

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** TEMPERANCE HALL (FORMER)

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** 58 Whyte Street COLERAINE

**STUDY NUMBER:** 086

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

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**PRECINCT:** Coleraine

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** part 10 **SECTION:** 3 **PARISH:** PARISH OF COLERAINE

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 430J. Located on the north side of Whyte Street, close to the north east corner of Henty and Whyte Street in the centre of Coleraine.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Temperance Hall (Former), Whyte Street, Coleraine. Looking north east from Whyte Street

**Image Date:** 01/02/02

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All of the Hall and all of the land.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The former Temperance Hall at 58 Whyte Street is a five roomed timber framed building clad with ripple iron laid horizontally. A gabled roof clad in corrugated iron carries five roof vents. The facade of the main hall is symmetrically composed of two windows and a central door, with a simple timber pediment and finial. The windows are double hung timber framed with twelve panes of glass. A second meeting room has been added on the west side of the main hall, also clad in ripple iron. A later addition at the back of the main hall in fibro sheeting contains a kitchen, store room and toilets. Inside, the walls and ceiling are plaster with timber straps. The toilet and store room are unlined.

## **HISTORY:**

Although land sales in Coleraine commenced in 1852, most of Section 3 of the township was not sold until 1890. A part of Section 3, adjacent to the Shire Hall site, was reserved from sale in 1871 as a site for the construction of a Temperance Hall. The timber and corrugated iron hall was constructed for the Sons and Cadets of Temperance after 1890 (Troeth, 84). The Coleraine branch of the Australian Natives Association, founded in 1936, used the hall as its meeting place for many years (Coleraine Centenary Celebrations, 17). In more recent years it has been used by the Coleraine Youth Club, the Scout group, and the local arts group.

The Temperance Movement advocated abstinence from alcohol. It was linked with various friendly societies, such as the Rechabites, and more generally with 'Protestant Wowserism', specifically Methodism and, to a lesser extent, Presbyterianism. The Movement won a significant victory with the passing of the 1885 Licensing Act which reduced opening hours and the use of barmaids except when members of the licensee's family. But the most important part of the Act was a local option provision which enabled residents to vote whether they wanted to reduce the number of hotels in each district by the application of a per capita ratio of hotels. The Temperance Movement reached its political zenith when James Munro, one of its leaders, became Premier of the colony about that time.

## **CONDITION:**

Structurally the former Temperance Hall appears to be sound, but with minor subsidence of the floor in some spots. The external paintwork on the ripple iron cladding, and the internal paintwork are peeling, and the roofing iron shows rust.

## **INTEGRITY:**

high degree of integrity

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

The former Temperance Hall at 58 Whyte Street is a five roomed timber framed building clad with ripple iron laid horizontally. It is located on the north side of Whyte Street, in the municipal precinct between Winter and Read Streets. The building has a gabled roof clad in corrugated iron with five roof vents, a simple timber pediment and finial. The windows are double hung timber framed with twelve panes of glass. There is a second meeting room on west side of the main hall, also clad in ripple iron. A later addition at the back of the main hall in fibro sheeting contains a kitchen, store room and toilets. The use of ripple iron as a cladding material for buildings in Coleraine was a common practice. The ripple iron hall forms part of a character-defining element that is unique to the Coleraine townscape. The hall was built in 1890s at a time when the Temperance movement in Victoria was well established. No architect or builder has yet been associated with the building. The choice of style and form for the building draws on important associations and demonstrates particular values for the Temperance Movement. The hall has also been used as the meeting place for the Coleraine Branch of the Australian Natives Association in the 1930s, and in later years, the Coleraine Youth Club, the Scout group, and the local arts group. The building was extended in the mid twentieth century to provide better

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facilities. It retains a very high degree of integrity and is in good condition.

## How is it significant?

The former Temperance Hall at 58 Whyte Street Coleraine is of social and historical significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

## Why is it significant?

The former Temperance Hall is of social significance for its associations with one of the most powerful social movements in Victoria in the nineteenth century, the Temperance Movement. It is of further social importance for its continuity of use over 100 years as a meeting place for a variety of local societies, clubs and associations. The former Temperance Hall is of historical significance as a reminder of a previous social movement, and for its later association with an important phase of development, The Australian Natives Association. The former Temperance Hall is also historically important as a contributory community building in the municipal precinct of Whyte Street between Winter and Young Street. All of these buildings provide a sense of the important role that Coleraine played in the former Shire of Wannon.

## COMPARISON:

0269 Former Temperance Hall, 77 Watton Street, Peshurst

**ASSESSED BY:** tfh

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

06-May-02

## EXISTING LISTINGS:

## HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

**Include in VHR**  **Include in RNE**  **Include in Local Planning Scheme**

**No Recommendations for Inclusions**

## REFERENCES:

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