
MASONIC HALL (FORMER)



23501 Masonic Hall Former
Dunkeld 0158

Location

Parker Street DUNKELD, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Masonic Hall in Parker Street, Dunkeld was opened in January, 1938 when Wor. Bro K A McLeod was the Master. The Mount Sturgeon Lodge No. 196 had been formed in 1904 when Wor. Bro. A E Lineker was the Foundation Master. Land on the western side of the township was donated by the Armytage partnership which owned the nearby Mount Sturgeon station. The single storey timber building is in a stripped Classical style, standard for all Masonic buildings. No architect or builder has been associated with its construction. The building is in good condition but much of the iconography and furnishings associated with Freemasonry were removed when it was sold in 2001.

How is it significant?

The former Masonic Lodge is of historical, social and architectural significance to the township of Dunkeld and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Masonic Hall, Parker Street, Coleraine is of historical significance as a long-term demonstration of Freemasonry. It is of social significance as a venue for the community coming together to share common interests. It is of architectural significance because its style, form and scale express the conservative values of Freemasonry.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1937,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23501
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in good condition. [The interior has not been inspected.]

Physical Description 1

The former Masonic Hall is a single storey timber structure. The style of the building is a very simple version of Classical architecture, the idiom always used for Masonic halls. The facade is symmetrical about a flat-roofed Ionic portico with two columns. There is a 12 paned double-hung sash window on either side. High level hopper windows with 6 panes are located on the side walls towards the rear. The hipped roof is shallow pitched with proprietary ventilators concealed behind a flat parapet. The walls are painted white with a pale blue trim, colours traditionally associated with Freemasonry but there is no Masonic iconography remaining on the building.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

Theme 8: Developing Australia's Cultural Life

8.5 Forming associations

8.5.1 Preserving traditions and group memories

8.5.2 Helping other people

8.5.3 Associating for mutual aid

Usage/Former Usage

residential

Integrity

High degree of integrity externally. [Not inspected internally.]

Physical Description 2

Wor. Bro. A E Lineker, Foundation Master

Wor. Bro. K A McLeod, Master in 1938 when new Temple opened.

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