

Place name Mechanics' Institute, Newry

Survey Date:

Other name Upper Maffra Hall, Upper Maffra Mechanics' Institute and Library

Id: 1299

Street Boisdale-Newry Road

Last Update

Locality Newry

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Property Info

Precinct: Not in precinct

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer

Builder

Ownership Public

Built Date 1882 **Change Date**

Description Original brick hall with later extensions beside it (LeCheminant, Maffra Workshop 2001)

Condition

Integrity

History September 1881 a site was chosen and plans drawn up for a 42 x 22m hall and Mr E. T. Jones of Maffra to do plan and specifications. A public meeting agreed to a cost of approximately 200 pounds and a committee was formed. March 1883 showed complete costing to be 394.14.3 pounds. A grand ball was arranged to open the hall and was held in March 1883. The free library was opened in May 1883. Further extensions were added in 1886. The hall was enlarged to its present size in 1913. Improvements were made to the kitchen in 1975 (LeCheminant, Maffra Workshop 2001).

Built in 1882. Building the hall was an enterprise which involved the whole community - 30,000 bricks were made at Murdoch's kiln and local people assisted in carting them by dray. Timber from Carpenter's mill in Heyfield was also carted by dray to the site. Extensions were added in 1886 by Mr. McCarthur.

Construction Materials: Brick

Condition and Intactness: Extensions have been made to the rear of the building (East Gippsland Regional Planning Committee 1980 [4.8])

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
National Trust Register	B2062		Listed
Planning Scheme	HO80		Listed

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations Requires documentation to support existing protection under planning scheme. (Needs history, description and statement of significance. Also considered in the 1980 East Gippsland study)

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed & protected

Stage 2 priority No Action: Already include

Final Ranking

Final Recommendation Amendment C26

Statement of significance

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

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