

SHIRE OFFICES (FORMER)

		Place No.	212												
ADDRESS	673 Doncaster Road Doncaster		Last Update												
DESCRIPTION	-														
	Condition	Excellent	Integrity Intact												
	Threats	Traffic vibration damage	Key elements												
	Designer	Designed by J.M. Anderson, b													
HISTORY	<p>Built in 1892 on land given by Mr R Serpell [107], this building was used as municipal offices and council chambers until 1957. It was renovated for Doncaster Templestowe Arts Society Inc. in 1987 and reopened in 1988 as an art studio/gallery.</p> <p>The building was designed by J.M. Anderson, and built by William Deveraux Harburt. [108]</p> <p>It is a very fine detailed, gable-roofed, simple red brick hall. The brickwork is Flemish bond, tuckpointed. It has a three-bay front and three-bay sides. The front has round-headed windows and a projecting central round-headed porch, with a gable roof that reflects, in simplified form, the main gable. This projects on brackets decorated by a timber king post truss, with turned finial and pendant. The barge has a moulding and decorated ends. Openings have a fine architrave moulding, with a keystone above the springing point of their arches, which continues as an architrave. There are bluestone sills extending as a cream brick band. The plinth is also cream brick. The words "Shire" and "Hall" are embossed on plates. There are three bluestone steps at the front entrance and the double entrance doors are original.</p> <p>There is appropriate ogee spouting, and the colours are also appropriate. The rear red brick addition is inconspicuous. The sign is extremely inappropriate and should be replaced.</p> <p>Internally the original building comprised three spaces - the council chamber, the secretary's room and the rate collector's room [109]. The original internal partitions were removed in 1958 [110]. The timber trusses, tie rod system, and ceiling seem intact. the installation of the mezzanine has damaged the architraves.</p> <p>It is in excellent condition and externally intact, with one addition at rear, but under threat of traffic vibration damage.</p> <table><tr><td>Creation Date</td><td>1892</td><td>Change Dates</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Associations</td><td></td><td>Local Themes</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>6.01 - Public buildings</td></tr></table>			Creation Date	1892	Change Dates		Associations		Local Themes					6.01 - Public buildings
Creation Date	1892	Change Dates													
Associations		Local Themes													
			6.01 - Public buildings												
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	A simple Conservative Classical public rural building, of regional architectural significance. It is finely detailed. It is part of a group with the Church of Christ and Doncaster School.														
LEVEL															
RECOMMENDATIONS															
	Heritage Register Listings														
	Register	Reference	Zoning Status												
	None Specified														
	Extent														
	Heritage Schedule														
	External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:												
	Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:													

Tree Controls:

Aboriginal Heritage Place:

Outbuildings or Fences:

Incorporated Plan:

Incorporated Plan Details

Description:

Conservation Management

Extra Research

-
- BIBLIOGRAPHY** [107] Box Hill Reporter, 1 July 1892; History of shire Hall on panel inside.
[108] National Trust of Australia (Victoria) file, nomination form.
[109] Box Hill Reporter, 1 July 1892.
[110] National Trust of Australia (Victoria) file.