Statement of Significance

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The Memorial Hall off the Dunolly Road, Emu, has significance as an important commemorative icon in the district, and as an intact example of an interwar timber hall. Built in 1924, the hall appears to be in fair condition when viewed from the road. Some timber weatherboards appear to be in disrepair.

The Memorial Hall at Emu is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities for an interwar hall building. These qualities include the long simple gable roof form, together with the paired galvanised ventilators that adorn the roofline. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the rear skillion section, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, timber framed 12 paned double hung windows, double timber doors with four paned transom window in the gable end, other single timber doors, timber signage panel on the side wall, modest eaves and the timber flag pole surmounting the gable end.

The Memorial Hall at Emu is historically and socially significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with the development of Emu during the interwar period (c.1920s-1940s), and commemorates the fallen soldiers in the First World War (1914-1919). Built in 1924, the hall has served the community for a variety of purposes throughout the 20th century. It is therefore recognised and valued by the Emu and district community for cultural, commemorative and recreational reasons.

Overall, the Emu Memorial Hall is of LOCAL significance.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004; |
| Construction dates        | 1924,  |
| Hermes Number             | 127072   |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

The Memorial Hall off the Dunolly Road, Emu, has a rural setting surrounded by an open gravelled area and nearby bushland. There are more recent brick toilets towards the rear of the building.

The rudimentary, horizontal timber weatherboard, interwar hall is characterised by a simple, long gable roof form, together with a rear skillion that may be a later addition. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Six round galvanised ventilation stacks arranged in pairs adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed 12 paned double hung windows along the longitudinal elevations, together with the timber double door opening in the gable end, with a four paned transom window above. The single timber door towards the rear of the hall may also be early, as is the timber flagpole surmounting the gable end and the timber signage panel on the side wall.

An Honour Board was erected inside the hall, identifying the names of the fallen soldiers. It is not known whether the Board is still located within the building.

## Veterans Description for Public

Built to commemorate fallen soldiers in the First World War, the Emu Soldiers Memorial Hall served the community for a variety of purposes throughout the 20th century. The hall, has a rural setting surrounded by an open gravelled area and nearby bushland. The rudimentary, horizontal timber weatherboard building is characterised by a simple, long gable roof form, together with a rear skillion that may be a later addition. Other early features of the design include the timber framed 12 paned double hung windows along the longitudinal elevations, together with the timber double door opening in the gable end. An Honour Board was erected inside the hall, identifying the names of the fallen soldiers. In 2011 the Honour Roll was still located within the building.

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