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# Masonic Hall

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## Location

28 Brown Street, PORTARLINGTON VIC 3223 - Property No 246328

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1545

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Masonic Hall was opened as the Sons of Temperance Hall in 1874 when the Temperance Movement was a strong force in the new community being established in the 1860s and 1870s. The steeply pitched slate gable roof Victorian Georgian structure is constructed of polychrome brick in a geometric unadorned style. The Hall has been used by the Masonic Arlington Lodge No.81 for meetings since 1899 and it has also held church services, school classes and a Free Library. The Masonic Hall has historic and social value to the Portarlington community. The Masonic Hall is the oldest brick former Temperance Hall in the Bellarine area. It has been in continuous use as a community hall for various functions for over 120 years. It is of LOCAL cultural significance.

Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21397
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## Physical Description 1

The site consists of the original gable roof building to the south, with more recent extensions on the north side. The tall brick structure has a stone sign in the east gable end which read "Sons of Temperance Hall 1874". The building is in Victorian Georgian style plain, geometric, and unadorned. It has a rectangular floor plan, and a steep pitch slate clad gable roof running east-west. The Brown St east elevation is of polychrome brown and cream brickwork, probably local bricks, with plain bargeboards on the gable end, a bricked-up entrance arch and a circular louvered vent. The corners, the archway and the circular opening are quoined with cream bricks. To approximately 600mm above the ground below the floor line appears to have had cement or stone facing, now removed, as a mock plinth. The Willis Street south elevation has been rendered over with cement, and one of the four recessed window openings is now blocked in.

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