

# Gisborne Masonic Hall Statement of Significance, December 2018

**Heritage Place:** Masonic Hall/Masonic Temple/Masonic Lodge **PS ref no:** HO290

Part of 60 Aitken Street, Gisborne

37°29'22.83"S, 144°35'25.23"E



## Statement of Significance

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### ▪ What is significant?

The Masonic Hall is significant to the extent of the original red brick building, its architectural composition, roof, parapets, windows and formality. It does not include the rear brick addition, nor landscaping or fencing.

### ▪ How is it significant?

The Masonic Hall is locally significant architecturally and socially to the Shire of Macedon Ranges.

### ▪ Why is it significant?

- The Masonic Hall is significant architecturally for its formal, symmetrical design which was typical, although not identical, to other Masonic Halls. It presents an institutional appearance, complementary to its function and supportive visually to adjacent church buildings. (Criterion D)
- The Masonic Hall is significant socially as the venue for the Freemason organisation in Gisborne and for its associations with the social fabric of the community. The Freemasons have always had a significant rural membership as it provided a venue for interaction not otherwise available to rural communities. (Criterion A, G, H)

## Primary Source

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Gisborne and Kyneton Heritage Study, December 2018.