
Colac Drill Hall



45218 DRILL HALL

Location

63-67 Queen Street COLAC, Colac Otway Shire

Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2003

The timber Drill Hall, located at 63-67 Queen Street, Colac, was built in 1909, and was extended after compulsory military training was introduced in 1911. The Drill Hall is historically important to the Shire of Colac Otway. The hall is historically important for associations with military service and attitudes toward, particularly in the first decades of the twentieth century. The Drill Hall is important for its historic associations with recruitment drives and the training of local volunteers, and those called up for compulsory training in the Australian Army since 1909. The building is historically important for its size, which indicates the numbers involved in military training in the district, and for its association with the district's involvement in the Australian Armed Forces.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Colac Otway - Colac Otway Heritage Study, Mary Sheehan & Associates, 2003;
Construction dates	1909,
Hermes Number	125799
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

Law & Order (8.2.5)

Physical Description 1

A simple single-storey, timber frame weatherboard Army Drill Hall, which is pleasantly proportioned and detailed. The large drill hall is now surrounded by enclosed skillion verandah type additions. The doublehung timber windows are regularly located around the structure, with large angled window/vent fixed in the apex of the gable. The roof is clad with corrugated metal sheeting with a central strip ventilator along the apex of the main ridge. There is a red brick and rendered chimney to the rear. The sparsity of detail, and large size of the structure makes this an attractive building, reflecting its military use. The building is substantially intact, with later additions associated with its original use.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Substantially intact

Veterans Description for Public

The Colac timber Drill Hall, at 63-67 Queen Street, was built in 1909 and extended after compulsory military training was introduced in 1911. The drill hall is historically important for associations with military service and attitudes to war, particularly in the first decades of the twentieth century. It is important for its historic associations with recruitment drives and the training of local volunteers, and those called up for compulsory training in the Australian Army since 1909. The building is also significant for its size, which indicates the numbers involved in military training in the district, and for its association the district's involvement in the Australian Armed Forces.

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