

Hall will be restored as memorial to Boyd

The Royal Australian Institute of Architects will launch a public appeal to restore an old South Melbourne church hall as a Robin Boyd memorial.

The hall, at 36 Howe Street (right) was built in 1874, and is classified "D" by the National Trust.

This was announced at a memorial service for Mr. Boyd, who died in the Royal Melbourne Hospital on Friday night, in the garden of the institute's Robert Russell House yesterday afternoon.

The service was attended by about 350 leading architects, academics, industrialists and friends.

The appeal committee, to be selected by the Victorian chapter of the institute in the next few days, will be chaired by Sir Osborn McCutcheon, a prominent architect.

Several months ago, as president of the Victorian

chapter, Mr. Boyd arranged the purchase of the hall, with the church and another old building next door, for a new headquarters.

The church and church hall cost \$120,000. The institute believes the hall is a fine piece of architecture and well worth restoring.

