

MEMORIAL HALL AND PARK



23634 Cavendish Memorial Hall 0132



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Location

Scott Street and Barker Street CAVENDISH, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 10, 2003

What is significant?

The Memorial Hall and Park are located in the centre of the township of Cavendish, on the north east corner of Scott and Barker Streets. The park contains several structures and plantings, including a war memorial with associated symbolic plantings, all of which is in excellent condition. The Memorial Hall is a single storey red brick hall with an unusual narthex incorporating seven arches across the front in the form of an arcade. The pediment has a symbol of the rising sun located in the centre and below it there are the words "Cavendish Soldiers Memorial Hall" in raised lettering. The southern elevation has been compromised by a large extension, recently remodelled, which now provides the main access to the hall. Internally the building has one main hall, an elevated stage and small rooms at the rear. The main hall has several traditional memorials on the wall. All are polished timber with gold lettering and some include photographs of those who served. The hall is in good condition, and the park and war memorial are in very good condition.

How is it significant?

The Memorial Hall and Park in Cavendish are of historical, architectural and social significance to the township of Cavendish and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Memorial hall and park are of historical significance as a prominent and well-used public building and public open space in a street that has been an important commercial thoroughfare and thus is a reminder of an earlier, more prosperous era of the town's history. The hall has additional historical significance for its association with those who have served and those who have fallen from the Cavendish area in World Wars One and Two. The Park is of a complimentary nature, providing further historical interest, as it has been created as a memorial park which houses the town's war memorial and symbolic memorial plantings. The complex is of social significance for the association with returned soldiers, and remembering those who have served and fallen in conflict. It is of further social importance for its role as an important local meeting place for over 80 years. The hall is of architectural significance for the unusual narthex incorporating seven arches across the front in the form of an arcade. This is a rare example of Interwar free classical architectural style in the Southern Grampians Shire.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1920,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23634
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The hall is in good condition.

The war memorial and park are in excellent condition.

Physical Description 1

The Cavendish Memorial Hall is a single storey red brick hall with an unusual narthex across the front in the form of an arcade. This is cement rendered and painted pink with white details. The narthex incorporates seven arches, the three central arches being segmental the four outer being semi-circular, two in the facade and one each on the side elevations. The outer arches are filled in to form pavilions. The arches spring from simple stylised capitals above square piers. Above the arches is a low pediment with a shallow bell-shaped curve. The rising sun symbol of the AIF is in the centre of the pediment and below it there are the words "Cavendish Soldiers Memorial Hall" in raised sans-serif lettering. The front wall is face brick. The central door is bi-fold and has six panels. The windows on either side include pairs of double hung sashes and hopper windows above. Their sills and lintels are cement rendered and painted white. The windows are repeated in the north elevation. Those on the south elevation have been compromised by a large extension, recently remodelled, which now provides the main access to the hall. Internally the building has one main hall, an elevated stage and small rooms at the rear. The main hall has several traditional memorials on the wall. All are polished timber with gold lettering and some include photographs of those who served.

The park is located on the intersection of Scott and Barker Streets in Cavendish, in the centre of the township. The park has several memorial plantings, a large interactive paved map of Cavendish and a war memorial located in it, with accompanying symbolic plantings. The main war memorial is a tapering pylon of six dark grey granite blocks. It has two hollowed granite planter boxes at the sides and two shallow bluestone steps in front. Below a simple incised and gilded cross there is an dedicatory inscription to those who served from Cavendish and district and below that a list of eight names. The lettering is also gilded. The memorial is placed diagonally in the north-west corner of the park.

Historical Australian Themes

3. Developing local, regional and national economies

3.21 Entertaining for profit

8. Developing Australia's cultural life

8.5 Forming associations

8.5.3 Associating for mutual aid

8.5.4 Pursuing common leisure interests

8.8 Remembering the fallen

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Usage/Former Usage

public hall and park

Integrity

Substantially intact complex, with a high degree of integrity.

Physical Description 2

Robert Young, advocate for construction of hall and laid foundation stone

Algernon Abbott MCE, Shire Engineer and designer

W Diwell, contractor

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