

# BECTRIC COMMUNITY HALL

ERECTED 1904 RESTORED 2004



Betric Hall was built in 1904.

On 31-3-1904 a public meeting was held which resolved to build the Hall on the Recreation Reserve.

Mr. John McDermott was the successful tenderer. The building was to be of pise, and the cost was £156:12:0, with the ceiling and western verandah an extra £36:11:0. It was paid for by public subscription, fund-raising functions and pledges of grain.

The "Agreement to Build" was signed on 5-7-1904 and the hall was completed for the Grand Opening on 28-9-1904. The Committee met at the Hall earlier that day, the business being the "Passing of the Hall".

"The Temora Star" of Saturday October 1st, 1904 reported. "At sundown visitors from all parts of the district commenced to arrive by various modes of conveyances and by the time dancing was in full swing fully 80 couples graced the floor."

The dressing room and assembly area (now supper room) were added by Mr McDermott in 1909 at a cost of £70:0:0.

In 1923 the cloak room and northern verandah were added. The work apparently carried out by the committee.

The Pioneers of Betric in their wisdom saw the need for such a facility and it has been the centre of the community ever since.

The Hall has witnessed many happy functions, including Balls ,euchre parties, pictures and vaudeville shows, 21st birthday parties, kitchen teas, bush dances, farewells, golden weddings, a wedding and reception and school concerts.

Church services were held in the Hall regularly along with Red Cross, I.O.O.F. Lodge and sports club meetings. It was also used as a polling place.

A very dedicated band of community members restored the Hall to its former glory in readiness for a Grand Ball on 2-10-2004 to celebrate its centenary with the hope that it will stand to serve future generations and be a reminder of their forebears.