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# Slaty Creek Memorial Hall



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## Location

Charlton St Arnaud Road SLATY CREEK, 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 Slaty Creek Memorial Hall, off the Slaty Creek St. Arnaud Road, Slaty Creek, has significance as an important commemorative icon in Slaty Creek to the fallen soldiers in the Second World War and as a local meeting place. Built in 1958 from concrete bricks, the building appears to be in good condition.

The Slaty Creek Memorial Hall is historically and socially significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with the development of Slaty Creek in the mid 20th century, and commemorates the fallen soldiers in the Second World War. Built in 1958, the hall has served the community for a variety of purposes throughout the 20th century. It is therefore recognised and valued by the Slaty Creek community for cultural, commemorative and recreational reasons.

Overall, the Slaty Creek Memorial Hall is of **LOCAL** significance.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

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## Physical Description 1

The Slaty Creek Memorial Hall, off the Charlton St. Arnaud Road, Slaty Creek, is situated on elevated land and is surrounded by open grassed areas and eucalypts.

The rudimentary, concrete brick, postwar hall building is characterised by a long simple gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Broad overhangs are features of the eaves. Two face brick chimneys adorn the roof line at the rear end.

Other early features of the design include the light tapestry brick wall base, regular bays of timber framed double hung windows and the double timber doors.

## Veterans Description for Public

The Slaty Creek Memorial Hall, off the Slaty Creek St. Arnaud Road, was built in 1958 to commemorate the fallen soldiers in the Second World War. On September 23rd 1958, the St. Arnaud Mercury newspaper reported:

*"Slaty Creek's new Memorial hall was officially opened at a gala ball on Friday evening, by the Minister for Lands, Mr. Keith Turnbull, M.L.A., in the presence of a crowd of about 350 people, who taxed the hall accommodation to its utmost. Mr. Turnbull also unveiled an honour roll, carrying the names of district residents, who had served during the 1939-45 World War. It was one of the biggest nights old residents of the district could recall. It was devoted to dancing, which did not conclude until about 3 a.m. The new hall is situated on the exact spot of the old Slaty Creek School, on a low rise of the opposite side of the Charlton road to the old hall site.*

*Built of cement bricks, made on a voluntary basis by district residents, the hall was subject of many compliments on Friday night, especially by several former residents of the district who returned for the big occasion. The building was erected at a cost of about £2,700, excluding voluntary labour. A grant of £1,120 was made available by the Government through the Kara Kara Shire Council for the building, on which there is still a debt of a few hundred pounds. The brickwork of the hall was erected by Mr. Ken Higgins of St. Arnaud, the carpentry work was carried out by Mr. F. Cadzow, the plumbing by Mr. E. Wood, the electrical installations by Mr. B. Kershaw, and the plaster work by Robinson and Casey, St. Arnaud."*

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