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# Orford War Memorial Hall



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## Location

Dicks Road, Orford VIC 3284

## Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 6, 2001

### *What is significant?*

The Orford War Memorial Hall is located on the former main road through the town of Orford. It is a gabled building constructed of timber and corrugated iron. It possibly constitutes a remodelling in the 1920s of the Orford Mechanics Institute Hall which was erected in 1909.

### *How is it significant?*

The Orford war memorial hall is of historical and social significance to the Shire of Moyne.

### *Why is it significant?*

The Orford war memorial hall is of local historical significance for its part in the development of the Orford township, through its origins as the local mechanics institute erected in 1909. It is also of local historical significance as an example of a public hall dedicated to the memory of local soldiers. In this respect it is important for its dual role as a public hall and as a war memorial.

The Orford war memorial hall is of social significance as a war memorial and as a community facility in use for almost 100 years. It has social significance for its role as a venue for local community meetings, social gatherings and entertainment.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moyne - Moyne Shire Heritage Study Stage 2, Helen Doyle in association with Context P/L, 2006;
Construction dates	1909,
Other Names	former Orford Mechanics Institute; Orford Public Hall,
Hermes Number	127455
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This is a combination of hall buildings which were built of timber with aluminium siding. The lettering on front of building reads 'Orford Memorial Hall 1914-18 1939-45'. The rear section of the complex was probably the original mechanics institute (built 1909). See sketch overpage in Field Notebook 1. [FS 2001]

### COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

This hall is an unremarkable structure in itself, built as it is in the typical gabled timber style and without any architectural embellishments. It is not an unusual building type - there being a small public hall in almost every town and hamlet in Moyne Shire. Nevertheless, the hall at Orford is of interest as a former, standard mechanics institute and public hall that was adapted as a 'war memorial hall' after World War I. This was also the case at Mortlake, where the Mechanics Institute building of c.1860s was renamed the Soldiers' Memorial Hall in 1923. Examples of purpose-built soldiers' memorial halls in Moyne Shire are at Minhamite (1926) and The Sisters (1926), with a much later example at Wangoom (1958).

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

Minor Modifications

## Veterans Description for Public

The Orford War Memorial Hall is located on the former main road through the town of Orford. It is a gabled building constructed of timber and corrugated iron. A mechanics institute hall was built at Orford in 1909 and then appears to have been re-opened as a war memorial hall after one of the World Wars. The Memorial Hall is dedicated to the men who fought in both the First and Second World War. Orford was an area with considerable soldier settlement. The Orford hall has now been a war memorial and community facility in use for over 100 years.

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