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## Tooradin Public Hall



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### Location

Tooradin Station Road, TOORADIN, Casey City

### Municipality

CASEY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO194

### Heritage Listing

Casey City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 4, 2004

#### What is significant?

The Tooradin Public Hall (former Mechanics' Institute and Free Library), constructed in 1938, and the Monterey Cypress Hedge at Tooradin Station Road, Tooradin.

#### How is it significant?

The Tooradin Public Hall is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

#### Why is it significant?

Historically and socially, the Tooradin Public Hall is significant as a long-term public meeting place and its construction the result of considerable community effort. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and G1)

Aesthetically, the Tooradin Public Hall is significant as an intact interwar public building, which is a local landmark within Tooradin. The Monterey Cypress Hedge provides a related landscape setting. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - City of Casey Heritage Study: Cranbourne, Knox, Graeme Butler & Associate, 1998;
Construction dates	1937,
Other Names	Tooradin Mechanics' Institute And Free Library,
Hermes Number	63161
Property Number	

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## Usage/Former Usage

Public Hall, Library

## Physical Description 1

The Tooradin Public Hall is a fibrous cement sheet and weatherboarded interwar building, with a gabled roof, added skillion roof wings to the sides, and a rendered chimney. Internally, the hall comprises a large kitchen, meeting room, toilets, office, cloak room and hall. The scout hall is contained in one of the attached skillion wings.

There is a mature Monterey cypress row at the front and side, and some other plantings of native species at the rear. However, there is no evidence of the Lemon Scented Gums planted by the CWA, although it is possible that some of the immature trees at the rear of the site may be replacements for those trees. (1)

The Tooradin Public Hall is situated. is located at the north-west corner of Evans Street, opposite the former school reserve.

## SOURCES

1. Rosemary Mynard pers. comm. July 2004

## Physical Conditions

Excellent

## Intactness

High

## Historical Australian Themes

Community & Culture; Mechanics' Institutes & Public Halls

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