

Place name City of Sale Municipal Offices, Hall & former Gallery

Survey Date: 04/07/2004

Other name Memorial Court

Id: 949

Street 80 to 88 Macalister Street

Last Update 04/10/2004

Locality Sale

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Precinct: Precinct - Sale Town Centre

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer

Builder

Ownership Not known

Built Date 1955

Change Date

Description The City of Sale municipal complex contains three main buildings arranged on three sides of an open area. The Municipal Offices are on the east side, the former Gallery on the west and the Memorial Hall on the south. The three buildings share the same simple modern design elements, using simple massing of brickwork and groupings of windows, and the arranging of the elements to achieve a pleasing composition. The emphasis on light and plain materials is a typical characteristic of modern architecture.

The Gallery was purpose-designed, with two-level angled windows on the western side to light the space. A double storey section with protruding cubic porch entrance (now leading to the library) is attached to a single storey wing which has a split, sloping roof. The mural on the side of the building was created by students from the technical school across the road (2).

To the rear of the site, the Sale Memorial Hall is a single storey building with flat facade and a stepped parapet asymmetrically positioned. The balance of elements in the entrance reflects the classical composition of much Modern architecture. Similarly, the double storey Council Offices is a cubic form with window and door elements starkly framed, punctuating the sheer surfaces of the walls.

The central open area contains a sweep of lawn leading up to war memorial set in front of the Memorial Hall. The memorial, previously located in the centre of the Raymond and Foster Street intersection, was moved to this site in 1963. A flagpole is located close to the Macalister Street end of the open area.

Externally, the complex is in good condition and retains its original design integrity with no alterations to the buildings as they appear from the street.

The interiors are worthy of investigation to identify any significant features.

In addition to cenotaph (above), there is a war memorial plaque on rock. (Wellington Shire Monuments Register)

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Municipal complex	Modern	Brick	Not visible/known

Condition Good

Integrity Intact

Redevelopment/change

Public

Building
Monument
Plaque (on a structure)

History The foundation stone for the Gallery was laid by the Premier of Victoria, John Cain, on 19 February 1955. The building was completed in 1965 and represents a period of growth in the town.

SOURCES

- (1) Photograph, Raymond Street 1920s (Sale Museum).
- (2) Blake, L. J., 'Vision and Realisation', p. 1162.

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	x		Recommended

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations Investigation of the interiors.

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed: Sale Heritage Stu **Stage 2 priority** Planning Scheme: Individua

Final Ranking Local significance **Final Recommendation**

Statement of significance The City of Sale Municipal complex is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Wellington Shire as an expression of civic pride at a time of growth and prosperity for the region. Architecturally, the building complex is an excellent expression of Modern architectural philosophy, demonstrated by its use of light and balance of forms, comparable to the 1944 Sale Technical School building off York Street. It is a singular example in Sale of a complex of buildings built in the modern style and intact in its major components. It is also of social significance as a significant community meeting place. (RNE criteria A.4, F.1 and G.1)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography	Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study Context Pty Ltd, (2004), Wellington Heritage Study: Sale Review Wellington Shire, (24/2/20000), Monuments Register (Nos 52, 53)
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