



Victorian Heritage Database Report

Healesville Memorial Buildings

Location:

231 Maroondah Highway (Nicholson Street), HEALESVILLE VIC 3777 - Property No 70364/3

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:

Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO158

Statement of Significance:

Healesville's Memorial Buildings have high local significance as a memorial to the Healesville men who served in the First World War. This important community memorial, funded by public subscription, is one of many memorial buildings constructed throughout Victoria after the First World War. The Hall has social significance for the Healesville community, as a memorial to those who served in the First World War, created through community fund raising efforts, and as a centre for community services in the local area for many years.

Description

The Healesville Memorial buildings are based around the Soldiers Memorial Hall, a handsome double storey brick building set close to the main road in the heart of Healesville. The Hall has a new iron roof and cream painted rendered architraves. The tops of its walls are rendered and painted burgundy. Four twelve-pane sash windows are set into both the upper and lower storeys at the front of the building. Two Australian flags, respectively representing the Australian people as a whole, and the Aboriginal people, are mounted in the façade above the building's entrance. Also above the doorway are the words "To those who served 1914-1918" and above them is the date "1923". The main entrance of the building consists of a double column entry with its door set into the building. The door has new glass panels and a recessed fanlight above it. Another, less formal entrance exists on the Nicholson Street elevation, providing access to Council offices and services.

A small unsympathetic cream brick extension with a flat roof has been made to the Hall at 231 Nicholson Street (the west side of the building). A grey granite memorial is located outside the front of the Hall on the footpath. The words "Lest we forget", and "Our glorious dead" are inscribed into the stone.

The windows along the Hall's eastern elevation have been modified and a new fire escape added to the upper storey. A brick and timber extension, housing the Healesville library, has been made to the rear of the building. The main hall is currently used as a cinema.

Excellent

Minor Modifications

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| Heritage Study / Consultant | Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000 |
| Construction Date Range | 1924 - 1924 |
| Architect / Designer | Stephenson & Meldrum |
| Municipality | YARRA RANGES SHIRE |
| Other names | |
| Hermes number | 115380 |
| Property number | 70364/3 |

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