

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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Address 805	Bellarine Hwy	Leopold	3224	109
Site Name Leopold Hall				Page No. 1 of 4

Key Dates: Original 1893 Major Changes

Existing Use/Type
hall

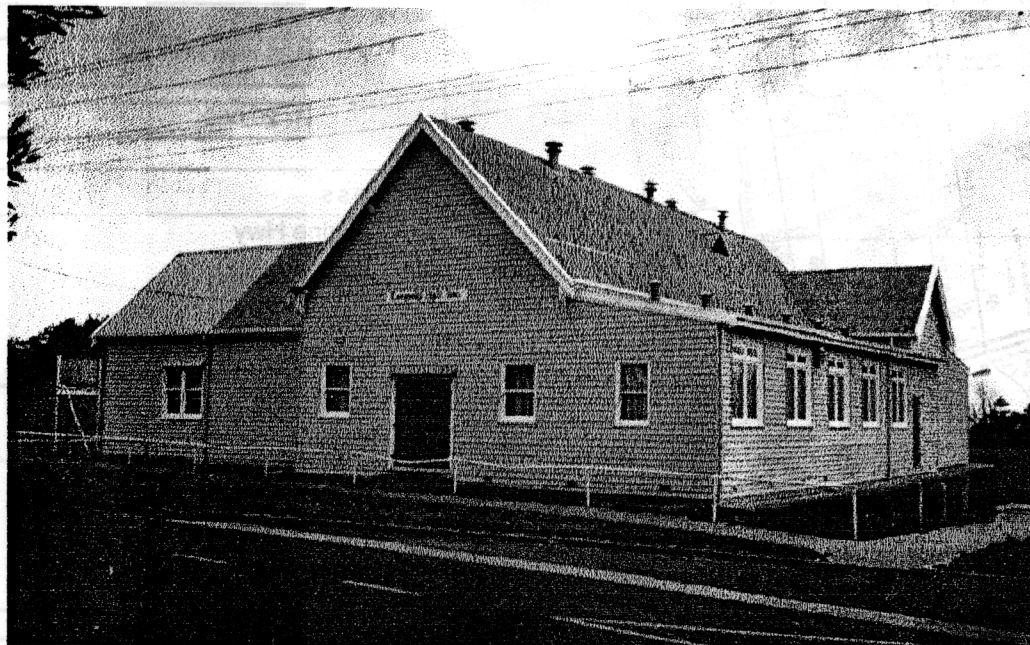
Precinct Name

Survey Date
5/1/1996

Neg. No.
7/28

Video Track No.

Recorded By
RL



Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

Nominated ☐
Registered ☐

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated ☐
Registered ☐

National Trust Register:

☐

Planning Scheme:

☐

Historical Archaeological Register :

☐

Other:

☐

BHS Degree of Significance

☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Condition of the fabric:

☐ Excellent ☒ Good
☐ Fair ☐ Poor
☐ Ruinous ☐ Unexposed

Integrity of the site:

☐ Excellent ☒ Good
☐ Fair ☐ Poor
☐ Partially excavated
☐ Fully excavated

Present Threats:

☐ Human; mining
☐ Human; visitor erosion
☐ Human; vandalism
☐ Human; development
☐ Human; conservation/maintenance
☐ Human; stock
☐ Natural Forces; erosion
☐ Natural Forces; vegetation
☒ Not threatened

Significant Architectural Features:

☐ Original Materials
☐ Original Chimneys
☐ Wall Decoration
☐ Verandah Structure
☐ Verandah Decoration
☐ Original Parapet
☐ other prominent elevations

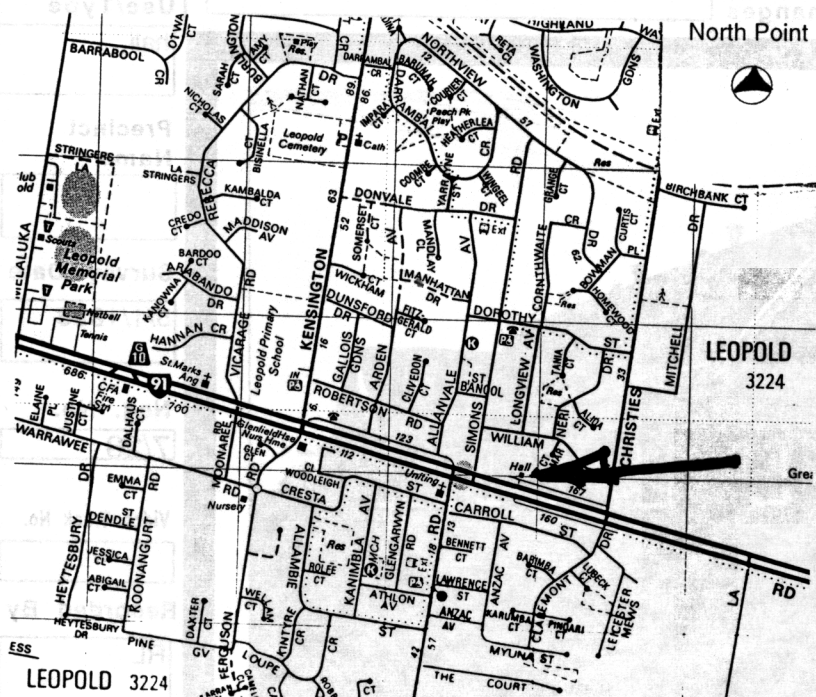
Original Roof form & finish
Original Openings doors & windows
Original Decoration
Original Finish
☐ Early Garden
☐ Early Fence

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Site Plan/ Location Sketch

Not To Scale



Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 278370 N 5769820

Map Melways map 232

Scale 1: 20,000

Access

off Bellarine Hwy

Informants

Ownership:

☐ Crown☒ Private☐ Resident owner ☐ Occupier only

Local
Govt
Area

☒ City of Greater Geelong

Cadastral Location:

County GrantParish **Moolap**

Allotment

Block

Physical Description of Site:

This building is the replacement for the Free Library c1883 that was destroyed by fire. The large timber frame, and weatherboard clad, hall has several gable roofs clad in corrugated iron, with metal roof ventilators along the ridge, and a triangular ventilator.

The double fronted south elevation has a prominent double height gable end with plain bargeboards, a sign with "Leopold Hall Inc.", and a large timber entrance door with two small double-hung windows either side. A skillion roof section to the east has a third small window on the south elevation.

The east elevation skillion roof section has metal roof ventilators, a timber door, and five large, original twin light windows with toplights.

The south elevation gable roof section, at right angles to the main gable, has newer corrugated iron cladding, and a double-hung twin light window.

The middle roof section is believed to be original. (1)

(1) Myrtle Filbay

Relevant Special Interest Groups:

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Types of Sites:

<input type="checkbox"/> monument	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime	<input type="checkbox"/> tree(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> machinery
<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building
<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> fence	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> gate	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	

Historical Themes:

Early Settlement		Communities	cmEducation
Maritime		Landscapes	
Tourism		The Wider World	
Workforce		Cultural Activity	caLibraries/galleries
Townships		Miscellaneous	

History of Site/Object/Place:

There was a movement to establish the Kensington, Moolap and Curlewis Free Library in 1882. A hall was built in 1883, but it was burnt down in 1893 and a new building was erected by November 1893 after tenders were called by Tombs and Durran in April.(1)

As well as being a library the hall has been used for cultural, educational, religious, political, sporting, patriotic and private functions throughout its life and has generally been an important community venue.(2)

During World War 1 the hall was used for Red Cross dances, in 1923 movies were first shown and electric light was connected in 1930.(3) Saturday night dances, weddings and special community occasions have all been part of the history of the Leopold Hall. Extensions were carried out in 1957 and further renovations in the late 1980s. In 1982 the centenary celebrations for the hall were very well attended.

References:

1. Wynd, I. (1988) *Balla-wein a history of the Shire of Bellarine*, p.104.
2. GHRC 316/3224
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Statement of Cultural Significance:

The Leopold Hall was designed in 1893 by architects Tombs and Durran after a fire destroyed the original c1883 Free library building. It is a large gable corrugated iron roof, timber frame, weatherboard structure with original windows and roof ventilators. Some changes were made in 1957 and the late 1980s. It has been used as a picture theatre and for dances, weddings and special community occasions.

The Leopold Hall has historic and social value to the Leopold community.

The Leopold Hall is relatively intact and has been in continuous use since 1893 as a library, meeting place and community venue for cultural, educational, religious, political, sporting, patriotic and private functions.

It is of **LOCAL** cultural significance.

Additional Information