

Wangoom Memorial Hall



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Wangoo 2.jpg

Location

Wangoom-Warrumjea Road, Wangoom VIC 3279

Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Memorial Hall at Wangoom, erected in 1958, is a small brick hall building with a low pitched gabled roof and double-leafed entrance. It was built with funding from the Public Works Department and registered as RSL Memorial Hall, Wangoom, in 1959.

How is it significant?

The Memorial Hall at Wangoom is of historical, architectural and social significance to Moyne Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Memorial Hall at Wangoom is of local historical significance for its part in the development of the small town of Wangoom. It is also of historical significance as one of several public halls in the Shire dedicated as a soldiers' memorial. The Wangoom Memorial Hall is a rare example in Moyne Shire of a public hall to be dedicated as a war memorial after World War II.

The Memorial Hall at Wangoom is of local aesthetic significance as a 1950s-style brick hall.

The Memorial Hall at Wangoom is of local social significance as a dedicated war memorial, and hence a place of pilgrimage, prayer and reflection, and also as a community facility in use for almost fifty years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moyne - Moyne Shire Heritage Study Stage 2, Helen Doyle in association with Context P/L, 2006;
Construction dates	1958,
Architect/Designer	Unknown,
Hermes Number	127506
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Cream brick hall with a low-pitched gable roof and a terracotta tile roof. There is a double-leafed front entrance and five bays of side windows. The hall is prominently located at the crossroads of Wangoom township. There is an honour board inside.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

The Memorial Hall at Wangoom, built in 1958, is atypical compared with the majority of public halls in Moyne Shire. Whereas the Wangoom Hall is a postwar brick hall erected in 1958, most are timber halls built in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Apart from the Wangoom hall, there are few other 1950s buildings included in the proposed list of heritage sites in Moyne Shire. The purpose of the hall - as a memorial to local soldiers - is common to several other earlier halls in the Shire, including Orford (1909; remodelled 1920s), Minhamite (1926), and The Sisters (1926). The Wangoom hall, however, is rare in the Shire as a war memorial hall built after World War II. Another is Hawkesdale Memorial Hall (c.1960s) and Koroit Memorial Theatre (1951), which is not strictly a public hall. Outside of Moyne Shire, the Penshurst Memorial Hall (c.1950s; Shire of Southern Grampians) perhaps provides a better comparison.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Intact

Veterans Description for Public

The Wangoom Memorial Hall, on the Wangoom-Warrumjea Road, was officially opened on 12th December 1958 to commemorate those who served in the Second World War. The Hall is a small brick hall building with a low pitched gabled roof and double-leafed entrance. The honour boards for the First and Second World Wars, which were originally kept in Wangoom primary school, are now housed in the hall.

The site for the Hall was purchased from Grasmere & Framlingham Butter Co. Ltd. for £42/10 in April 1948 and was cleared by local volunteer labour. It was some time before the hall would be built, a reservation of the land

was gazetted on 23rd December 1956 and funds were largely raised locally. The hall was registered as RSL Memorial Hall Wangoom on 6th April 1959 but has only ever been known as Wangoom Memorial Hall.

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