



## **Strathewen Public Hall Inc.**

**1100 Cottles Bridge - Strathewen Road, Strathewen**

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### **Membership Application**

The Strathewen Hall has been an integral part of Strathewen life for more than 100 years. John Mann donated the land for the hall back in 1901. The hall was built by the community and on its completion they celebrated with a special opening event on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1902.

In the early years, newspaper articles reported that the hall was used for many social gatherings in the form of concerts and balls where music played a key role for dancing and singing recitals that were performed by locals for the entertainment of the community. Other writing shows that the hall was used for memorial services for those killed in the war, events that acknowledged local residents for their achievements or for those leaving the district, monthly meetings for local groups such as the Strathewen Fruit and Progress Association, church services and fundraising events for the local cricket club, the Red Cross and the hall itself.

In the 1990's work was undertaken by the community to restore and extend the hall. During that time hand adzed timber became evident, a reminder of the intensive labour that was necessary to build the original hall.

The Strathewen Hall was destroyed in the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires. Over the next three years the Hall Association and community managed the task of rebuilding a new hall with assistance from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund. On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012 the Governor of Victoria formally opened the hall. The celebrations continued into the evening with food, music and dancing.

Currently the hall still serves its original aim as a 'building for public purposes.' Since the hall rebuild, funerals, weddings, birthday parties and fundraisers have been held at the hall. Local groups such as Landcare, the Bushfire Relief Company, Hall Committee, the Strathewen Wellness and Activities Group and Strathewen art/craft group hold regular meetings and workshops at the hall. In the colder months the hall is the venue for a monthly community dinner where old and new residents are welcome. Regular yearly events like the Strathewen P.S. concert and community pudding making occur at Xmas time.

The Strathewen Hall continues to be community owned and managed in the footsteps of the original trustees and one of only a few left in the State.

To become a member of the Strathewen Public Hall Inc. Association, please fill in the attached form (Appendix 1), obtain endorsement from an Association member, and pay the nominated fee.

Thank you for your assistance.

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## APPENDIX 1

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF (NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ wish to become a

member of the Strathewen Public Hall Association Inc (the Association).

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

Signed:

Date:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Association,

nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Signature of Proposer:

Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Association, second

the nomination of the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Signature of Seconder:

Date

An annual membership fee of \$10 is to be paid before membership is finalized.

Fees are due the last Tuesday in October (2 weeks before the Annual General Meeting).

Monies to be cash or cheque **payable to:** Strathewen Public Hall Inc.

Direct Deposit is preferred, please advise Treasurer of remittance.

Account Details: Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Account 138 564 992