

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: WAR MEMORIAL

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 78 Whyte Street COLERAINE

STUDY NUMBER: 358

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Coleraine

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 10 **SECTION:** 2 **PARISH:** PARISH OF COLERAINE

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 430J G4 No 2; VR 228 C9. Located outside the courthouse on the north side of Whyte Street, the Glenelg Highway, on the north-east corner of Winter Street in the centre of Coleraine.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



War Memorial, Whyte Street, Coleraine

Image Date: 1/02/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the memorial and its surrounds.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Coleraine War Memorial is located in the centre of Coleraine, standing in front of the Court House in Whyte Street. The Memorial assumes a typical form comprising a white marble statue of a soldier on a tapered granite pedestal. The soldier's face is downcast and his gun is inverted.

The east and west faces of the granite pedestal bear the names and ranks of those who served and fell in World War One from the Shire of Wannon. The Southern face reads "This monument is raised and dedicated to the memory of the heroic soldiers from the Shire of Wannon who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War 1914-1919 for King and country and the cause of right. Erected by Residents of Coleraine and District A.D 1921". The pedestal stands on two shallow granite steps and a granite plaque bearing the names and ranks in gold of those who served and fell in World War Two rests against it. The granite tablet reads "Dedicated to those who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II 1939 - 1945".

Formerly, there was a low fence of timber posts with turned tops and 'crinkle' wire around the base.

HISTORY:

The Coleraine Sub-Branch of the Returned Soldiers and Sailors' Imperial League of Australia (now the RSL) was formed in 1919, with the Rev F H King and Mr. P T Burnside as President and Secretary (CCC, 17).

The Coleraine War Memorial was commissioned by the Returned Services League and erected by public subscription, the sum of seven hundred pounds being donated by the people of the Shire of Wannon. The Memorial was built by Messrs. Corbin and Sons of Clifton Hill. It is not known when the war memorial was constructed but it was unveiled on Empire Day, May 24th, 1921 in front of the Coleraine Court House. The memorial was constructed honour those who served, and particularly those who fell in the First World War. After the Second World War, a granite tablet listing those who served and fell was erected by the people of the Shire of Wannon to serve those who served and fell in the Second World War from the district. There are fifty names on this tablet.

The memorial is deliberately sited at the centre of the township. It is the focus for ceremonies on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day and should be understood in association with the local RSL Hall as well as the adjacent civic buildings and the avenue of honour.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 7: Governing
7.7 Defending Australia
7.7.3 Going to war

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life
8.8 Remembering the fallen

Theme 9: Marking the phases of life
9.7.3 Remembering the dead.

CONDITION:

The memorial is in excellent condition.

INTEGRITY:

The memorial itself is intact, although the original fencing has been removed

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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What is significant?

The Coleraine War Memorial is located in the Whyte Street, the main street in Coleraine. It has been situated in an important prominent location in front of the Court House. The Memorial assumes a typical form comprising a white marble statue of a soldier on a tapered granite pedestal. The soldier's face is downcast and his gun is inverted. The east and west faces of the pedestal bear the names and ranks of those who fell in World War One from the Shire of Wannon, and the southern face has a memorial dedication written on it. The pedestal stands on two shallow granite steps and a granite plaque bearing the names and ranks in gold of those who served and fell in World War Two rests against it. The War Memorial was erected by subscription from the people of Coleraine and cost seven hundred pounds. It was built by Messrs. Corbin and Sons from Clifton Hill, and was unveiled in front of the Coleraine Court House on Empire Day, May 24th, 1921.

How is it significant?

The Coleraine War Memorial is of historic, social and aesthetic significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Coleraine War Memorial is of historic significance because it commemorates at a local level some of the most important events in the national history of Australia and especially the roles of those from the community who served and died.

It is of social significance as the focus of acts of commemoration such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, and as a place of homage for the community.

It is of aesthetic significance for its use of traditional form, style and iconography to express deep meaning. This significance is enhanced by its setting and location.

COMPARISON:

061 War Memorial, Nareen Road, Nareen

063 War Memorials, Stirling St, Balmoral

096 War Memorial, Memorial Road, Glenthompson

367 War Memorial, Parker and Sterling Street, Dunkeld

064 War Memorial, Hamilton - Port Fairy Road, Byaduk

065 War Memorial, Hamilton - Port Fairy Road, Byaduk

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

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
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McGaffin, G

The Wannon Shire Centenary, 1872-1972: a brief history of the
Shire of Wannon

1972