

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: COLERAINE HOTEL

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 87 Whyte Street COLERAINE

STUDY NUMBER: 014

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Coleraine

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 6 & 7 **SECTION:** 9 **PARISH:** PARISH OF COLERAINE

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 430J; VicRoads 228D9; located in the main street of Coleraine, the Glenelg Highway, in the centre of the township.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



The Coleraine Hotel, Whyte Street, Coleraine.

Image Date: 01/02/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the buildings and land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Coleraine Hotel is a two storey symmetrical face brick and rendered building. It includes a main entrance hall, public bar, lounge bar (in a 1960s extension) and dining room and service areas on the ground floor. There are ?? Bedrooms on the first floor. Two substantial gabled pavilions stand on either side of a recessed portico with a masonry balustrade on the ground floor and a timber shingled balcony, supported by the ends of the portico floor joists. The gables are filled with timber shingles. The dining room has a notable leadlight window of coloured and textured glass in a loosely Adamesque design. The architecture of the hotel has a more domestic quality than hotels from the nineteenth century.

HISTORY:

The land on which the Coleraine Hotel now stands covers allotments 3 and 4 of Section 9 of the Township of Coleraine. Allotment 3 was originally purchased from the Crown by a T. Smith on 20 May, 1858, and Allotment 4 was purchased the on the same date by a T. Webster. No information is known about either of the first owners of the land. It seems likely that either Webster or Smith established the Coleraine Inn, as it is noted as being established by 1858 (Troeth, 34).

As most towns began as a hotel at the crossing of a watercourse, the hotel, or Inn played an important part in the development of a settlement. The Koroite Inn (now demolished) was established as the first hotel in Coleraine in 1846, and played an important role in the provision of accommodation and meals for those travelling the Melbourne - Adelaide Road. When the town was surveyed, settlement pressures soon followed and more Inns were established to supply the growing needs of the many settlers and itinerant workers in the area. These hotels acted as the first social and recreational places within the township, used to hold meetings, delivery church services, hold petty sessions for court, they hosted travelling entertainments as well as providing food and drink.

The importance and role of hotels within small towns is demonstrated in Coleraine in 1881. The population of Coleraine was 667 people (319 male, 348 female) in 1881, and they were able to support 7 different hotels (Troeth, 36).

The original Coleraine Inn was established in 1858 on the same site which the Coleraine Hotel now stands. The Coleraine Inn was probably similar to the other early hotels in Coleraine, being typically a single storey building, constructed from locally made bricks. The hotel would have opened directly onto the street, containing a bar, residence and a few smaller rooms for accommodation. The Coleraine Inn was rebuilt as a two storey hotel in 1930.

The full history of ownership of the Coleraine Hotel is not known at this time, although a booklet published at for the 1939 Coleraine Centenary Celebrations advertises the proprietor as H. G Walliss.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

3. Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.22 Lodging people

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4. Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

8. Developing Australia's cultural life

8.4 Eating and drinking

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

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CONDITION:

Very good

INTEGRITY:

Good

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Coleraine Hotel, a two storey rendered brick building, is located at 87 Whyte Street, in the central of the township of Coleraine.

How is it significant?

The Coleraine Hotel is of architectural and historical significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire Council

Why is it significant?

The Coleraine Hotel is architecturally significant as a typical example of an Interwar country hotel, including the surviving dining room, upstairs accommodation and other spaces.

Historically, this hotel and its predecessor on the site, the Coleraine Inn, served as important meeting places for the community in the early stage of the town's development. The substantial size of the Coleraine Hotel, rebuilt in the early 20th century, on the site of an early Victorian hotel, reflects the size and level of activity in Coleraine during the Soldier Settlement period, when the town's population reached its peak.

COMPARISON:

031 National Hotel, 70 Whyte Street, Coleraine

035 Black Horse Hotel (Former), 66 Whyte Street, Coleraine

ASSESSED BY: TFH

ASSESSMENT DATE:

01-Feb-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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