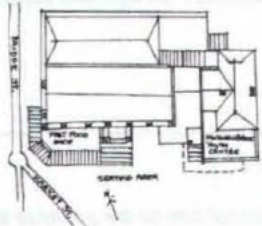



MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

Inventory 1996

SCHOOL OF ARTS / TOWN HALL SITE - 1871 - MUSWELLBROOK

<p>PRESENT NAME <i>Art Gallery and Town Hall</i></p> <p>PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES</p>	<p>REFERENCE No <i>MUSW/R044</i></p> <p>PREVIOUS REFERENCE No</p> <p>DATE INSPECTED <i>13th February 1996</i></p>
<p>LOCATION</p> <p>STREET No <i>3-5</i> STREET NAME <i>Bridge Street (cnr William Street)</i></p> <p>TOWN/SUBURB <i>Muswellbrook</i> POSTCODE <i>2333</i></p> <p>LOCALITY <i>Muswellbrook</i></p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i></p>	<p>SITE SKETCH PLAN</p> 
<p>PRESENT OWNER</p> <p>TYPE <i>Local Government</i></p>	<p>PROPERTY DETAILS:</p> <p>a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION <i>Pt Sec. 2</i></p> <p>b SITE AREA <i>885.864m²</i></p> <p>c EXISTING ZONING <i>5(a) - Special Uses 'A'</i></p>
<p>CATEGORY <i>Building</i></p> <p>SUB CATEGORY <i>Town Hall</i></p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1871</i></p> <p>ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>Unknown</i></p> <p>BUILDER <i>Unknown</i></p>	<p>MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 301020E, 6428020N AMG Muswellbrook 9033-II-N</i></p> 

PHOTOGRAPH



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HISTORICAL NOTES

Built in 1871 as School of Arts on the previous site of 1867 School of Arts. In 1913 the building was extended. The Mural to the Art Gallery was painted in 1988 by the well known artist Brigitte Hansen, however, the mural is beginning to show signs of wear and should be repaired by the artist. The Old Rotary Room is located at the rear of the School of Arts building and is thought to have been constructed in 1958. Interestingly the Rotary International sign is still evident above the rear door. The Historical Society also house their maps and other large documents in the rear second floor rooms.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

a ARCH. STYLE <i>Federation Free Style</i>	MATERIALS: <i>Exterior Red brick with cream-painted rendered decoration.</i>
b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
c MODIFICATIONS <i>See below</i>	
d CURRENT CONDITIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> REPAIRS REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <i>Extended with Pizza parlour addition at Ground Level. Little evidence of initial building at street front. Old Rotary Room located at rear of building.</i>	

INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN	<i>Muswellbrook Heritage Streetscape Study, Sheet No. M/12</i>
ORAL	
GRAPHIC	

EVALUATION CRITERIA	(S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL	
HISTORIC	RARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (L)	REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically the building is of local significance since it has charted the development of cultural activities in Muswellbrook over the past century. It continues to be used for cultural purposes. Aesthetically the building is a distinctive and rare local example of a type of architecture which celebrated the liberating effects of the new century. Socially the building continues to have strong local significance for providing a centre for the cultural needs of the Muswellbrook community. Scientifically the building is of local significance for its potential to reveal information about the manner of development of cultural activity in Muswellbrook over the past century.