

## 395 BARKERS ROAD, PRESHIL SCHOOL HALL

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Original Use: School Hall  
Date of Construction: Designed 1962<sup>1</sup>  
Architect: Borland, Trewenach and Brooks<sup>2</sup>

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DESIGNATION A  
CITATION NO.75

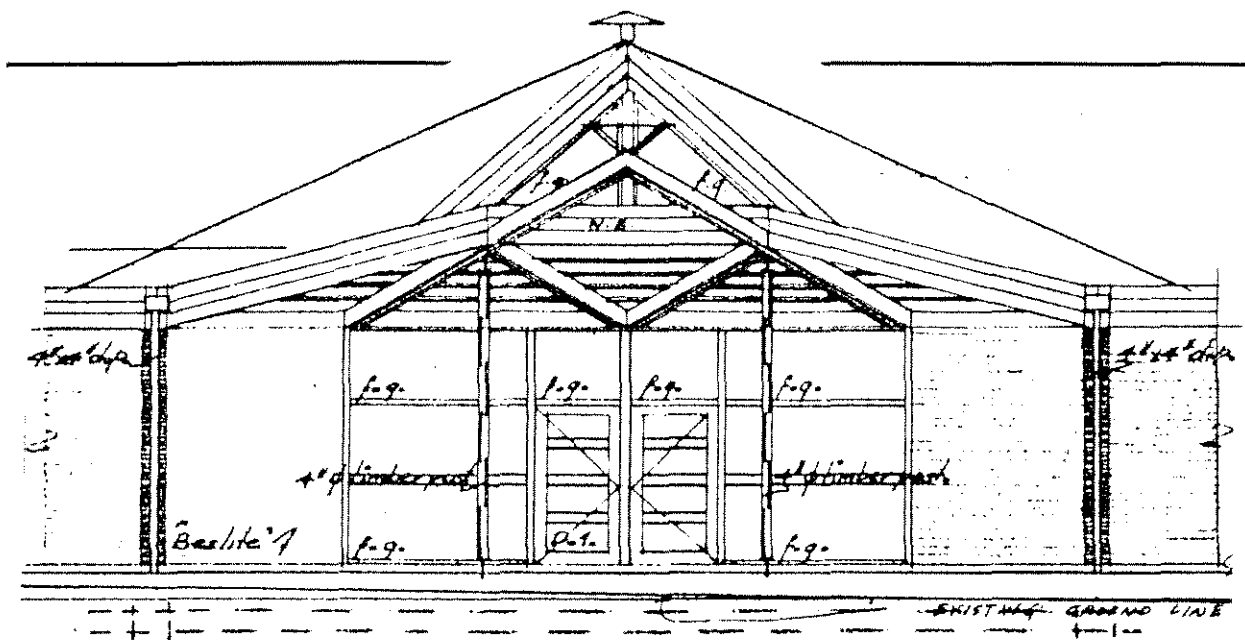
### HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Drawings were lodged with the Kew City Council for an application to build this hall, in 1962. It has an innovative octagonal plan with an octagonal roof offset against the alignment of the walls, creating a lively play of forms. The form of the hall, and the subsequent manner in which it can be used, represents a major departure from the more common nave-like halls designed for schools. The expressed beams both span the hall, and the sheltered bays on the external perimeter. The walls are built of grey concrete blocks and the roof clad in steel deck. The excellence of the building's design was officially recognised after ten years, when it received the Victorian Architecture Medal in 1972

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<sup>1</sup> City of Kew, Building Permit application

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*



Elevation, Working Drawing, 1962 (City of Kew)

#### SIGNIFICANCE

The Preshil School Hall is of significance for its innovative form and as a major early work of Kevin Borland's office. It is also of significance for having been officially recognised for its excellence by the architectural profession.

#### HERITAGE LISTINGS

HBR: Recommended for inclusion on the register.

GBR: N/A

RNE: Not recommended for inclusion on the register.

National Trust: Not currently listed.