

HALL HISTORY THROUGH THE CENTURY

PART 3.

At the opening (1913) it was written "In Addition to the central location, the Hall has a striking appearance. In construction and interior fittings the building is in keeping with modern architecture in the country though it is doubtful if any Hall recently erected in the Riverina has had front details so carefully considered.

The main entrance leads into a Hall 6feet by 11 feet and at the end is a doorway to the Theatre. From the Hall entrance the Library is on the left and a Reading Room on the right. Each room being 14ft by 12ft. Each room has a fireplace.

The Theatre or Public Hall is 30ft wide and 42ft long and has seating for 300. The walls are 14ft high and have a double door escape and three windows with top window ventilators on each side.

As for the Walla people themselves, the Institute, as long as it stands, will testify to their progressiveness, in building it in such an up-to-date manner, in such a short time (approx 3 months)

On the south side there is space of 22ft for any further additions".

A picket fence has been erected in front of the Hall, sloping in on each side to the front entrance.

1915 The Committee added 144 new books to the Library which now contained 346 volumes.
Two Library Scholarships were allotted to scholars of the local Public School.

In 1915 the debt was £223.11.3, by 1919 debt reduced to £62.12.10, mainly from annual Rose & Flower Shows and Hall hire.

1919 Oct "The Secretary to inquire if Shire Council has reimbursed money in other centres for using Halls as Emergency Hospitals during the Influenza Epidemic".

1922 Soldiers Memorial Hall was built. Cost £834.2.0. Builder C.V. Haslam. Architect's fees £25.0.0.
Donations totaled £448.18.11.