

BUILDING TITLE: Former MUIOOF Hall, now RSS&AILA Memorial Hall **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 81 Kennedy St
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** hall
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Church Hill **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||
STYLE: Renaissance Revival

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. late 1880s
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

Hamilton Rate Books
HSA DP No 2040

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: rendered bluestone
Dressings: cement render
Plinth: rockface bluestone
Windows: timber double hung sash
Paving: concrete
Other: Castlemaine slate ramp

SURVEY DATE: 4/4/91 **NEG FILE:** 4/10 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** Central pedimented porch

CONDITION: E || G |X| F || P ||

SIGNIFICANCE: Important for its associations with the friendly societies, returned servicemen and for its architecture. Relates to Hamilton Club and Mechanics Institute nearby and the Masonic Temple in Lonsdale Street both architecturally and socially.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: Rec **Inappropriate:** Rec
flagpoles front door replaced R

O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS: land to J Mooney, 17/2/54
ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS: Frank Hammond, architect?
TITLE: Sec CA
12B part 9
MUIOOF
RSS&AILA
COUNCIL COMPUTER # **MORE INFO OVER** |X| **HAMDS073**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Former MUIOOF Hall (now RSS&AILA Memorial Hall)
81 Kennedy Street

Built on land originally sold by the Crown to J Mooney in 1854, the hall appears to date from the late 1880s when the various friendly societies were consolidating their position in the community. It is of local significance for its historical associations both with the Manchester Unity and the Independent Order of Oddfellows and with the RSS & AILA after the Second World War. The Renaissance Revival style of architecture is a conventional choice for such a building and represents the respectable position friendly societies held in the community, providing social security in the form of health and funeral benefits, emergency welfare and life assurance. It was essentially a middle and working class movement and provided a sense of belonging. That function, in a sense, has continued with the RSS & AILA.

The hall relates to Hamilton Club and Mechanics Institute nearby and the Masonic Temple in Lonsdale Street both architecturally and socially. There is a possibility that the facade post dates the construction of the hall and that Frank Hammond was the architect. The building is substantially intact and in good condition. It is an important contributor to the streetscape.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town:	1880s
Health:	Friendly Societies
Sports and Recreation:	Clubs & Societies

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Hamilton Club, 41 Gray Street
Mechanics Institute, 47 Gray Street
Masonic temple, 116 Lonsdale Street

REFERENCES

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FOOTNOTES