

## **REGIONAL VICTORIA MEDIA RELEASE: 4.6.15**

## "Heritage painting awards for local Mooroopna painter Mike Bailey"



Melbourne's - Kensington Town Hall Ballroom [C1900] now beautifully restored

Mike Bailey Paint Services in Mooroopna has received major recognition for the intricate and challenging task of restoring Melbourne's Kensington Town Hall. This project has seen months of meticulous work on bringing the building back to its former glory in several major stages. In 2014 Mike received High Distinctions at the Master Painters Awards for Excellence for the Town Hall's internal work on both levels of the building including meeting rooms, facilities, hallways and stairs, plus a new lift area created for better public access in the future.

At a sparkling black dinner held May 23, this year's 2015 Master Painter's Award's saw the Company take out a further High Distinction. It was for the final chapter in the Kensington Town Hall's rejuvenation by The City of Melbourne, for the restoration of the magnificent Ballroom.

The Mike Bailey team worked in conjunction with Michael Gibson [team leader Architecture, City of Melbourne] and with building project manager – Robert Falconie. The complicated restoration stages included safe lead paint removal to reveal the 1901 original surfaces. Major cracks were re-rendered and special surfaces applied prior to painting. Much of the work included fine reproduction of decorative finishes, gold lettering, cornices, and wall friezes. Mike used Low VOC products and paints for low environmental impact.

## Mike Bailey said...

"This has been a highlight project for our Company and we feel privileged to have been an integral part in the restoration process of this landmark building for Melbourne. We appreciate the recognition of these Awards for the work undertaken".



Proud Award Recipients Mike & Judy Bailey at the 2015 Master Painter Awards



## **Town Hall Reflective:**

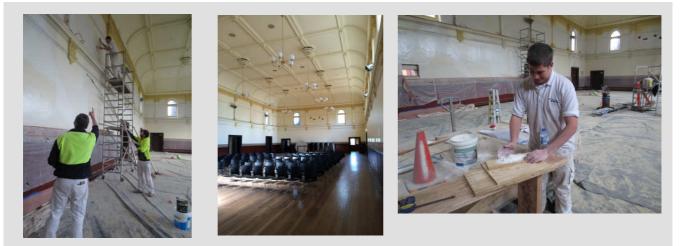
Built in 1900 The Kensington Town Hall has a fascinating past and tells a history during World War II as a telecommunications command post and later, in the 1980s as a legal centre. It is heritage listed and prior to renovation, was operating as a community centre and dance school. The building was restored in stages with first work undertaken to preserve the facade and foundations, followed by the internal restoration. The final chapter in the story is the restoration of the magnificent ballroom which was officially opened by Lord Mayor Robert Doyle in March 2015. The Kensington Town Hall is a beautiful old building and an important civic space for the local community. After acquiring the site in 2008 as part of municipal boundary changes, the City of Melbourne, with the addition of stage government funding has restored this Heritage building to a multi functional space for future generations.







Internal Restoration work completed - meeting rooms, hallways, staircase



Ballroom restoration

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