

Heritage Item #

MI Reference: 37 HCWA No: 1844	Place Name: Agricultural Hall	Other Name/s: Greenhills
		Date of Review: October 2021



Address: Lot 444, (cnr of Irishtown Road and Haddrill Road), Irishtown	Lot No: 444 Property Key: Plan Diagram: L17/440/3 Vol Folio: Assess No: A385
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Locality: Irishtown	GPS:
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Current Use: Hall	Original Use(s): Community Hall
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HERITAGE LISTINGS

Listings:

CONSTRUCTION

Date of Construction: 1894

Architect / Builder: Henry Byatt & Michael Cody, John French & John McManus

Architectural Style: Federation Free Classical

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Description:

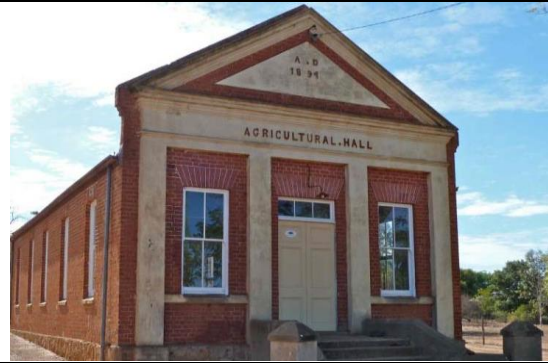
Agricultural Hall is located on the north side of Irishtown Road near the corner of Haddrill Road in Irishtown. The single storey building has a rectangular form (55' by 22') with a steeply pitched corrugated steel roof and is located on a sloping block.

The symmetrical and classically proportioned façade is constructed of face brick and render and features a gabled pediment. The façade has four pilasters with a rendered entablature, decorative render and string courses. The pediment displays 'AD 1894' and the entablature has the name 'AGRICULTURAL HALL' centred above the entry. The building is entered by five steps with rendered low side walls and piers at the base of the steps. The stone foundations form a plinth to the building and the brick walls are laid in English bond. Above the windows and entry double doors are brick voussoirs. Windows are timber framed double hung with two panes per sash.

A steel clad addition to the rear has a skillion roof while there is a separate steel clad building located to the rear of the lot. The buildings signage states: 'Irishtown Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade'.

To the front setback is a large granite stone with a plaque that reads: <i>THIS STONE CELEBRATES THE CENTENARY OF THE IRISHTOWN HALL 1894-1994 AND COMMEMORATES THE PIONEERS OF THIS DISTRICT</i>
Condition: Good
HISTORICAL
Notes: The Irishtown Agricultural Hall has been significant to the rural community in the Irishtown district for over a hundred years. In 1893, some local farmers, John French and James McManus, decided to build a hall as the centre for activities in the district. The cost of building the hall was 335 pounds, which included a government grant of 250 pounds. The hall was opened by Sir John Forrest in June 1894. Over the years it has been used by the community for a number of purposes. These include: Farmer's Club, Football Club, Tennis Club, Badminton, Parents and Citizens, Pasture Improvement Club, Bushfire Brigade, Christmas Trees, Anglican Services and also patriotic fundraising during the World Wars. The hall is owned by the local community and is managed by the Irishtown Committee Inc. The centenary celebrations were held on Sunday 2 October, 1994.
Theme:
Associations:
Heritage Assessment or Conservation Plan: Conservation Plan 1998
Public Access: Yes (limited)
SIGNIFICANCE
Level of Integrity: High
Level of Authenticity: High
Statement of Significance:
Agricultural Hall, Irishtown is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The place has aesthetic significance as a fine example of a community hall, designed in the Federation Free Classical style of architecture, built in a rural setting in the 1890s. • The place has historical significance on account of its long association with the Irishtown district, which was settled through agriculture after 1836, and which still basically relies on agriculture. • The place has social significance, as it has been a focus for a range of community groups and activities within the Irishtown district for more than a hundred years.
Level of Significance: Considerable
Heritage Category: 2

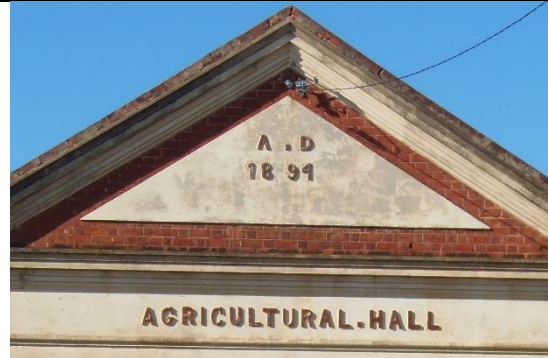
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Front Facade
Source: Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2012



Irishtown Plaque
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



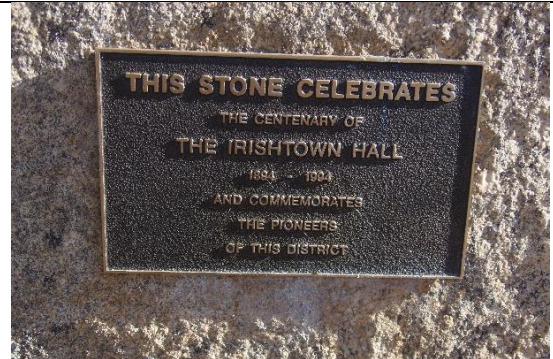
Pediment 'A.D 1894'
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



West façade
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



Rear addition
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



Commemorating stone plaque
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021