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Street Address	11 Point O'Halloran Road, Victoria Point	
GPS/RPD	Lot 1 RP14821	
Place Type	Built	





Monkani, Victoria Point (AHS, 2017).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Fair
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	24/04/2017		

Historical Context

Monkani is a timber framed public hall situated on Point O'Halloran Road, Victoria Point. Little information is known about the early history of the place, however it is believed the hall was built by early Victoria Point settlers, the Colburn family, after whom nearby Colburn avenue was named. DW Colburn reportedly donated land to the Shire in 1915 for the purpose of building a public hall.[1] It is likely the hall was built soon after.

From the mid-twentieth century, the hall has been used by the Girl Guides. The Victoria Point Rangers, Guides and Brownies were formed in 1967, immediately using the hall as their meeting place. [2] In 1979 the then Redland Shire Council granted a formal lease for the hall to the Redlands Division of Girl Guides, and the hall remains in use by them today. [3]

Physical Description

Monkani is a low set timber framed building set on low concrete piers. The external cladding is timber chamfer boards with tall sash windows to the side elevations. The roof is a single gable with enclosed small gable roof entry porch. On the left side of the building a disabled access ramp that leads to a side porch is a later addition. There is a mature Poinciana tree at the entrance and associated parade ground to the northern side. A modern double bay shed is located to the rear of the property.

Statement of Significance

Monkani is a locally significant place which embodies historic, aesthetic and community value. It was constructed in the early twentieth century by early Victoria Point settlers, the Colburn family. It is a small, simple, attractive and functional timber framed hall that has had a close association with the local community, including the Girl Guide movement since 1967.

Criteria A	The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.	
Monkani demonstrates an important pattern in Redland's history. As an early surviving community building (c.1915), believed to be associated with prominent early Victoria Point settlers, the Colburn family, who donated the site for community function.		
Criteria E	The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.	
Owing to its simple form and fabric, the hall makes a positive contribution to the streetscape and wider Victoria Point community.		
Criteria G	The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons important to the region.	
Monkani has a strong continuing association with the Victoria Point Community, including current and former Rangers, Brownies and Girl Guides since 1967.		

Primary Themes	
8.0 Creating Social and Cultural Institutions	8.03 Organisations and societies

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References

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