

Heritage Inventory

SHI Number

1910482

Study Number

MS-02

Item Name: **MS-02+ Morisset Memorial Hall**

Location: **77 Dora Street, Morisset**

Address: 77 Dora Street

DUAP Region: Hunter & Central Coast

Suburb / Nearest Town: Morisset 2264

Historic region: Lower Hunter

Local Govt Area: Lake Macquarie

Parish: Morisset

State: NSW

County: Northumberland

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area: Awabakal

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built

Group: Community Facilities

Category: Hall Public

Owner: Private - Community Group

Admin Codes: MS-02

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use: Community hall

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: **Local**

Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: SIGNIFICANCE - 1993: Insufficient information to determine significance.

LEVEL of SIGNIFICANCE - 1993: Local Significance - not determined (probably moderate)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE - 2010: High Local Significance

Historical Notes or Provenance: HISTORICAL NOTES - 1993: Information needed

Historical Notes - 2010: Morisset became a town in the late 1880s. The town owes its existence to the advent of the railway line, which opened in August 1887. Subdivisions and the first Crown Land sale followed in 1888. Logging in the Wattagan Mountains and timber production were the town's main industry. It can be assumed that the Hall was built to commemorate the end of the First World War and the men who served their country in that war. Since then, the Hall has been used extensively by the community as a social gathering point up until the present day. Examples of the various uses are; as a meeting place for residents, as a place for dances, plays to be performed by the local drama group (who convened their first meeting in the Hall), and as a meeting place for the Country Women's Association. The Hall was also the venue for films when 'talkies' were introduced. Patients from Morisset Hospital had a permanent booking for the films. People came from as far as Dora Creek to see the films. In 1953 the Hall was extensively damaged by fire, but was rebuilt the same year by local volunteers.

Themes: National Theme

State Theme

Local Theme

8. Culture

Leisure

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Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1920 Year Completed: 1940 Circa: Yes

Physical Description: PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS - 1993:

Located: Adjacent Post Office

Architectural Style: Venacular Moderne front facade on an older timber framed hall

Materials: Frame - Brick front bay & gable end, Timber rear section.

Roof - single gable, CGI cladding, lean-to skillion on the side.

Walls/Cladding - Brick front, Weatherboard rear section.

Windows - Timber square, 4-panes/sash.

Floors -

Interior - ?

A large two-storey hall, probably dating from the 1920s, which appears to have had a re-built or added-on front in a mottled red/brown brick, probably in the late 1930s or early 1940s.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: Lean-to along N-E side; 1950s cement brick, flat roofed lavatory block added on to the north-east side at the street front.

Recommended Management: RECOMMENDATION - 1993: More information needed

Management: Recommended Management Document and prepare an archival record

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The Morisset Community Hall has played a significant historical roll in its strong association with the social life and customs of Morisset over many years.

Criteria b) The Morisset Community Hall has had a long association with the Morisset community, including the Country Women's Association and as a venue for early films or 'talkies', which were also frequented by the patients from Morisset Hospital.

Criteria c)

Criteria d) The Morisset Community Hall is important to the Morisset community's sense of place. The Hall has been the social hub of Morisset for many important community events over a long period.

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

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Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Beryl Mullard	Iron Horse and Iron Bark. A History of Morisset and District	2002

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Suters Architects Snell, Dr J. Turner, C & MJ Doring Pty Ltd	City of Lake Macquarie Heritage Study	MS-02	1993

Parcels:	Parcel Code	LotNumber	Section	Plan Code	Plan Number
	LOT	1		DP	590896

Latitude:

Longitude:

Location validity:

Spatial Accuracy: 100 metres

Map Name: 9131-1-N MORISSE

Map Scale: 1:25,000

AMG Zone: Zone 56

Easting: 358800 Northing: 6335500

Listings:

Custom Field One:

Custom Field Two:

Custom Field Three:

Custom Field Four:

Custom Field Five:

Custom Field Six:

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