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Description

The site at 77 Hitchcock Avenue has visual connections to the tall pine trees along the north end of Hitchcock Avenue and to the avenue of gum trees to the north of Hitchcock Avenue. The site also has visual connections with predominantly single storey, pitched roof houses of mixed styles and periods. This building has typical front and side setbacks, although it is situated on a substantial block. A flag pole is also located on the east end of the site.

The single storey, brick and cement rendered, interwar Hall Bungalow styled building is characterised by a dominant gable roof form that terminates into a small, central projecting hipped roof wing on the east end. These roof forms are clad in concrete? tiles. A smaller additional brick wing is situated to the west. A series of early galvanised iron ventilation stacks adorn the roofline. Wide overhangs and exposed rafters are features of the eaves. The early timber framed? windows along the north and south facades have nine lights, while the windows on the east facade are recent additions. The doors on the east facade, including the booth openings, have timber frames and doors.

Early decorative features of the design include the unpainted red brickwork to sill level (along the north and south facades and parts of the east facade) and to door height (on the projecting wing of the east facade), with a cement rendered finish above. Other decorative features include the Barwon Heads Hall signage, stringcourse on the central east wing, and the gable infill (panelling and battening).

History

The first public hall in Barwon Heads was situated to the south-east of the hotel, having been constructed between 1887 and 1891. The land on which the present hall is situated was owned by A. Smith in c1906 and at least until 1912. At some stage after 1912, another hall was built on the present site, but it was destroyed by fire in 1930. This building was constructed in 1934 and the *Geelong Advertiser* reported its completion as an improvement to Barwon Heads. The report further stated: "This is the most recent addition to the public building at Barwon Heads and is easily the best hall in the Geelong district. Its construction which was carried out in brick and concrete cost £1150. The furnishings cost £200 and the land on which it is built £100. It has a clear floor space of 2400 square feet, a stage of 20 ft. by 12 ft. and on either side of the stage there are two dressing rooms 10 ft. by 12 ft. There is a modern biograph box and a well equipped kitchen. The number of entertainments held in the hall and the patronage accorded them since it was opened furnishes abundant proof of the need there was for such a building at the popular seaside resort. The committee has recently entered into the regular screening of talkie pictures in the hall. In 1954, a supper room and new kitchen were added.

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