

Grovedale United Services Memorial Hall, 14-36 Reserve Road, Grovedale Statement of Significance May 2025

Heritage Place: Grovedale United Services Memorial Hall, 14-36 Reserve Road, Grovedale	PS ref no: HO2050
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What is significant?

The Grovedale United Services Memorial Hall at 14-36 Reserve Road, Grovedale is locally significant to the City of Greater Geelong. Significant elements include:

- The timber weatherboard hall.
- Views to the hall from Reserve Road.

Non-significant elements include:

- The later structures and landscaping comprising the two rear sheds, neighbouring playground and carpark.
- Mature plantings.
- The DDA ramp and entrance stairs.

How is it significant?

Grovedale United Services Memorial Hall is of historical and representative significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

The Grovedale United Services Memorial Hall 14-36 Reserve Road, Grovedale, is historically significant to the City of Greater Geelong as an intact interwar hall originally constructed in 1936 twelve kilometres north in North Shore to service the community there as a public recreation hall. The Hall was purchased and relocated to its current site in 1948 for use as a memorial hall following the close of the Second World War, reflecting the propensity of the mid-20th century to recycle and relocate timber community buildings and churches to reflect changing demographic. It was reopened for that purpose in 1949 and has served the community since. (Criterion A)

The Grovedale United Services Memorial Hall is of representative significance to the City of Greater Geelong as an intact example of an early twentieth century community hall. Features which contribute to the site's representative significance include its rectilinear form, weatherboard materiality, pitched gabled roof clad in corrugated iron sheeting and projecting gabled porch. (Criterion D)

Primary sources

Grovedale United Services Memorial Hall, author: Benjamin Petkov, November 2024, peer reviewer: Mim Butcher, The Heritage Conservancy, May 2025.

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