
MOUNT BEST PUBLIC HALL



Mount Best Public Hall (2000) Mount Best Public Hall (2020) image194

Location

5 TIN MINE ROAD, MOUNT BEST, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 2022

What is significant?

The Mount Best Community Hall, at 5 Mount Best Tin Mine Road, Mount Best, built in 1938, is significant. It is a rectangular weatherboard hall with a corrugated iron roof gable roof with a small ridge hip and a hip addition to the west side. A low-pitched hipped entry porch projects at the front over wide double doors and the gable end is of battened cement sheet panels. The side windows are single double hung.

Non-original alterations and additions, other than those specified above, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Mount Best Community Hall is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

Why is it significant?

Historically, this is the third Mount Best Hall to serve the district after the previous two halls were destroyed by fires. The rebuilding of this hall demonstrates the importance of community halls to small, isolated communities

such as Mount Best and provides tangible evidence of the historic community centre of the district. (Criterion A) Aesthetically, it is an Interwar hall with distinctive form and detailing including front-facing hip, wide double fronted entry and a broad projecting open porch, which is an historic landmark within Mount Best. (Criterion E) The hall has social significance for strong and enduring associations with the Mount Best community through its continuous use as a public hall for over 85 years. As Mount Best is an extremely isolated area the hall has been central to forming connections and relationships within the local community and maintaining an identity to the area. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1938, 1938, 1938,
Other Names	Mount Best Hall,
Hermes Number	30923
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

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The side windows are single double hung. The Hall is situated close to the road adjacent to the Tennis Courts.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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