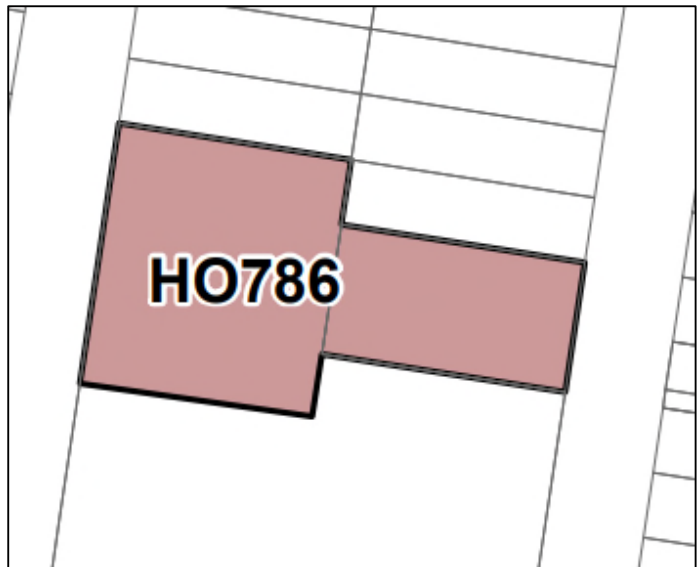


Statement of Significance: Stan Hawken Hall and Bayside Men's Shed - 80 Wells Road and 36-38 Bonanza Road, Beaumaris, November 2020

Heritage place: <i>Stan Hawken Hall and Bayside Men's Shed (former Elderly Citizen's Club)</i> 80 Wells Road and 36-38 Bonanza Road, Beaumaris	PS ref no: HO786
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What is Significant?

The Stan Hawken Hall and Bayside Men's Shed (former Elderly Citizens' Club), at 80 Wells Road and 36-38 Bonanza Road, Beaumaris, are significant.

Significant elements of the place include:

- Original built form and scale of the 1955 hall and 1961 amenities extension, as well as the original pattern of fenestrations, clerestory windows to the south elevation of the hall, exposed rafter ends, vertical timber boarding and unpainted face brickwork;
- Original built form and scale of the Men's Shed, as well as the pattern of fenestration to the east and south elevations, timber framed windows and door surround, face brickwork, exposed rafter and support post over the entry and timber eaves lining;
- The 1971 addition to the western elevation of the Men's Shed, which was part of the original design intent of the site.

The 1967 additions to the Hall and 1984 and 2013 extensions to the Men's Shed are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Stan Hawken Hall and Bayside Men's Shed (former Elderly Citizens' Club) are of local historic and social significance to the City of Bayside.

Why is it significant?

The Stan Hawken Hall and Bayside Men's Shed (former Elderly Citizens' Club) are historically significant as one of relatively few community facilities in Bayside designed to incorporate a range of communal and recreational uses, and as one which was initiated by a voluntary progress association. Developed in the 1950s and 1960s as a purpose-built, multi-use community centre to plans by the East Beaumaris Advancement League, it is distinguished from other models for community-centred facilities which were planned by local government authorities as part of municipal improvements programs. (Criterion A)

The Stan Hawken Hall and Bayside Men's Shed (former Elderly Citizens' Club) are of social significance for their long and continuing associations with the local Beaumaris community, and specific local groups within the broader community, including the Beaumaris Theatre Inc. (former Beaumaris Players). The site as a whole has played an ongoing role in the social life of the local Beaumaris community since 1955, when the first hall and preschool building was opened on the site. The hall and former elderly citizens' club have served the community for over 60 years for various functions and activities, including concerts, meetings of local groups, and most recently as a workshop for use by the Bayside Men's Shed since 2008. (Criterion G)

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