

Coolah Shire (former) Heritage Study Report

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1. 00 Introduction

1. 01 The Study Process

The aims of the study were -

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- ▶ to locate, research, evaluate and record former Coolah Shire's heritage places.
- ▶ to visit and review all existing known items and review their listings on the LEP.
- ▶ to provide the council and owners of heritage properties with directions for its management, and to encourage its place in the future of the Shire.
- ▶ consider ways in which this history and the accessible heritage places can play a part in cultural tourism of Warrumbungle Shire.

1.02 Background and study area

The former Coolah Shire is located in the central west of the state, at the western most tip of the Hunter Valley. It borders on the local government area's of Wellington, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Mid Western Region (formerly Mudgee Shire), Coonabarabran (now part of the same shire as Coolah: in the Warrumbungle Shire) and Merriwa Shire.

This area was important to the very earliest European settlement west of the Mountains, and indeed was used as the so called **limit of location** by Governor Darling ie 'west of the black stump'. In a recent council application for a grant, put together by Carol Richard, the nationally significant 'Black Stump' story was described as follows:

'Early history of Coolah is closely linked with limits of settlement and the Crown Land Commissioners. Governor Darling became so concerned at the spread of settlement that on 14th October 1829 he issued a Government Order defining the 'limits of location' or the 'boundaries beyond which land was neither to be sold nor settlers allowed'. The northern boundary was the Manning River up to its source in the Mount Royal Range, then by the Liverpool Range to Pandora Pass, down the Coolaburragundy River and in a South westerly direction to the settlement at Wellington.

The "Black Stump Run" is described in the Government Gazette of 19th June 1850, as an area estimated at 16,000 acres with grazing capacities of 640 cattle. It was bounded by the Coolah Range on the south, on the north by the (Binnaway) road leading to the big river (the Castlereagh). Governor Darling's proclamation of Limits of Settlement meant that no-one was to go beyond the Black Stump Run'.

The Australian saying "**beyond (back of) the black stump**" Macquarie dictionary defines 'colloquially **in the far outback; in country areas beyond the reach of civilised comforts and facilities**'.

This uniquely Australian colloquialism has put Coolah on the cultural map.

Early settlers were primarily concerned with pastoral pursuits with sheep and cattle grazing, and these remain so today. The land appears to be more fertile and productive,

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with a more temperate climate than that of the neighbouring LGAs. The land is also generally undulating and picturesque, is well served by a number of rivers including the Talbragar and the Castlereagh, and by many small creeks. These include the Turee Creek, Coolaburragundy, the Butheroo, Merrygoen and Mumbedah Creeks. A major feature of the landscape is the Coolah Tops National Park.

Perhaps because of this natural rich landscape, many larger landholdings persisted over long periods of time, being passed through a number of generations in the same family. This is not typical of surrounding Shires. Resultantly, the former Coolah Shire contains many very substantial historic rural homesteads.

The Former Shire of Coolah has an area of approximately 4,832 square kilometres and has a total population of approximately 3770 persons (1996 census) most of whom live in the towns of Coolah, Dunedoo, Leadville and Mendooran. The population in the vicinity, and in the town of Coolah is approximately 1220 persons, and for Dunedoo 980 persons. There are very small populations in the remnant smallest villages of Cobbora, Neilrex, Uarbry, and Merrygoen. The Rural areas lightly populated.

Travel distances between the two main centres of the former shire: Coolah and Dunedoo, and surrounding villages are not large. Coolah to Dunedoo is only 49 klms, and Mendooran to Dunedoo only 39 klms. Coolah and Dunedoo appear to be similar in size and provide their communities with a good range of services and goods. The nearest city is Dubbo, which is 84 klms from Dunedoo.

1. 03 Authorship

This study has been co-ordinated by Barbara Hickson, Architect and Heritage Advisor of P.O. Box 610 Mudgee, NSW, in association with Mr. Roy Cameron O.A.M, a local historian and former Shire Clerk of Coolah, who wrote the supporting document: The Thematic History of Coolah; and the many individual histories of each place nominated as part of this study.

1. 04 Study Limitations

This study is quite comprehensive so far as European Heritage Sites are concerned, and addresses all the aspects of the study process as outlined in the 'Community Based Heritage Study Guidelines'. Some limitations apply to the extent that the Aboriginal sites were studied. Where these sites are known to Europeans they have been included in this study.

Other limitations of the study that should be noted arise from the fact that the study was co-ordinated by an heritage architect with assistance by the local historian, and that there

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were no other heritage specialists consulted such as an archaeologist, landscape architect or anthropologist.

1.05 Acknowledgements

The very generous work and total dedication must be acknowledged of Mr. Roy Cameron OAM, a local historian and a former Shire Clerk of Coolah.

Others that I am grateful to include members of Council and Staff: in particular Mr. Ray Kent, the former General Manager of Coolah Shire, for his driving force that enabled this study to be undertaken, and the Administrator Mr. Bruce Rindfleish OAM who will enable the study to expand into the new area of the expanded LGA. Also Carol Richard, Council secretary and Kerry who assisted with the large mail outs.

Those who attended and contributed to committee meetings: and in particular Sue Stoddard of Dunedoo, and Noel Gilbert of Coolah Shire who enthusiastically assisted where ever possible.

But my main thanks must go to the many owners of the historic items and places in the shire. These people, too numerous to name, often took real time out of their day to show Roy Cameron and myself around , and at the same time showing their own real interest in the history and heritage of the shire. I thank them also for their phone calls and feedback which was so valuable in getting the SHI data completed.



*Original homestead of Rotherwood constructed circa 1845
Image provided by courtesy Barbara Martin of Rotherwood*

2.00 The Community Based Heritage Study

2.01 Study outline

In order to identify, assess and manage places and items of Heritage Significance in the former Coolah Shire, the Council took the decision to proceed with a Community Based Heritage Study, based on the methodology outlined in the Heritage Office's document: Community-Based Heritage Studies. This method was seen as giving the community ownership of the process and the outcomes, by being actively involved in the study process, and a method by which the places most valued by the community could be identified.

2.02 Appointment

Appointment was decided by Coolah Council and a letter of appointment sent on the 30th January 2004 to Heritage Advisor Barbara Hickson, to act as Coordinator for the study. Barbara prepared a brief for the work of the historian (See attachment) and Coolah Council then engaged the local historian Roy Cameron, of Coolah to work with Ms Hickson on the study.

2.03 SHI Data Format

The State Heritage Inventory (SHI data) software package for compiling the collected data was sent by the Heritage Office of NSW to the office of Barbara Hickson early in 2004. The data entry was managed by Barbara Hickson and her secretary Johanna Mitchell, and information was forwarded to then from the historian. The SHI format dictates the type of information that should be collected on each site.

2.04 Heritage Study Working Party

The former Coolah Council consulted with various members of the community and advised them of the project, at the same time inviting membership of the Heritage Working Group. The HA prepared the following announcement of the study to the community also call for expressions of interest in the working party.

'A new heritage Study of the Coolah Shire will start soon. Members of the community, shire wide, are invited to indicate their interest in being on a Working Party which will help guide the Study and help in making the right decisions. Heritage is about the places of the past that we want to save for the future.'

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But it isn't just about buildings. It's about past activities, landscapes, archaeology and moveable heritage. Views about heritage are changing and the guiding group will be able to work to preserve what it considers most important to future generations in Coolah Shire and to participate in how the study is undertaken. This will assist in having good outcomes in conservation management and in tourism opportunities for the future. Meetings will be held at Dunedoo and the study is likely to take under 18 months.'

However the approaches were not successful and the manager of Environmental Services, who was initiating this group, left for a posting in another state. The result was that by mid 2004 no Working Party had been formed. It was decided that the Community consultation process would commence without a working party and to rely instead on community meetings for input and direct contact with as many owners of heritage places as possible.

2. 05 Town and Village Meetings

The following public meetings, or workshops, were held:

7th September 2004 at Dunedoo Community centre

21st September 2004 at Coolah Former council Chambers

5th October at the RSL Club in Mendooran.

The Council's officer's sent invitations to members of the public to attend these meetings and also advertised them in the local media.

The subjects covered at these community meetings were generally as follows:

2. 05.1 Why the Heritage Review was being undertaken

Answer: Helping the Community to conserve their Heritage

Heritage is the physical evidence of our history (can also be sketched or written)

Finding examples of 'what we want to pass on' is important.

Historical Theme (story lines) analysis and what this means.

2. 05.2 Heritage Schedule in the LEP should be Comprehensive.

The Public, Council and the Heritage Office want the Heritage Schedule in the future Warrumbungle Shire Council's LEP to be comprehensive. The study aims to fill any gaps in the listed examples of the past. The existing lists (ie before the study) are biased locally towards cemeteries, 8 sites, and former government agency buildings such as the railways and post offices, 6 sites. There were many obvious gaps in this list that could be included. For example illustrations of cultural landscapes such as Coolah Tops; and forestry, Leadville and mining; community buildings, such as community halls and sportsgrounds; and the pastoral industry: for example wool sheds and homesteads.

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At each meeting historic themes were discussed with known local examples, and highlighting the 'gaps' in the list. Questions about the outcomes were answered or debated.

2. 06 Call for nominations

After the aims of the study were discussed, a call was made for the nominations of places that would help further illustrate the *Thematic History* of Coolah. The basic information that was being sought was also explained with a SHI form being explained and distributed at the meetings. While such lists will never be a complete list of historical places, it is important to attempt to be comprehensive. Roy Cameron took note of all verbal nominations, and Sue Stoddard of Dunedoo compiled a list locally and forwarded them by post to the Co-ordinator.

2. 07 Site Visits

Six full days were initially set aside by the co-ordinator for inspections of existing listed items and other nominated places. These days were initially timed to coincide with Town or Village meetings where practical so that at the time of the meeting the Co-ordinator was aware of what heritage existed in the nearby community.

In all twelve full days were spent in the field inspecting nominated places. The historian also came on every field trip. This brought the study process into direct contact with many property owners in the Shire.

2. 08 Thematic History

Mr. Roy Cameron completed the Thematic History of Coolah early in 2004 based on existing written histories in the district, and similar histories written for adjacent Shire Councils. Roy Cameron has been collecting historical material on the Coolah Shire for over 40 years. Where other local expertise and knowledge were available, they have been consulted, either in person, via their published works, or through letters.

2. 09 The Final Thematic History

The final Thematic History forms a crucial part of the study, a document that highlights the core themes of the district. A copy should be made available publicly, such as in the Library at the conclusion of the study.

2. 10 Existing Heritage Item List

The Co-ordinator Barbara Hickson initially developed a computerised list of all already identified items, e.g. those identified in the Coolah LEP, (18 items) the National Trust Register (7 cemeteries), State Significant Heritage Register (2 items), The National Estate

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List (2 items), and items visited or noted by the consultant Historian. During the process most of the existing owners of heritage listed places were contacted directly by telephone. The developing list was presented at the town meetings and was further developed through the consultation process.

2.11 Additional Heritage Items

Many items from the consultation process were added to the 'list'. Some of these will be recommended to be recognised as 'heritage items' in the future revised LEP lists. Refer section 5 of this report.

2.12 Preliminary list of items/places of significance - An Inventory

Combining the two lists above resulted in a comprehensive Inventory, Shire wide, of approximately 220 items. Almost all (180) of these have been visited as part of this study and most documented through photography and description. The full list of places included in the inventory is contained at the end of this section.

2.13 Cross checking against Themes

The Co-ordinator cross-checked the items in 'the inventory' against the NSW Historical Themes and those drawn from local history. This was further investigated with assistance from the historian before being finalized with the intention to produce a comprehensive list that allows for some illustration of each important historic local theme. The relevant themes for each item and called up in the SHI data summaries.

2.14 Final Thematic List

At the completion of the study a final Thematic List with all local examples was compiled and is included in this report. Refer to part 3 of this document.

2.15 Completion of SHI Data Forms

Information came together as follows:

The former Coolah Shire Council: provided addresses and contact names for each nomination.

The local historian: provided a great number of the item histories.

The Heritage Co-ordinator: provided previous listings, physical descriptions, current photos and some historical images, statements of significance, (especially those considered to be of local or state significance), GPS data, condition report and references. The Shi data forms were not just completed for new items, but also for all existing LEP items.

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The SHI data sheets were then distributed to all owners by the Warrumbungle Council, to gain input and correction, with a cover letter by the co-ordinator. (*refer to attachment 6*).

Recommendation:

On completion of the former Coonabarabran Shire study copies of all SHI data sheets should be made available to the public via the exhibition process.

2. 16 Additional items to the existing LEP Heritage List.

Recommendations for additional items to be added to the existing Heritage List were made by the co-ordinator after completion of the above work and through discussions with the historian and Council staff. Refer to section 5 for the recommended lists.

2. 17 Recommendations for items on the existing Heritage List

As this was also a review of existing LEP items, these items were also considered as to their suitability as Heritage Items for the future LEP. However all items appear to be relevant and so no deletions are recommended.

2. 18 Aboriginal Heritage

This study covers Aboriginal heritage places as far as limited time and resources made possible. The historian approached all Aboriginal organisations such as Land Councils, by mail.

There may need to be an ongoing consultative process, or specialised study, to continue this work. Items that were already listed, or nominated, were investigated.

2. 19 Levels of Significance

The Co-ordinator identified and assigned levels of significance (none, local, or State) for each item. All places that are listed, or will be listed as Heritage items, must be at least of Local Significance. Beyond this, items can be considered to be of State, or even National significance.

The status of listing of 'Regional' has no statutory power and so has generally been phased out. Sometimes it is still a handy label in descriptions however where places are obviously of more than local Significance, giving them 'extra' status.

State Significance is additionally important as it will attract more prestige, including placement on the NSW Heritage Office Web site, and will give the item more access to funding through loans and grants.

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There is currently a program by the NSW Heritage Office to complete the State Significance Register. At some time in the future the Warrumbungle Shire will be asked to nominate the items they, and the community, believe are of State Significance, so this level of significance has been examined for each item and recommendations made.

The criteria to decide this level of significance is subjective, but the place must be of broader importance than at the Local level. Other considerations to take into account are the level of integrity of form and material, the rarity or representativeness, their importance in the Archaeological field with potential to yield important information, and/or having an established provenance so that the history can be understood and interpreted.

2.20 General Management Recommendations

The co-ordinator has formulated general management recommendations to cover many of the broad circumstances that will arise on each site. To what extent the management strategy needs to be applied to the heritage item, or its curtilage, varies from place to place. In some cases this is obvious, while in others it is important to define the extent of the item or area to which the above policy applies. If there is doubt the Council's Heritage Advisor's advice should be sought in the particular case.

2.21 Notification to Owners

All owners of potential items should be notified in writing at two stages. First to check the history and enlist their assistance in correcting the information, each owner has been consulted as part of this study.

When stage 2 of the Warrumbungle Community based heritage study is complete and/or before a new LEP is completed, each owner should be advised if their place was recommended for listing in the new LEP. At this stage some owners may write and asked for their place to be withdrawn from any listing. If this occurs the SHI data information should still be retained by council.

2.22 Completion of the study

The completed study with the SHI data was presented to the Warrumbungle Shire Council at their meeting in 21st April 2005.

2.23 Inventory of all historic places nominated

The following list contains all places investigated, their owner current at the date of this study and the date on which they were visited. The order is generally alphabetical within 'type' of place.



View across the Coolah landscape returning from Pine Ridge 22nd December

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A. CEMETERIES

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Birriwa Homestead Private (Grave of Constable Ward and	Keith Anthony Salvatt Mary Catherine Salvatt ‘Birriwa Homestead’	Was Portion 36, Parish of Wargundy. Now Lot 1, DP 836952 off Gulgong –

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Others) Visited day 4: 5/10/04	DUNEDOO NSW 2844	Craboon Road. 3894 Castlereagh Highway County Bligh
Black Stump Private Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Baladonga Pastoral Co Gayford J W Thompson Roslyn J Thompson 'Baladonga' 45-49 Black Stump Way COOLAH NSW 2843	Portion 16, Parish of Queensborough off Coolah – Gunnedah Road. 4549Black Stump Way County Napier
Butheroe King Togee's Headstone Visited day 11: 14/12/04	Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843	Coolah – Neilrex Road 31kms from Coolah Parish Butheroo Cty- Napier
Coolah General Cemetery Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843	Town of Coolah East – Walker Street West – Regan Street South – McBeth Street Parish Coolah County Napier
Coolah Presbyterian Church Private Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Presbyterian Church Trust 93 Binnia Street COOLAH NSW 2843 Heather Pettet	Town of Coolah Lot 1, DP 981830 Corner Binnia and Booyamurra Streets Black Stump Way Parish Coolah County Napier
Cobbora General Cemetery Visited day 8: 16/11/04	Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843 Dedicated 22.11.1870	Town of Cobbora North – Birriwa Street West – Tucklan Street Parish Cobbora County Lincoln
Cobbora Station Private cemetery Visited site : (but cemetery not seen). day 8: 16/11/04	Geo H Dent Robin L Dent 'Cobbora Station' DUNEDOO 2844	Lot 100, DP 101778 Parish Adelyne County Lincoln 127 Golden Highway
Denison Town General cemetery Visited day 3: 22/9/04	Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843 (originally the property of the Anglican Church)	Lots 64, 65, DP 750766, Parish Talbragar, County Bligh Leadville–Craboon Road. 48 Black Stump Way

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A. CEMETERIES continued

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
<p>Dunedoo General Cemetery Visited day 3: 22/9/04</p>	<p>Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843</p>	<p>Parish Bolaro County Lincoln R 44112 and R 44113 Avonside Road</p>
<p>Laheys Creek Private Visited day 8: 16/11/04</p>	<p>Garry Phillip Glencross 'The Junction' 728 Spring Ridge Road Laheys Creek Via GULGONG 2852</p>	<p>Portion 113 Parish Dapper County Lincoln Spring Ridge Road 40 people are said to be buried in this cemetery – mainly Falconer</p>
<p>Leadville General cemetery Visited Day 1: 7/9/04</p>	<p>Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843</p>	<p>West and north of Portion 120, Parish Talbragar County Bligh. Sir Ivan Dougherty Drive</p>
<p>Mendooran General cemetery Visited day 4: 5/10/04</p>	<p>Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843 Dedicated 16th January, 1880</p>	<p>East and North of Portion 43, Parish Richardson County Lincoln. Corner Mendooran- Dubbo Road and Railway Road</p>
<p>Morton Bay private cemetery Visited day 5 : 26/10/04</p>	<p>Sterling A. Fergusson 'Morton Bay' Dunedoo phone 63750454</p>	<p>Lot 74 DP 752740 Parish Bowman , County Bligh, Golden highway</p>
<p>Old Merrygoen Private Visited day 9 : 30/11/04</p>	<p>Max Yeo and Marie G Yeo 'Glenshea' Cobbora Road MERRYGOEN NSW 2381</p>	<p>Portion 25, Parish Wallaroo County Lincoln. Near junction Cobbora and Coolah- Mendooran Road Castlereagh Highway</p>
<p>Oakey Creek Private Visited day 7: 9/11/04</p>	<p>Paspaley Pearls Properties C/- 'Kurrajong Park' COOLAH NSW 2843 Paspaley Rural Manager Stewart J Hughes Most burials Allison Family</p>	<p>Portion 4, Lot 1 DP 819082, Parish Napier County Napier Off Coolah – Gunnedah Road 6072 Black Stump Way</p>

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A. CEMETERIES continued

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
<p>Old Turee Private cemetery : graves 1. John Jones and 2. 2. Mary Elliott</p> <p>Visited Day 2: 21/9/04</p>	<p>Aradema Pty Ltd C/- J Spinks 303 McCarrs Creek Road TERREY HILLS NSW 2084 Local contact: Christopher G Chadwick Jodie L Chadwick</p>	<p>Portion 3, Parish Turee County Bligh, 'Old Turee', Tongy Lane COOLAH NSW 2843</p>
<p>Pine Ridge Private Visited site : but cemetery not seen</p>	<p>Mrs Joan Moira Alice Wells 'Pine Ridge' LEADVILLE</p>	<p>Lot 96, DP 40618 Parish Narangarie County Napier Narangarie West or Pine Ridge Station Rd 272 Homestead Rd</p>
<p>Rotherwood Private cemetery Visited day 6: 2/11/04</p>	<p>Martin Bros. Pastoral Pty Ltd 'Rotherwood' COOLAH 2843 Antony C Martin Barbara Ann Martin</p>	<p>Lots 1 and 3, DP 223581 Parish Rotherwood Rotherwood Road</p>
<p>Turee (Vale) Creek General Visited Day 2: 21/9/04</p>	<p>Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843 (this lot once contained a combined Anglican Church and the Turee Vale School)</p>	<p>Part Portion 18, Lot 1, Parish Booyamurna, Council Bligh Turee Vale Road</p>
<p>Uarbry Cemetery Visited day 5 : 26/10/04</p>	<p>Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843</p>	<p>Plan C474 1984 Talbragar Street Uarbry Village Parish Uarbry, County of Bligh</p>
<p>Weetalibah Private (McMaster) Inspection not allowed</p>	<p>David Rubin Jones Malcolm David Jones Norman Ann Jones 'Hawthorne' BINNAWAY</p>	<p>Lots 1 to 16, DP 13223 Parish Ulinda County Napier 'Weetalibah Station' 1748 Warrumbungle Way</p>

Note the spelling of Weetaliba Village is *Weetaliba*

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B. CHURCHES

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Coolah St Andrews Anglican Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Anglican Church Coolah The Anglican Rector at 55 Cobborah Street, Dunedoo is Robert Price Howell 55 Cobborah Street DUNEDOO NSW 2844 Local Contact Peter Mitchell	Town of Coolah Parish Coolah County Napier Part Portions 3 and 4 17 Binnia Street COOLAH NSW 2843 Black Stump Way
Coolah Presbyterian Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Presbyterian Church Trust P O Box 105 COOLAH 2843 Heather Pettet	Town of Coolah Parish Coolah County Napier Lot 1, DP 981830 Cnr Binnia and Booyamurra Strs Black Stump Way
Coolah Roman Catholic (old) And Grotto Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Sacred Heart Church 15 Church Street COOLAH 2843 (Convent School Principal Nicole Cumming)	Lot 6, Section 7, DP 758276 Parish Coolah County Napier Town of Coolah 7 Church Street
Dunedoo Anglican church Not recommended	Anglican Property Trust Rector: Robert Price Howell 55 Cobborah Street DUNEDOO 2844	Lot 6, Section 8, DP 758364 Parish Bolero County Lincoln Town of Dunedoo Corner Cobborah and Merrygoen Street 59-61 Cobborah Street
Dunedoo Presbyterian church Not recommended	St Davids Presbyterian Church Janette Mary Johnstone 'Oranmore' 454 Digilah Road DUNEDOO 2844	Lot 5, Section 13, DP 758364 Lot 6, DP 758364 Parish Bolero County Lincoln Town of Dunedoo 58-60 Cobborah Street
Dunedoo Uniting church Visited Day 3 : 22/9/04	Uniting Church 52 Cobborah Street DUNEDOO 2844	Lot 3, Section 13 Cobborah Street Parish Bolero County Lincoln Town of Dunedoo
Dunedoo Roman Catholic Monte Sant Angelo :Former Catholic Church Visited Day 3 : 22/9/04	Catholic Church Dunedoo Father Mark McGuigan Sister Marie Therese 60 Tucklan Street	Lot 6, Section 13 Tucklan Street Parish Bolero County Lincoln Town of Dunedoo

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B. CHURCHES continued

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
<p>Leadville Anglican Visited site day 1 : 7/9/04</p>	<p>Anglican Property Trust Rector 55 Cobborah Street DUNEDOO 2844</p>	<p>Lots 11 to 13, Section 8 DP 2649 Corner Plumb and Stewart Street Parish Talbragar County Bligh Leadville</p>
<p>Mendooran Anglican Not recommended</p>	<p>Anglican Property Trust Rector 55 Cobbra Street DUNEDOO 2844</p>	<p>Lots 1 and 2 Section 6 Lot 12, DP 852026 Town of Mendooran Parish Mendooran County Napier Corner Bandulla and Yalcogrin Streets, Castlereagh Highway</p>
<p>Merrygoen Anglican Church Visited day 9 , 30/11/04</p>	<p>Anglican Property Trust Rector 55 Cobborah Street DUNEDOO</p>	<p>Lot 3, Section 2 Village of Merrygoen Denman Street</p>
<p>Mendooran Catholic Visited day 4 5/10/04</p>	<p>Catholic Church Trustees 42 Yarrow Street DUNEDOO 2844 Father Mark McGuigan</p>	<p>Lots 8 and 9, Section 3 DP 758688 Cobra Street Parish Mendooran County Napier Town of Mendooran</p>
<p>Mendooran Presbyterian Private residence Visited day 9 , 30/11/04</p>	<p>Sigrid Hohner 42 Benewa Street Mendooran</p>	<p>42 Benewa Street Mendooran</p>
<p>Neilrex Anglican Not considered</p>	<p>Anglican Property Trust Rector 55 Cobborah Street DUNEDOO 2844</p>	<p>Lot 2, Section 5 Merrygoen Street Village of Neilrex Parish Biamble County Bligh</p>
<p>Uarbry Anglican Visited day 5 : 26/10/04</p>	<p>Anglican Property Trust Rector 55 Cobborah Street DUNEDOO 2844 Robert Price Howell</p>	<p>Lot 4, Section 6 Church Street Village of Uarbry Parish Nandoura county Bligh</p>
<p>Dapper Union Church Visited site day 8 : 16/11/04</p>	<p>Dapper Union Church 'Avonside' GOOLMA Write care of Gary Glencross Contact Wendy Hill for further information 35 Yarrow</p>	<p>Portion 110, Parish Dapper Sandy Creek Road</p>

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C. HOMESTEADS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
<p>Baladonga (Old Queensborough) Visited Day 2: 21/9/04</p>	<p>Baladonga Pastoral Co 'Baladonga' Queensborough Road COOLAH 2843 Gayford J W Thompson Roslyn J Thompson</p>	<p>Portion 16, Parish Queensborough Off Coolah-Gunnedah Road 4549 Black Stump Way County Napier</p>
<p>Birriwa Visited day 4 5/10/04</p>	<p>Keith Anthony Salvatt Mary Catherine Salvatt 'Birriwa Homestead' DUNEDOO 2844</p>	<p>Was Portion 36, Parish Wargundy (DP 750774) Now Lot 1, DP 836952 3894 Castlereagh Highway County Bligh</p>
<p>Binnia Downs Visited site day 11 : 14/12/04</p>	<p>Paspaley Pearls Property 'Kurrajong Park' COOLAH 2843 Manager Stuart G Hughes</p>	<p>Portion 26, Parish Allison Coolah-Gunnedah Road 5618 Black Stump Way County Napier</p>
<p>Booyamurra Not visited</p>	<p>Mrs Wendy Margaret Gill 'Booyamurra' COOLAH 2843</p>	<p>Lots 123/125, 135, DP 750738 Parish Booyamurna 3880 Black Stump Way County Bligh</p>
<p>Cobbora Station Visited site day 8 : 16/11/04</p>	<p>Geo H and Robin L Dent 'Cobbora Station' DUNEDOO 2844</p>	<p>Lot 10, DP 1017782 Parish Adelyne 127 Golden Highway County Lincoln</p>
<p>Coolah Creek Visited day 7: 9/11/04</p>	<p>Coolah Creek Pty Ltd 'Coolah Creek' COOLAH 2843 Mr Donald Arnott</p>	<p>Lot 1, DP 131751 Parish Booyamurna 2054 Coolah Creek Road County Bligh</p>
<p>Coolaville Visited Day 11 14/12/04</p>	<p>John E Gilder 'Coolaville' COOLAH 2843</p>	<p>Lots 23, 26, 34, 35, 55-58 Parish Coolah County Napier Coolah-Leadville Road 3505 Black Stump Way</p>
<p>Derrawee Homestead Inspection 10/12/04</p>	<p>Lakeborough Pty Ltd 'Derrawee' COOLAH Derrawee Pastoral Trust John C and Florence Hansen</p>	<p>Lots 1/11 DP 132184 Parish Morven Coolah-Binnaway Road Warrumbungle Way</p>

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C. HOMESTEADS continued

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Digilah Homestead Inspection day 10 10/12/04 (NB not to be listed without their approval)	Yellow Box Pty Ltd 'Digilah' DUNEDOO Fay Callow	Lots 10/11 DP 130950 Parish Bullinda 1799 Digilah Road
Greyholme Inspection day 10, 10/12/04	Geoffrey Graham Pound 'Greyholme' BINNAWAY	Lot 1, DP 132501 Parish Moorangoorang Neilrex-Piambra Road 19 Moorangoorang Road County Napier
Gundare Visited Day 11 14/12/04	Jock McDonald Weronga Pty Ltd 'Gundare' P O Box 95 COOLAH 2843	Lot 19, Parish Gundare 653 Gundare Road County Napier
Hawthorne No inspection allowed. Say there is nothing left	David Ruben Jones 'Hawthorne' BINNAWAY	Portions 1 and 9 Parish Butheroo 2776 Gamble Creek Road County Napier
Morven Inspection 10/12/04	William Reid Martin Bruce Maylon Harris Box 8042 ALLENTOWN QLD 4700	Lots 3/5, DP 182801 Parish Piambra County Napier 694 Lochnaw Road
Mount O'Eba Visited Day 11 14/12/04	George A Esdaile 'Mount Oeba' COOLAH 2843	Portion 19, Parish Gundare Lots 1 and 2, DP 833160 1100 Gundare Road County Napier
Mount Mill Homestead and outbuildings Visited day 7: 9/11/04	S M Bowman Pty Ltd 'Mount Mill' COOLAH 2843 Andrew M Bowman Tamara C Bowman	Lots 51, 52, DP 42212 Parish Booyamurna 1170 Coolah Creek Road County Bligh
(old) Mumbedah Visited day 11 14/12/04	Barbara Louise Welsh 'Mount Hope'' COOLAH 2843 Welsh and Co	Lots 10/11 Parish Mumbedah 521 Mount Hope Road County Napier
(Old) Narrawa Homestead	Emanuel and Peter John Portelli	Part Portion 31 Narrawa Road Parish of

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Visited site day 8 : 16/11/04	'Karinya' Cobborah	Boston County of Lincoln
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C. HOMESTEADS continued

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
<p>Oban Visited Day 2: 21/9/04</p>	<p>Mark Lidwell Powell 'Oban' COOLAH 2843</p>	<p>Portion 135 Parish Collielblue County Napier Cassilis Road Warrumbungles Way 94 Oban Road</p>
<p>Turee former Visited Day 2: 21/9/04</p>	<p>Aradema Pty Ltd C/- J Spinks 303 McCarrs Creek Road TERREY HILLS NSW 2084 Local contact: Christopher G Chadwick Jodie L Chadwick Phone: 6373 3016</p>	<p>Portion 3, Parish Turee County Bligh, 'Old Turee', Tongy Lane COOLAH NSW 2843</p>
<p>Oakey Creek Homestead site Visited day 7: 9/11/04</p>	<p>Paspaley Pearls Properties C/- 'Kurrajong Park' COOLAH NSW 2843 Paspaley Rural Manager Stewart J Hughes</p>	<p>Portion 4, Lot 1 DP 819082, Parish Napier County Napier Off Coolah – Gunnedah Road 6072 Black Stump Way</p>
<p>Pine Ridge Station Visited site day 12 : 22/12/04</p>	<p>Joan Moria Alice Wells 'Pine Ridge' LEADVILLE</p>	<p>Lot 96, DP 40618 Parish Narangarie County 272 Homestead Road</p>
<p>Rotherwood homestead Visited day 6: 2/11/04</p>	<p>Martin Bros. Pastoral Pty Ltd 'Rotherwood' COOLAH 2843 Antony C Martin Barbara Ann Martin</p>	<p>Lots 1 and 3, DP 223581 Parish Rotherwood Rotherwood Road 84 Bounty Creek road County Bligh</p>
<p>Tongy Homestead Not to be listed, but supportive of study and inventory Visited day 5 : 26/10/04</p>	<p>Tongy Pty Ltd 'Tongy' COOLAH 2843 Tim Baillieu</p>	<p>Lot 11, DP 130744 Parish Nandoura 1340 Tongy Lane County Bligh</p>
<p>Weetaliba Station Homestead No visit permitted</p>	<p>David Rubin Jones Malcolm David Jones Norman Ann Jones 'Hawthorne' BINNAWAY</p>	<p>Lots 1 to 16, DP 13223 Parish Ulinda County Napier 'Weetalibah Station' 1748 Warrumbungle Way</p>

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Turee Homestead & Outbuildings (ie. New Turee) Visited day 5 : 26/10/04	Ingleburn Coal Pty Ltd 'Turee' Cassilis Road COOLAH NSW 2843 Sidney B Reynolds Rosemary H Reynolds	Portion 4, Parish of Collier Coolah – Cassilis Road 1508 Warrumbungle Way County Bligh
Wargundy no inspection	Wargundy Pty Ltd 'Wargundy' CRABOON Gawain W J Bowman	Portions 79, 133, 134 Pt 78 to 80 Parish Wargundy County Bligh Craboon-Gulgong Road 4081 Castlereagh Highway
Ulinda Homestead No response, no inspection	Ulinda pastoral Company Kim Monkton Binnaway	Lots 1-7 DP 13255 portions 113, 121, 16, 20 DP 754979 Parish of Allison County of Napier

D. HOUSES / HUTS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Brick federation residence at Dunedoo Visited day 3: 22/9/04	Geoffrey Allan and Kerry Maree Adam No 22 Digilah Street DUNEDOO NSW 2844	No 22 Digilah Street Dunedoo Corner of Wallaroo and Digilah Lot 5 Section 10 DP 758364 Town of Dunedoo County of Lincoln
Bracken's hut Visited day 7: 9/11/04	National Parks & Wildlife Service 160 Church St. Mudgee	Portion 75 Hildegard Road, Norfolk Island Creek. Coolah Tops NP Parish of Warung, County of Bligh
Federation House Dunedoo Visited day 3: 22/9/04	Judy Ann Bowman 38-40 Cobbora street PO Box 95 Dunedoo	No 38 Cobbora Street Dunedoo Lot 5 Section 12 DP 758364 Town of Dunedoo County of Lincoln
Martins' House Cobbora	Harold Edward T Martin Elizabeth Mary A Martin	Lot 4, Section 17 Town of Cobbora

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Visited site day 8 : 16/11/04	76 Belmore Street GULGONG	Bennewa Street
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D. HOUSES / HUTS continued

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Trails hut Visited day 7: 9/11/04	National Parks & Wildlife Service 160 Church St. Mudgee	Portion 8 Hildegard Road, Norfolk Island Creek. Coolah Tops NP Parish of Warung, County of Bligh
Hobbins Wattle and Daub Cottage Old Cottage at Dhu Robin visited day 10	Dhu Robin Pty Ltd Warden Road LEADVILEL Ken J Milling	Portion 213 Parish Talbragar Wardens Road
Aberfoyle (old) House Visited day 9 , 30/11/04	Robert and Valma Flipo	Near Hoblinrah On Merrygoen Creek
Nareela house Visited day 9 , 30/11/04	E.G and Jeff Morris 150 Nicklin Road Mangrove Mountain	Near Hoblinrah, site of Rocky Waterhole inn On Merrygoen Creek
Belang old settlers house Visited day 11 ; 14/12/04	Pru Thompson	Leadville – Coolah road Near Leadville
Digilah settlers house Visited	Refer Digilah Homestead	

E. HOTELS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Black Stump Inn, Coolah Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Licensee D L Mason Owners: Alan Douglas Edwards 20 Henderson Street COOLAH 2843 Garry Muller TAMWORTH 2340	Black Stump Inn 61 Binnia Street COOLAH 2843 Lot 10, DP 979105 Town of Coolah Parish Coolah County Napier
Coolah Valley Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Allan L Laurie Marjorie J Laurie 26/28 Binnia Street	Town of Coolah Lot 1, DP 158912 Part Lot 6, DP 192561

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	COOLAH NSW 2843 Licensee Eloy Jane Gillmour	Lot 35, DP 192561 Corner Binnia and Campbell Parish Coolah County Napier
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E. HOTELS Continued

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Dunedoo Hotel Visited Day 3 : 22/9/04	Robert Charles White Margaret Joyce White 26 Bolaro Street DUNEDOO 2844 Licensee William Johnson	Lot A, DP 319069 Town of Dunedoo Parish Bolaro County Lincoln
Denison Inn (former) Now private residence visited day 10 10/12/04	Kevin C F Hookway 'Byalla Downs' Craboon Road LEADVILLE	Portions 607, 103 and part 112, Parish Talbragar Leadville-Dunedoo Road Black Stump Way
Royal Hotel, Dunedoo Visited Day 3 : 22/9/04	T E Fitz-Gibbon Pty 76-80 Bolaro Street DUNEDOO 2844	Lot 1, Section 3 DP 335461 Town of Dunedoo Parish Bolaro County Lincoln
Royal Hotel, Mendooran Visited day 4 5/10/04	Dexter Malcolm McKechnie 25 Napier Street MENDOORAN 2842	Lot A, DP 15603 Lot 9, Section 1 15 Bandulla Street Town of Mendooran Parish Mendooran County Napier
Mendooran Hotel (former) Has ceased trading as a hotel Visited day 4 5/10/04	Mrs Axxa M Ridolfi Box 471 SUMMER HILL	Lots 6/7, Section 11 Bandulla Street Town of Mendooran Parish Mendooran County Napier
Old Gramby Cobb and Co Inn Visited day 4 5/10/04	Terence Robert Hill Janet Margaret Hill 'Closeburn' MENDOORAN 2842	Portion 26 Parish Richardson County Lincoln 238 Castlereagh Highway Gilgandra Road

F. MEMORIALS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Pepper Tree Avenue Cobbora Visited day 2: 21/9/04	Shire of Coolah P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843	Cobbora-Mendooran Road River Street Town of Cobbora
Dunedoo War Memorials	Coolah Shire Council	Milling Park, Bolero Street,

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Visited day 3 : 22/9/04 (Milling Lions Park WW1, WW2 Milling Lions Park Kookaburra Marchers)	P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843	Town of Dunedoo, County of Lincoln
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F. MEMORIALS Continued.

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Long tan memorial Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843	Corner Church and Martin Streets, Town of Coolah, County of Bligh
Cenotaphs at the School of Arts Visited day 2: 21/9/04	Coolah School of Arts Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843	Part Lot 1 Section 5 DP 979105 Corner Binnia and Booyamurra Streets Town of Coolah County of Napier
Mendooran War memorial Visited day 4 : 5/10/04 (Mendooran Lions Park Kookaburra Marchers)	Mendooran and Merygoen Soldiers club 57 Bandulla Street Town of Mendooran	Lots 4 & 9 Section 9 DP 758685 Mendooran and Merygoen Soldiers Club 62 Bandulla Street Mendooran County of Napier
Cunningham Camp site Plaque Visited day 7: 9/11/04	Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843	Near South West corner Portion 16, Pandora Pass Road, parish of Lowe, County of Napier
Explorer's monument Cunningham and Leichhardt Visited day 7: 9/11/04	Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843	Portion 109 ,Arnott's Hill, Coolah Tops Road Parish Warung, County of Bligh

G. PHYSICAL FEATURES

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Angular Jointing (Basalt)	National Parks and Wildlife Mudgee Office	Bundella Lookout Cliff Bald Creek Falls
Bundella Lookout Visited day 7: 9/11/04	NPWS 160 Church St Mudgee	Within former Bundella state Forest, Coolah Tops NP

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G. PHYSICAL FEATURES Continued

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Dunedoo Woodland reserve	Coolah council	
Lava Caves (Basalt) NOT VISITED	National Parks and Wildlife Coolah Creek Pty Ltd	Rocky Creek Coolaburragundy River
Norfolk Falls walking track Visited day 7: 9/11/04	NPWS 160 Church St Mudgee	Portion 84, off Forest Road, Norfolk Island Creek. Coolah Tops NP Parish Warung, County of Bligh
Ivy Rock (Sandstone) Visited day 3 : 22/9/04	Stirling S Fergusson 'Moreton Bay' DUNEDOO 2844	Lot 74, DP 750740 Parish Bowman Junction Moreton Bay Private Road and Golden Highway
Narangarie Fossil Quarry (Sandstone) Not visited Note: the areas has been well picked over and there are no more leaf fossils to be easily found.	Glen T Blewitt Janice L Blewitt 'Narrandale' Narangarie Road LEADVILLE	Lot 1202, DP 1050020 Parish Narangarie About 1.5kms from Coolah- Leadville Road
Narrawa stone sharpening rock Visited day 8: 16/11/04	Emanuel and Peter John Portelli 'Karinya' Cobborah	Part Portion 31 Narrawa Road Parish of Boston County of Lincoln
Pandora Pass Visited day 7: 9/11/04	Shire of Coolah 59 Binnia St Coolah	Northern Boundary Portion 11, Pandora Pass Road Parish of Lowe County of Napier
Weetaliba Nature Reserve NOT VISITED	National Parks and Wildlife Service 30 Timor Street COONABARABRAN	Portions 10 and 17 Parish Carlisle
Shepherds Peak (Basalt) NOT VISITED	National Parks and Wildlife	30kms from entrance to Coolah Tops National Park – c1km from Coolah Creek Road

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Spheroidal Weathering (Basalt) Visited day 7: 9/11/04	Coolah Shire Council	Arnott's Hill, Coolah Tops Road
Gotta Rock (Sandstone) Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Samuel Stephens 'The Rock' COOLAH 2843	Portion 78, Parish Coolah Coolah-Leadville Road 3045 Black Stump Way

G. PHYSICAL FEATURES Continued

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Shepherds Peak (Basalt) NOT VISITED	National Parks and Wildlife	30kms from entrance to Coolah Tops National Park
Spheroidal Weathering Visited day 7: 9/11/04	Coolah Shire Council	Arnott's Hill, Coolah Tops Road
Woodland Reserve, Dunedoo Visited Day 3 : 22/9/04	Dunedoo Development Group 45 Bolero Street Dunedoo	Avonside Road, Dunedoo Within TSR 61006 Parish Bolero, County of Lincoln
Castle Rock Visited site day 12 : 22/12/04		
Leeson Tree Visited site day 12 : 22/12/04	Reference: Neville Stanford Narangarie Pine Ridge Road Lawson Park	'Wongalee' property.

H. POLICE & COURTS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Cobbora Police Station Court House and Jail (now private residence) Visited site day 8 : 16/11/04	Penelope R Stevens 34 Makinson Street GLADESVILLE NSW 2111	Town of Cobbora Dunedoo Street Lot 106, Section 11, DP 754301
Coolah Police Station and Yard (now private residence) Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Mrs Judith Ann Bailey 74B Binnia Street COOLAH NSW 2843 (J B Preston)	Town of Coolah 74 Binnia Street Lot 3, DP 154107 Lot 125, DP 704117 Lot 10, DP 264185
Dunedoo Court house Visited day 3: 22/9/04	NSW Attorney General Dpt C/- Dunedoo Local Court Environment Unit Box 6 SYDNEY	Lot 1 Section 9 Digilah Street Dunedoo

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Leadville Police (now private residence) Visited day 3: 22/9/04	Maria Louise Harrington 1 Clarke Street LEADVILLE	Lot 1, Section 1, DP 2649 Corner Homestead Road and Clarke Street
Mendooran old stables Visited day 4: 5/10/ 04	NSW Police P O Box 43 MUDGEE	Lot q, Section 7 Corner Bandulla and River Street Old shed at rear of the Mendooran Police Station

I. POST OFFICES

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Coolah Post office Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Gavin M Russell Judith M Russell 45 Binnia Street COOLAH NSW 2843	Town of Coolah 45 Binnia Street Lot 2, DP 775806
Dunedoo Post office Visited day 3 : 22/9/04	David Williams 68 Bolaro Street DUNEDOO 2844	Lot 1, Section 3 DP 91850 Town of Dunedoo Bolaro Street
Leadville Former post office (now private residence) Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	David John Billinghamurst Jacqueline Marie Billinghamurst 20 Garland Street LEADVILLE	Lots 18-20, Section DP 2649 Town of Leadville Garland Street
Mendooran Post office Visited day 4 5/10/04	Phillip and Dianne McCormack 55 Bandulla Street MENDOORAN	Lot 2, DP 736132 Town of Mendooran Bandulla Street
Merrygoen Former Post office (now private residence) Visited day 4 5/10/04	Robert Rogers 33 Gover Street PEAKHURST	Lots 2/3, DP 309486 Village of Merrygoen Corner Denman and Biamble Street

J. PUBLIC HALLS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Boy Scouts hall Coolah	Australian Boy scouts assoc c/- Golden mast region PO	Lot 2 DP 153650 83 Binnia Street Coolah

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Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Box 1991 Bathurst NSW	town of Coolah County of Napier
Cobbora hall Visited site day 8 : 16/11/04	Crown Reserve 50794 for Public Recreation, Racecourse and Showground. Notified 23.6.1915	Portion 94 Hall Road Golden Highway

J. PUBLIC HALLS Continued

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Boy Scouts hall Coolah Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Australian Boy scouts assoc c/- Golden mast region PO Box 1991 Bathurst NSW	Lot 2 DP 153650 83 Binnia Street Coolah Coolah County of Napier
Cobbora hall Visited site day 8 : 16/11/04	Crown Reserve 50794 for Public Recreation, Race course and Showground. MERRYGOEN	Portion 94 Parish Hall Road Golden Highway
Coolah (Regent Theatre) Coolah Shire Hall Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Coolah Shire Council	Lot 2, DP 1001698 Town of Coolah 57 Binnia Street
Dunedoo (Jubilee Hall) Visited Day 3 : 22/9/04	Coolah Shire Council	Lots 2 and 3, Section 5 DP 517640 Town of Dunedoo Bolaro Street
Leadville Memorial Hall Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Leadville Memorial Hall Eloie Curtis 45 Garland Street LEADVILLE Phone 6375 0235	Lot 2, Section 2 DP 2649 Clarke Street
Mendooran Hall (Former Mechanics Institute hall) Visited day 4 5/10/04	Coolah Shire Council	Lot 6 DP 758668 Town of Mendooran Bandulla Street
Neilrex hall Visited day 9 30/11/04	Neilrex Public hall Geoff Mitchell 'Lochneil' NEILREX	Lot 3, Section 1 DP 758761 Town of Neilrex Merrygoen Street
Tucklan Hall Visited site day 8 : 16/11/04	Leroy Alexander Trengrove 'Glen Ayr' GULGONG Joanne Lee Trengrove	Portion 107 Parish of Tucklan R 84513

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	29 Yarrow Street, Dunedoo	
Uarbry hall Visited day 5 : 26/10/04	Uarbry Public Hall Barbera Schultz 'Karella' UARBRY	Lot 1, Section 6 DP 759014 Village Uarbry
Weetaliba hall Not welcome to visit by owners	It is understood that the trusteeship is passing to Coolah Shire Council	Lot 11, DP 704074 Reserve 97167 Village Weetaliba

K. RAILWAYS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Dunedoo Railway Station and Yard Visited day 3: 22/9/04	State Rail Authority GPO Box 29 SYDNEY NSW 2000 State Rail Estate	Railway Land North – Whitely Street South – Milling Lions park Off Golden Highway
Girragulang Siding and Stockyards Visited day 3: 22/9/04	Department of Railways Craboon-Coolah railway land	Orana-Hannahs Bridge Road
Merrygoen Station and Yards Visited day 9 , 30/11/04	Department of Railways GPO Box 29 SYDNEY NSW 2000	Denman Street Village of Merrygoen
Timber trestle railway bridge Visited day 3: 22/9/04	Department of Railways GPO Box 29 SYDNEY NSW 2000	Opposite the Orana property on Orana Road, south east of Coolah Town.
Merrygoen railway water tanks Visited day 9 , 30/11/04	Department of Railways GPO Box 29 SYDNEY NSW 2000	Denman Street Village of Merrygoen
Merrygoen railway turntable Visited day 9 , 30/11/04	Department of Railways GPO Box 29 SYDNEY NSW 2000	Denman Street Village of Merrygoen
Talbragar River railway bridge Visited site day 12 : 22/12/04	Closed line Shared On 3 properties c/- Kevin Hookway	

L. SCHOOLS

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SCHOOLS	Owner and Address	Land Description
Coolah Central (class rooms of original school) Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Department Education Box Q339 QVB Post Shop NSW 1230	Town of Coolah Lots 3/9, Lots 2/3, DP 13 13 Binnia Street
Cobbora School and Residence (now private residence) Visited site day 8 : 16/11/04	Serjio R Baseggio Susan G Baseggio Off Dubbo Road DUNEDOO NSW 2844	Lot 1, Section 18 DP 125388 Town of Cobbora Corner Merotherie and River S

L. SCHOOLS Continued

SCHOOLS	Owner and Address	Land Description
Coolah Convent Visited day 1 7/9/04 Not recommended	Sacred Heart Convent School 13-15 Church Street Principal Nicole M Cumming	Lot 6, Section 7 DP 758276 Town of Coolah Church Street
Dunedoo Convent Visited day 3, : 22/9/04 Not recommended	St Michaels Convent Principal Bernard Cumming	Lot 3-8, Section 18 DP 758364 Town of Dunedoo
Gamble Creek (hay shed) Inspection 10/12/04	Jack Massingham 2201 Bugle Point Road Gamble Creek BINNAWAY	Portion 22, Parish Butheroo Gamble Creek Road
Leadville former school (now private residence) Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Darryl Neil Warhurst Denman Street LEADVILLE Phone: 6375 0304	Lot 75, town of Leadville Denman Street
Rotherwood private school Visited day 6; 2/11/04	Martin Bros. Pastoral Pty Lt 'Rotherwood' COOLAH 2843 Antony C Martin Barbara Ann Martin	Lots 1 and 3, DP 223581 Parish Rotherwood Rotherwood Road 84 Bounty Creek road County Bligh
Mendooran Central Not recommended	Department Education Box Q339 QVB Post Shop NSW 1230 Principal Chris Conliffe	Lot 1, DP 56628 Lots 11-14-17/20 Section 3 Town of Mendooran
Merrygoen Former school	P E Thatcher	Lot 1, Section 9, DP 41703

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Private residence Visited day 9 , 30/11/04	S D Thatcher P O Box 122 WERRIS CREEK	Parish Mendooran Merrygoen Neilrex Road
Neilrex school Not in use Visited day 9 , 30/11/04	Private Unknown	(moved) Lot 2, Section 4 Merrygoen St Neilrex
Dunedoo Central School Not recommended	Department Education Box Q339 QVB Post Shop NSW 1230 Principal David Lloyd	Lot 2, DP 866303 Town of Dunedoo Digilah Street

L. SCHOOLS Continued

Tucklan School Private residence Visited site day 8 : 16/11/04	Anthony Jones Rita Jones 7 Yarrow Street DUNEDOO	Lot 28 Parish Yarrow
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M. SHEARING SHEDS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Binnia Downs Woolshed And Shearers quarters Visited day 7 : 9/11/04	Paspaley Pearls 'Kurrajong Park' COOLAH 2843 Manager Stuart G Hughes	Portion 26 Parish Alison County of Napier Coolah-Gunnedah Road 5616 Black Stump Way
Digilah Shearing Shed & barn Visited day 10/12/04	Yellow Box Pty Ltd 'Digilah' DUNEDOO Fay Callow Robert John Callow	Lots 10/11 DP 130950 Parish Bullinda 1799 Digilah Road
Binnia Downs Woolshed And Shearers quarters\ Visited day 7 : 9/11/04	Paspaley Pearls 'Kurrajong Park' COOLAH 2843 Manager Stuart G Hughes	Portion 26 Parish Alison County of Napier Coolah-Gunnedah Road 5616 Black Stump Way
Digilah Shearing Shed & barn Inspection 10/12/04	Yellow Box Pty Ltd 'Digilah' DUNEDOO Fay Callow Robert John Callow	Lots 10/11 DP 130950 Parish Bullinda 1799 Digilah Road

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Hillsborough Woolshed Visited day 11 14/12/04	Owner: Patricia Lovegrove 12 Gilmore Street COOLAH	Lot 13, DP 754967 Parish Dalglish Mount Hope Road
Morton bay Shearing shed Visited Day 5: 26/10/04	Sterling A. Fergusson 'Morton Bay' Dunedoo	Location Lot 74 DP 752740 Parish Bowman , County Bligh, Golden highway
Springvale Shearing shed Visited day 6: 2/11/04	Colliemurna Pty Ltd c/- springvale Lyndon J. James 577 Tureevale Road Coolah	Portion 117 Turee vale Road County of Bligh, Parish of Collieblue

M. SHEARING SHEDS Continued.

Tongy Woolshed Visited day 5 : 26/10/04	Tongy Pty Ltd 'Tongy' Tongy Lane COOLAH 2843	Lot 11, DP 130744 Parish Nandoura 1340 Tongy Lane
Rotherwood Wool shed Visited day 6 : 2/11/04	Martin Bros. Pastoral Pty Ltd 'Rotherwood' COOLAH 2843 A. & B. Martin	Lots 1 and 3, DP 223581 Parish Rotherwood Rotherwood Road 84 Bounty Creek road County Bligh
Shannon Vale Shearing shed Inspection DAY 10 10/12/04	Michael Robert O'Connell Kim Maxine 'Shannonvale' NEILREX	Lots 1 to 4, DP 124107 Parish Moorangorang County Napier 1230 Piambra Road

N. SHOPS, STORES and BANKS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Mendooran Hardware (Castlereagh Country Stores and Mural Café) Visited day 4 5/10/04	Ronald James Duce Karin T Duce 59-61 Bundulla Street MENDOORAN NSW 2842	Town of Mendooran Lot 11, Section 2 DP 83194 59-61 Bundulla Street Castlereagh Highway
Storage Shed (corrugated iron) Laurel kerosene Behind Craft Shop	Edward Joseph Hennessey Kathleen N Hennessey 'Mount Abundance' Coonabarabran Road	Town of Mendooran Lot 9, Section 2 Pampoo Street 45 Bundulla Street

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Pampoo Street Visited day 4 5/10/04	MENDOORAN NSW 2842	Castlereagh Highway MENDOORAN NSW 2842
Dunedoo Westpac Bank and multi purpose centre Visited Day 1: 7/9/04	Coolah Shire Council P O Box 120 COOLAH NSW 2843	Lot 5 section 2 DP 758364 42 Bolaro Street, Dunedoo Town of Dunedoo County of Lincoln
Old Barn Shops Visited Day 1: 7/9/04 Also known as 'bargain barn'	Keneth and Carol Atkinson 62 Binnia street Coolah 2843	Lot 10, DP 805737 62 Binnia Street Coolah Town of Coolah County of Napier

N. SHOPS, STORES and BANKS Continued

The Chambers Dunedoo Visited day 3 : 22/9/04 Also known as Old Craft Chamber	Robert and Karolyne Holland GPO box 96 Dunedoo	Part Lot A Section 4 Corner of Merygoen street Bolaro Street Town of Dunedoo County of Lincoln.
Old Power house Shed Dunedoo Visited day 3 : 22/9/04	Judy Bowman Ruth Large 16 Tucklan Street	Lot 5, Section 12 DP 758364 Located behind No 38 Cobbora Street Town of Dunedoo, County of Lincoln
Old (Former?) Butcher Shop Digilah Street Dunedoo Visited day 3 : 22/9/04	Kenneth Frederick Warren Mary Beth Warren 11 Justine Drive TENAMBIT	Section 10, Lot B DP 392017 10 Digilah Street Town of Dunedoo
Craft Store Mendooran Visited day 4 : 5/10/04	Possibly: Edward Joseph Hennessey Kathleen N Hennessey 'Mount Abundance' Coonabarabran Road MENDOORAN NSW 2842	45 Bundulla Street Corner Bundulla and Pampoo Street Castlereagh Highway MENDOORAN NSW 2842
Mendooran shop (former stock and station agent) Visited day 4 : 5/10/04	Mendooran/ Merygoen Services Club 58 Bundulla St Mendooran phone 68861147	Lot 4 Section 9 50 Bandulla Street Town of Mendooran County of Lincoln
Mendooran shop streetscape Visited day 4 : 5/10/04		Bandulla Street, Mendooran
Elysian café Mendooran Visited day 4 : 5/10/04	Edward and Kathleen Hennessey	Lot 7 Section 2 51 Bandulla Street

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	‘Mount Abundance’ Mendooran	Town of Mendooran County of Lincoln
Dunedoo shop streetscape Visited site day 12 : 22/12/04	varies	
Coolah Shops streetscape Visited site day 1: 7/9/04	varies	

O. SPORTS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Mendooran Racetrack Visited day 4 : 5/10/04	Mendooran Racecourse Committee Secretary- Carol Pixton 66 Napier Street MENDOORAN	Portions 65 and 78 Parish Bandulla R43605 and R43606 Dedicated 10.03.09 See 1908 plan of racecourse subdivision file
Dunedoo Showground Not considered	Dunedoo PA and H Society C/- Secretary Lisa Obst ‘Curricaba’	Lot 102, Parish Bolaro R 83113 Wargundy Street
Mendooran Showground Visited Day 4 : 5/10/04	Mendooran PA and H Society -Secretary Ms Sylivah Goldspink ‘Kiama’ 5955 Forest Road MENDOORAN	Portion 95, 96 Dalglish Street Parish Mendooran

P. SUNDRY Industrial/ convict

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Cobb and Co Stopping Place Spring Ridge Road Not considered	Last sighted by Roy Cameron in 1991	On or near Portion 111, Parish Dapper 1.9kms north west of the Gap on Spring Ridge Road
Coolah McMaster Park (old bullock wagon) Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Coolah Shire Council	Lots 13 and 14 Booyamurra Street Corner Binnia and Booyamurra streets, Coolah

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Tongy Crossing over the Talbragar River Visited day 3 : 22/9/04	Coolah Shire Council	Tongy Lane and Talbragar River
Cohen's stone wall Visited day 5 : 26/10/04		Campbell's paddock , on Lot 74 DP 750740 Parish Bowman, Golden Highway
Convict walls and whipping tree Visited day 6; 2/11/04	Martin Bros. Pastoral Pty Ltd 'Rotherwood' COOLAH 2843 Antony and Barbara Ann Martin	Lots 1 and 3, DP 223581 Parish Rotherwood Rotherwood Road 84 Bounty Creek road County Bligh

Q. SUNDRY other

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Coolah Sanitary Depot (old) Not recommended: Old equipment removed	Coolah Shire Council	Portions 74 and 83 Parish Coolah Coolah-Neilrex Road
Coolah Hospital Buildings (including former isolation ward and morgue) Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Coolah District Hospital C/- Macquarie Area Health Service Box 4061 DUBBO	Lot 20, DP 925514 Hospital Street Town of Coolah
Coolah School of Arts (part now used as Pre School) Visited Day 2: 21/9/04	Shire of Coolah Mrs Annette Piper 'Peridot' Tongy Lane COOLAH President of Coolah Pre School	Part Lot 1, DP 979105 Section 3 Town of Coolah Corner Booyamurra and Binnia Streets
Cox's Creek Sawmill Ruins Visited Day 7: 9/11/04	National Parks & Wildlife Service 160 Church St. Mudgee	Former State Forest No 511 Off Pinnacle Road Norfolk Island Creek. Coolah Tops NP Parish of Bundella , County of Pottinger
Forestry barracks site Visited Day 7: 9/11/04	National Parks & Wildlife Service 160 Church St. Mudgee	Former State Forest No 511 Off Pinnacle Road Norfolk Island Creek. Coolah Tops NP Parish of Bundella , County of Pottinger
Merrygoen Water Supply	Department of Railways	Beni Crossing, Castlereagh

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Pump House Visited day 9 , 30/11/04		River Village of Merrygoen
Merrygoen Water Tank Tower Visited day 9 , 30/11/04	Department of Railways	Corner Digger and Denman Street Village of Merrygoen
Mendooran CWA Hospital Private residence Visited day 9 , 30/11/04	John Laughlin Woodlock Beverley Ann Woodlock 25 Abbott Street MENDOORAN	Lot 12, Section 19 DP 758668 Town of Mendooran
Queensborough Park Rotunda Visited day 5 : 26/10/04	Coolah Shire Council	R51177 Parish Coolah Queensborough Street Coolah Neilrex Road

Q. SUNDRY other

Trigonometrical Stations (old) Not recommended	Department of Lands	
Turee Creek Yarraman Bridle Trail Not recommended for listing	See Council History File	
Boundary Riders hut site Visited site day 12 : 22/12/04	Reference: Neville Stanford Narangarie Pine Ridge Road Lawson Park via Coolah	
Warung Ration Track Not recommended for listing	See Council History File	
Shepherds stone sheep dip Visited site day 11 : 14/12/04	c/- George A Esdaile 'Mount Oeba' COOLAH 2843	Need the owners name Former Gundare Property
Leadville mines Site Only Visited site day 12 : 22/12/04	Mr. Ronald Curtis 45 Garland Street Leadville	

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Leadville Mine site



Talbragar rail bridge



Leeson family tree

3.0 Historical Thematic Analysis

3.01 Introduction

The relationship between an item and its historical context underlies the heritage assessment of the significance of a place. Historical themes, or story lines, provide a context within which a place or item can be better understood.

State historical themes have been prepared by the Heritage Council of NSW. Australian themes were provided by the Heritage Commission. Local themes are then be added.

For example take the relevant historical story line of **Early Settlement**.

The Australian Theme is 'Developing local, regional and national economies'.

The NSW HC Theme is 'Pastoralism', while the local theme may be

'Activities associated with the breeding, raising, processing and distribution of livestock for human use.' Local themes as the 'Wool Industry' or

'Pastoral Homestead.' are typical of Coolah Shire.

Examples illustrating this theme include the Pastoral stations and homesteads of Birriwa, and Rotherwood, both settled early in the 19th century. The Moreton Bay woolshed, the pastoral landscape of Binnia Downs, and the remarkable sandstone sheep dip of Gundare are all examples that tell part of this story.

3.02 Gap analysis using historic themes

By preparing a matrix of Australian, State and local themes it is possible to see where the gaps exist in the listed heritage examples. In the same way it is possible after the study to recognise strong local themes. For example, if a person were telling the story of community spirit in a rural area such as Coolah, they might look for examples of places that illustrate the national theme of 'Developing Australia's cultural life', coupled with the NSW HC Theme of Social institutions eg *'CWA Room, Masonic hall, School of Arts, Mechanic's Institute, RSL Club, public hall, historical society collection, public library, or community centre,'*

At the beginning of this study this area was a 'gap'. That is there were no listed places that illustrated this 'theme' at all. At the end of the study however places that illustrated the theme locally included: community halls at Leadville, Neilrex and Uarbry, the former Mechanics institute and now hall of Mendooran, The scout hall of Coolah, and the Former Council Chambers of Coolah and now Coolah Shire Hall.

There were many other areas where, at the beginning of the study there were no listed examples. For example: Environment - naturally evolved: the local landmark geological outcrops of 'Gotta rock' and 'Ivy Rock', and the places noted by early surveyors and explorers: Bundella Lookout and Pandora Pass.



Gotta Rock and Ivy Rock: Two examples illustrating the theme of 'naturally evolved environment' that is significant as a cultural landscape

At the town or village workshops the thematic 'gaps' were highlighted to encourage people to think of examples of places that formed the important links in the various story lines. This led to community involvement as themes such as 'natural environment' or 'religion' was introduced.

3.03 Correlations

All the places that were nominated were compiled into the matrix of themes resulting in the tables on the following pages. With just a quick perusal certain information comes to hand. There is predominance for example of places related to pastoral pursuits, agriculture, accommodation, commerce and cemeteries. There are also some places that are illustrative of a number of themes and so they occur more often than once.

Examples include:

Baladonga Homestead: Pastoralism: wool industry and accommodation.

Black Stump Cemetery: Government and 'limits of location', and life and death

Girragulang Siding: Transport and rail, soldier settlement

Mendooran Hardware & café: Commerce: store, creative endeavour: mural.

Moreton Bay Wool Shed: Peopling Australia: emancipated convict: William Waterford, pastoralism: wool industry, Persons: Bowman and Fergusson family.



Moreton Bay Wool Shed

3. 04 Notes from the NSW Heritage Office

The following table is arranged numerically in the order of the National themes. Beside each National theme correlating State themes are shown. Local items have been inserted in the last column. No other particular order is intended.

3. 05 Thematic usages

- The inclusion of an example against one theme does not exclude its consideration against one or more of the other themes. The physical development of an item can be shaped by more than one historical process of theme during its existence.
- Aboriginal histories can be analysed using any theme(s) relevant to the place or object being considered – it is not necessary to restrict analysis to the theme of ‘Aboriginal cultures and interactions with other cultures’ only
- The theme of ‘Domestic Life’ can be used to explore the historical contexts for interior or private, domestic spaces and objects.
- The theme of ‘Agriculture’ can be used for the intensive cultivation of exotic trees for purposes other than timber production.

3. 06 Table showing Correlation of National, State and Local Themes

The following table places all the examples that have been nominated in the study within their thematic category. Whether or not these places become ‘listed’ places their inclusion here serves to show how the theme can be illustrated in this LGA.

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Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
1 Tracing the natural evolution of Australia,	Environment - naturally evolved	Educational or scientifically import Site Landmark	<i>There are two aspects to this theme: (1) Features occurring naturally in the physical environment which have significance independent of human intervention (2) Features occurring naturally in the physical environment which have shaped or influenced human life and cultures.</i>	Leadville Mine site Weetalibah Nature Reserve Dunedoo woodland Norfolk falls walking track Spheroidal weathering Ivy Rock Gotta Rock Castle Rock Bundella Lookout Cunningham's camp site
2 Peopling Australia	Aboriginal cultures and interactions with other cultures	Aboriginal stone sharpening Aboriginal burial	<i>Aboriginal cultural identities and practises, past and present; with demonstrating distinctive ways of life; and with interactions</i>	Narrawa Stone sharpening rock Grave of Togee

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			<i>demonstrating race relations.</i>	
2 Peopling Australia	Convict	Emancipated convict Convict built Convict punish Convict labour	<i>Activities relating to incarceration, transport, reform, accommodation and working during the convict period in NSW (1788-1850) –</i>	Moreton Bay: Grave of William Waterford Tongy Homestead Rotherwood stone walls Shepherd sheep dip Gundare Rotherwood whipping tree and goal Rotherwood
2 Peopling Australia	Ethnic influences	Greek connection Chinese connections	<i>Activities associated with common cultural traditions and peoples of shared descent, and with exchanges between such traditions and peoples.</i>	Mendooran memorial hall Re Mr. Manusu Coolah Tops Chinese swamp
2 Peopling Australia	Migration	Local themes	<i>Activities and processes associated with the resettling of people from one place to another</i>	-
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Agriculture	Stone wall	<i>Activities relating to the cultivation and rearing of plant and animal species, usually for commercial purposes, can include aquaculture</i>	Cohen’s Stone wall Rotherwood stone walls
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Commerce	Country store Main streets	<i>Activities relating to buying, selling and exchanging goods and services</i>	Mendooran Castlereagh stores Barn shop at Coolah Dunedoo Butcher shop Mendooran storage shed Elysian Café Coolah Main street Mendooran Main street Dunedoo Main street
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Communication	Postal	<i>Activities relating to the creation and conveyance of information Post office,</i>	Coolah Post Office Mendooran Post Office Dunedoo Post Office Old Granby Cobb & Co Inn
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Environment - cultural landscape	Mining forestry	<i>Activities associated with the interactions between humans, human societies and the shaping of their physical surroundings</i>	Leadville Former mine site Coolah Tops

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3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Events	Memorials	<i>Activities an processes that mark the consequences of natural and cultural occurrences</i>	Lon tan memorial Mendooran hall, Mendooran Milling Park memorials Lone Pine McMaster Park
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Exploration	Noted by early explorer	<i>Activities associated with making places previously unknown to a cultural group known to them.</i>	Gotta rock Bundella Lookout Castle rock Explorer's monument : Coolah tops
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Fishing		<i>Activities associated with gathering, producing, distributing, and consuming resources from aquatic</i>	-
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Forestry	forestry	<i>Activities associated with identifying and managing land covered in trees for commercial timber purposes.</i>	Sawmill ruins Coolah Tops Forestry barracks site
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Health	hospital	<i>Activities associated with preparing and providing medical assistance and/or promoting or maintaining the well being of humans</i>	Former CWA hospital at Mendooran Coolah hospital old ward and morgue
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Industry			-
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Mining	lead, silver and iron pyrites	<i>Activities associated with the identification, extraction, processing and distribution of mineral ores,</i>	Leadville Mine site
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Pastoralism	Pastoral homesteads	<i>Activities associated with the breeding, raising, processing and distribution of livestock for human use</i> <i>Examples</i> <i>Pastoral station, shearing shed, slaughter yard, stud book, photos of prize-winning stock, homestead, pastoral landscape, common, fencing, grassland, well, water trough, , wool store</i>	Baladonga Homestead Oban Homestead Birriwa Homestead Tongy Homestead Rotherwood Mount Mill Binnia Downs Cobbora Station Pine Ridge Coolah Creek Homestead Coolahville Homestead Derrawee Homestead Turce Station Homestead

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		Wool industry		<p>Old Turee Baladonga Homestead Tongy Homestead Digilah Station</p> <p>Moreton bay Woolshed and Shearers quarters Rotherwood shearing shed Trail's Hut, Bracken's Hut Mount Mill Binnia Downs woolshed Shepherd sheep dip Gundare Hillsborough Shearing Shed</p> <p>Cohen's Stone wall Martin's House Belang.. old settlers house Digilah old settlers hut Hobbins Cottage</p>
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Science	Local themes	<i>Activities associated with systematic observations, experiments and processes for the explanation of observable phenomena</i>	-
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Technology	Local themes	<i>Activities and processes associated with the knowledge or use of mechanical arts and applied sciences</i>	-
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Transport	Rail transport	<i>Activities associated with the moving of people and goods from one place to another, and systems for the provision of such movements</i>	<p>Timber trestle rail bridge Girrolang siding Talbragar river rail bridge Dunedoo railway Merrygoen railway Survey's tree, Uarbry Timber trestle rail bridge Merrygoen railway water Merrygoen railway turntable Merrygoen water supply pump and housing Coolah rail turntable</p> <p>Girrolang siding Cobbora General cemetery</p> <p>Old Granby Cobb & Co Inn</p>
		engineering		
		Stock transport Coach fatality		
		Coaching stop		

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4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Towns, suburbs and villages	Former Village settlements Soldier settlement	<i>Activities associated with creating, planning and managing urban functions, landscapes and lifestyles in towns, suburbs and villages</i>	Oakey creek Private Cem Girrulang siding Oban Homestead Tongy
4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Accommodation	On stations or rural shepherds In town or village Forestry Early travel inn	<i>Activities associated with the provision of accommodation, and particular types of accommodation – does not include architectural styles – use the theme of Creative Endeavour for such activities</i> <i>Examples include Terrace, apartment, semi-detached house, holiday house, hostel, bungalow, mansion, shack, house boat, caravan, cave, humpy, migrant hostel, homestead, cottage, house site (archaeological)..</i>	Baladonga homestead Oban Homestead Birriwa Homestead Cobbora School & residence Moreton bay Shearers qrts Rotherwood Homestead Binnia Downs Homestead Oakey creek Homestead site Coolah Creek Homestead Cobbora Station Old Greyholme Aberfoyle House Belang settlers Derrawee Homestead Digilah Station Gundare Homestead Mount Mill Mount O’eba Mumbedah (old) Nareela Traill’s Hut, Bracken’s Hut Coolah and Dunedoo houses Brick federation Dunedoo Mendooran P.O residence Mendooran former hotel Mendooran Royal hotel Mendooran Presbyterian Ch Dunedoo Royal Hotel The Chambers at Dunedoo Forestry Barracks Coolah Brackens Hut Oakey creek Homestead site Denison Inn Cobb & Co Inn
4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Utilities	Old power house	<i>Activities associated with the provision of services, especially on a communal basis Examples</i>	Old power house shed at Dunedoo

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		Public facilities	<i>Water pipeline, sewage tunnel, gas retort, powerhouse, County Council office, garbage dump, windmill, radio tower, bridge, culvert, weir, well, cess pit, reservoir, dam, places</i>	Water supply pumps for Merrygoen Coolah Macmasters park Park Rotunda at Coolah Milling park Dunedoo
4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Land tenure	survey	<i>Activities and processes for identifying forms of ownership and occupancy of land and water, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Fence, survey mark, subdivision pattern, land title document, boundary hedge,</i>	Surveyor's tree Uarbry Survey tree near Tucklan hall
5 Working	Labour	Mining Shearing Town life Station life Forestry	<i>Activities associated with work practises and organised and unorganised labour Examples Trade union office, bundy clock, time-and-motion study (document), union banner, union membership card, strike site, staff change rooms, servants quarters, shearing shed, green ban site, brothel, kitchen, nurses station, hotel with an occupational patronage</i>	Leadville Mine site Dunedoo Butcher shop Moreton bay Woolshed and Shearers qurts Cohen's Stone wall Rotherwood stone walls Binnia Downs woolshed Digilah Station

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		Shepherding		<p>Digilah Station Timber barn Morven and meathouse Pine Ridge Stables Shepherd sheep dip Gundare Shannon vale Shearing shed Springvale Shearing shed</p> <p>Sawmill ruins Coolah Tops Traill's Hut, Bracken's Hut Shepherd sheep dip Gundare</p>
6 Educating	Education	Country school Village school Catholic education	<p><i>Activities associated with teaching and learning by children and adults, formally and informally.</i></p>	<p>Coolah Central School</p> <p>Leadville former school</p> <p>Cobbora School and residence</p> <p>Rotherwood School (former) Tucklan School (former)</p> <p>Neilrex school</p> <p>Gamble creek school</p> <p>Monte Sant Angelo Dunedoo</p>
7 Governing	Defence	War Hero	<p><i>Activities associated with defending places from hostile takeover and occupation</i></p>	<p>Moreton Bay Cemetery: Fergusson Long Tan memorial Milling Park memorials</p>
7 Governing	Government and administration	Limit of location Road Bridge	<p><i>Activities associated with the governance of local areas, regions, the State and the nation</i></p>	<p>Black Stump cemetery</p> <p>Tongy Crossing</p>

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7 Governing	Law and order	Police stations and court houses stables Police grave	<i>Activities associated with maintaining, promoting and implementing criminal and civil law and legal processes</i> <i>Examples</i> <i>Courthouse, police station, lock-up, protest site, law chambers, handcuffs, legal document, gaol complex, water police boat, police vehicle, jail, prison complex (archaeological), detention centre, judicial symbols</i>	Dunedoo Court House Cobbara former Police station Court House Coolah former Police station and Court House Former stables at Mendooran Birriwa cem: Const. Ward
7 Governing	Welfare	Local themes	<i>Activities and process associated with the provision of social services by the state or philanthropic organisations</i>	-
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Leisure	Town Hotels – refreshments and entertainment Community life Country racing meets	<i>Activities associated with recreation and relaxation</i> <i>Examples</i> <i>Resort, ski lodge, chalet, cruise ship, passenger rail carriage, swimming pool, dance hall, hotel, caravan park, tourist brochures, park, beach, clubhouse, lookout, common, bush walking track, Aboriginal Christmas camp site, fishing spot, picnic place, swimming hole.</i>	Black Stump Inn Dunedoo Hotel Coolah Valley Hotel Mendooran former hotel Mendooran Royal hotel Dunedoo Royal Hotel Leadville Community hall Mendooran hall Coolah McMaster Park Mendooran racetrack Pine Ridge Station
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Social institutions	Community hall School of arts Boy scouts CWA	<i>Activities and organisational arrangements for the provision of social activities</i> <i>Examples</i> <i>•CWA Room, Masonic hall, School of Arts, Mechanic's Institute, museum, art gallery, RSL Club, public hall, historical society collection, public library, community centre, Aboriginal mission hall or school room</i>	Leadville Community hall Tucklan Hall Coolah Shire Hall Mendooran hall Cobbara hall Neilrex hall Uarbry Hall Community Centre (and Westpac) at Dunedoo Coolah School of Arts Boy Scouts Coolah Former CWA hospital at Mendooran
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Domestic life	Station life	<i>Activities associated with creating, maintaining, living in and working around houses and institutions.</i>	Meat House at Morven Chook house at new TUREE

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8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Sport	Horse racing	<i>Activities associated with organised recreational and health promotional activities</i> Pine Ridge	Pine Ridge Mendooran Race track Mendooran Showground
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Creative endeavour	Wall murals Stonemasonry Architect	<i>Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works;</i>	Mendooran Castlereagh Stores Barn shop at Coolah Mendooran Storage shed and Laurel kerosene sign Oakey creek Private Cem Merrygoen Cemetery Pine Ridge (Lamrock)
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Religion	Country Church Village church	<i>Activities associated with particular systems of faith and worship</i>	Presbyterian Church Coolah Monte Sant Angelo Dunedoo St. Andrews Angli. Church Dunedoo Uniting Church Scared Heart Church and Grotto at Coolah Rotherwood Church(former) Merrygoen Anglican church Dapper Union Church Mendooran Presbyterian Ch Mendooran catholic Church Uarbry Anglican Church
9 Marking the phases of life	Birth and Death	Town or Village Cemetery Private cemet Lone Grave	<i>Activities associated with the initial stages of human life and the bearing of children, and with the final stages of human life and disposal of the dead.</i> <i>Examples</i> <i>Birth control clinic, maternity hospital, nursery, baby clinic, baptism register, circumcision equipment, and Hospice, nursing home, funeral parlour, grave furnishings, cremation site, cemetery, burial register, disaster site, memorial plantings, shipwreck with loss of life.</i>	Coolah Cemetery Dunedoo Cemetery Presbyterian Church Coolah Merrygoen Private Cemetery Black Stump cemetery Cobbora General cemetery Denison General cemetery Leadville general cemetery Mendooran Gen cemetery Turee Creek Cemetery Uarbry cemetery Oakey creek Private Cem (Allison family) Birriwa private cemetery Merrygoen Private Cemetery Moreton Bay Cemetery Rotherwood Private Cem Lahey's creek cem William Hurst: St Andrews Anglican Church Coolah

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		War memorial		<p>Grave of Mary Elliott Grave of John Jones Grave of Togee</p> <p>Lon tan memorial Mendooran hall, Mendooran Milling Park memorials Lone Pine McMaster park</p> <p>Dunedoo Hotel CWA hospital at Mendooran</p>
9 Marking the phases of life	Persons	<p>Assoc. persons Allison</p> <p>McMaster</p> <p>Lawson</p> <p>Cohen</p> <p>Bowmans</p> <p>Fitzgerald's</p> <p>Baillieu's</p> <p>Traill Barcken</p> <p>Falconer's</p> <p>Rear Adm Wells</p> <p>Buckland</p> <p>Cunningham</p> <p>Manusu</p>	<p><i>Activities of, and associations with, identifiable individuals, families and communal groups</i></p>	<p>Oakey creek Private Cem (Allison family)</p> <p>Oban Homestead Birriwa Homestead</p> <p>Oban Homestead Birriwa Homestead Gotta rock Pine Ridge Shepherd sheep dip Gundare</p> <p>Cohen's Stone wall</p> <p>Moreton Bay Mount Mill Rotherwrod Tongy Homestead</p> <p>Tongy Homestead</p> <p>Traill's Hut Bracken's Hut Lahey's creek Cemetery</p> <p>Pine Ridge</p> <p>Pine Ridge</p> <p>Explorer's monument : Coolah tops Cunningham's camp site</p> <p>Mendooran hall</p>



Shearing sheds at Moreton bay and Binnia Downs illustrating the theme of pastoral stations and working life

4.00 Characteristics of Coolah cultural heritage sites.

4.01 Shire Wide Characteristics

Coolah presents a picturesque and varied landscape from rolling hills, to the quite sharp valleys near the Coolah Tops, to the plains to the west, around Dunedoo, Mendooran and Merrygoen. The rural landscape is well served by many rivers and creeks, with the soils seeming to be productive and fertile. Most of the land, excluding the Coolah Tops area, which is rugged and steep, have been cleared for pastoral purposes. Other important natural landscape remnants are of the original bushland remain such as the Dunedoo Woodland reserve, and the Weetalibah nature Reserve.

Because the land is good farming land, it has been settled since the first half of the 1800s, and quite a number of properties have passed down through 3 or more generations. Coolah town is very much a town that services this farming and pastoral community.

Dunedoo on the other hand grew up with the railway and has a noticeable independence from Coolah. It retains an important role in servicing the travelling public. Mendooran too is an important service town for travellers, initially on the Cobb & Co routes, and today visited by the motoring public, especially those looking for an alternative route to the highways. In distance it provides a viable alternative connecting many towns such as Dubbo and Warren, and a major tourist link from Dubbo to Coonabarabran, north to Narrabri and on to Queensland.

Leadville developed primarily due to mining in the area for lead and silver, and is the only settlement of this nature in the Shire.

Historically, first settlements were as early as the 1830s and centred on the rivers and creeks, with the necessity of water for stock and crops, and for catering to the early travellers by coach, horse and on foot. The first settlement of Merrygoen and Cobbora

and the village of Mendooran are typical of this and they feature in many early stories of the coaching days.

4.02 Heritage Resources

What are the heritage resources of the shire today?

What remains to tell the story of the former land use, settlement patterns and transport systems? What archaeological and architectural resources and materials can be seen and interpreted in the former Coolah Shire today? The answer is the places that this community based heritage study has sought to include on its inventory.

The inventory is not a complete list, rather it seeks to be comprehensive, including some examples for each relevant historical theme. The heritage of a place is a continually changing asset. What we see today that makes the character of a place special may well be the 'heritage' of tomorrow.

There are at least six areas of exceptional interest in the former Coolah Shire.

4.02.1 *The early homesteads*

Most early Pastoral holdings had a myriad of outbuildings and functioned effectively as small villages with store, housing of various types, schooling, wool shed, and private cemeteries. Many of these places today retain fine examples of great timber craftsmanship and stonemasonry in both major and minor constructions, produced through perseverance in the best pioneering spirit of the past. Some notable examples can be found at Digilah, Binnia Downs, Birriwa, Rotherwood, Pine Ridge, Baladonga, Coolah Creek, Derrawee, Oban and Tongy.



Image of Pine Ridge Station homestead



and pavement of the stables at Digilah

4.02.2 *The town main streets*

Coolah, Mendooran and Dunedoo each present very different faces of the typical 'country town'

- **Dunedoo:** No one can fail to be impressed by the two storied hotels, and shopping precinct between, which front the highway and sit opposite the long and attractive Milling Park. Thanks goes to the fact that many early verandahs are intact. They were not removed in the late 1960s and 1970s when nearly all others in the

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state were under directions from the Department of Local Government.

- **Coolah:** Another great historic main street that has been served well by recent beautification with main street plantings. The excellent two storied hotels at each end serve to strengthen the streetscape visually. The curve in the street is unusual and adds visual interest.
- **Mendooran:** the town of Murals: This historically interesting main street is frequently visited by tourists to look at the excellent murals produced by Karen Duce. The murals have appeared on the walls of buildings mostly depicting local scenes of historical interest.



Royal Hotel at Mendooran, with mural on wall LHS and the very striking Dunedoo Hotel

4.02.3 The small cemeteries

The visiting of cemeteries, even where the visitor has no personal connection, is becoming more and more popular with tourists and visitors

Oakey Creek, the Black Stump, Lackey's creek, Turee Vale Cemetery are just a few of the many and varied historically interesting cemeteries in the Shire.

For example The early district cemetery for old Merrygoen, contains many exceptional stones crafted by an unknown master stone mason. The letter cutting is especially excellent and is today still very decipherable after more than 150 years. The stone chosen is a very fine quality sandstone, and many seem to be individually crafted. Almost all the headstones also have a footstone which is very exceptional. Most of the names are the family of Richardson.

Another very different example is Cobbora Cemetery. A very attractive cemetery with a wide range of plantings in and around grave plots.

One of the most interesting graves is located in the far-north corner of the cemetery. A simple headstone marks the grave of Matthew Thomas Long, age 67 years buried in 1901. Long was a mail coach driver on the Cobbora -Gulgong run who died as a result of a coaching accident.



Cobbora Cemetery flowers, and great stonemasonry craft work at Merrygoen cemetery

4.02.4 *The scenery*

The undulating and interesting country side of the Coolah district is much younger in geological time than the neighbouring shires, and offer a wonderful and interesting interruption to the plains. The isolated geological outcrops that caught the attention of early explorers as exceptional phenomena in these districts and serving as landmarks for those to follow: Gotta Rock, Ivy Rock and Castle rock.

The Coolah Tops National Park with its collection of built heritage: huts, and former mill sites from the forestry days, its beautiful natural scenery, such as the Norfolk falls, and the flora and fauna, especially the silver top Eucalyptus in all produces a world class natural area for visitors to enjoy.



'Ivy rock'

and view from road to Coolah Tops

4.02.5 *Engineering and Industrial Heritage*

There are many examples of interesting engineering works throughout the shire, especially those associated with railways. In the past we may have considered these 'commonplace' or 'utilitarian' but they are now being recognised as places

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of real heritage value. Some are becoming very rare as the materials and workmanship of the past that produced them are no longer available. Examples included in this study demonstrate stages of technological development, and the changes in the nature of and working conditions of the past. Large timber engineering structures such as the rail bridges over the Talbragar, the Water supply of Merrygoen, the rail turntables at Merrygoen and Coolah, and the old Girragulang Siding are all excellent examples.

A very interesting railway facility of the past once serving an entirely rural community. For example siding was extensively used for the delivery of super phosphate in the 1950's and the en-railing of sheep and cattle. The unattended siding was also used for the receipt and dispatched goods, and the loading of locally grown bagged wheat. It was also proposed in 1917 for a Soldier Settlement Area which was generally unsuccessful.



Water supply tank at Merrygoen and some great timber detailing of the railway bridge over the Talbragar River.

4.02.6 Convict Heritage

The former Coolah Shire contains an exceptional number of sites with relics from the convict period. This is generally exception this far west in the state, and demonstrates the significance of many of the holdings. Examples include Rotherwood's convict goal, stone walls and whipping tree, Morton Bay's private graveyard contains the William Waterford's marble headstone, and he was an emancipated convict of good standing in the community, and the Shepherd's sandstone sheep dip of Gundare are some of the diverse examples.



William Waterford's grave marker, The whipping tree at Rotherwood and the sandstone sheep dip of Gundare are all reminders of a convict past.

4.03 Statement of Significance

Using the criteria described in the NSW Heritage Office guidelines 'assessing heritage significance' :

(a) The area is important in the course or pattern of NSW's cultural or natural history.

The former Coolah Shire presents a culturally significant landscape which is generally of cleared farming land, but contains significant natural landscapes of exceptional beauty and diversity such as the Coolah Tops National Park and the Weetalibah Nature reserve. It also has a number of sites and lookouts that were important to early explorers, and which were noted, and one site: The settlement near the 'black stump' became an important site as a limit of location for new settlers. There are also locations within the former shire that indicate great cultural significance to the original Aboriginal inhabitants such as the Narrawa stone sharpening rock. Water ways and watering places have played a significant role in the history of the former Coolah Shire and instigated many early settlements, some of which are now unmarked except by small cemeteries giving witness to the past such as the Lahey's Creek cemetery and the Merrygoen cemetery.

The area is also significant in a number of locations with respect to interesting subdivision patterns from the wave of 'soldier settlement', to closer settlement of towns and villages that came with the era of railways.

(b) The item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person.

There are a number of important early settlers and early explorers who are associated with this district: Pastoralists: examples are The McMaster family, Allison family and William Lawson, among many; Explorers L. Leichhardt and A. Cunningham, Aboriginal King Togie of the Wiradjuri Nation.

(c) The area contains items important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics, or high degree of creative or technical achievement

A number of buildings, particularly pastoral homesteads are associated with Architects and designers and are exemplars of their time. Examples include Birriwa Homestead, New Turee homestead, Tongy homestead and Pine Ridge homestead and stables, Baladonga and gardens.

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Another area of creative endeavour are the many murals of Mendooran.

(d) The area has special association with a particular community or cultural group

The whole shire has a particularly strong association with early pastoralists of note. There are exceptional and fine homesteads dating from the earliest settlement.

(e) Has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW cultural or natural history

The industrial and engineering heritage of the district, in particular the early timber structures of road and rail bridges and cattle ramps, plus some exceptional fine timber farm structures such as the barn at Digilah are of great significance.



King Togee's headstone and stone sharpening grooves are examples of the important Aboriginal culture of the region. This is an area of significance that requires further investigation in a targeted study.

5.00 The Heritage System

There is a great deal of information provided by the NSW Heritage Office that advises people on ways to conserve the places from the past, that is our heritage, and that we all value. This report does not attempt to present all that heritage information but here is some basic information and some references that will be of assistance to those wishing to know more. This section will also deal with the specific recommendations that develop from and apply to the former Coolah Shire Community Heritage Study.

5.00.1 *The Heritage Act*

This Act was proclaimed in 1977 and major changes to it were made in April 1996. The Heritage Act is available on the web site www.heritage.nsw.gov.au

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The Heritage Act caters for the recording of information about Heritage places on its data base known as the SHI (State Heritage Inventory), provides detailed information on all aspects of heritage work, provides monetary support in the form of grants and loans, and works on promotion and education about heritage Issues.

5.00.2 The NSW Heritage Office

The NSW Heritage Office, services the Heritage Council, both of which were created by the Heritage Act. The Heritage Council and Heritage Office administer the Act and so carry out all the work noted in the above paragraph. It is also the body you can refer to, at a State level, if you have any specific 'heritage' concerns. Naturally it would be expected that you would first contact the Warrumbungle Shire Council and speak to the environmental staff there. The Heritage Office also produces and updates a number of comprehensive manuals on Heritage matters. In particular: 'The NSW Heritage Manual', 'Local Government Heritage Guidelines' and 'The Maintenance of Heritage Assets'. This information and much more is available as down loads from the Heritage web site.

5.00.3 The Heritage Office Web site.

This is a very valuable resource if the reader wishes to have more detailed information on the heritage system at hand. If you have access to a computer then www.heritage.nsw.gov.au is really worth a visit. It is on this site that the results of this study will eventually be displayed in the form of data about individual sites.

Such data, the inventory of heritage sites, forms a great cultural resource where the reader can look for specific sites, carry out research and make comparisons with other sites.

5.00.4 The Burra Charter

The Burra Charter is a guiding document that was written in the small town of Burra in South Australia, based on the knowledge and experience of members of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). It is Australia's charter that guides conservation and management of cultural places. It is often summarised into the expression '*do as little as possible, but as much as necessary*'. A copy of the Burra Charter is contained in the attachments to this study. It can also be viewed on the following web site www.icomos.org/australia

5.01 Existing Planning Controls in the former Coolah Shire

5.01.1 Former Coolah Council's Existing Planning Controls

The Former Coolah Council has heritage provisions in its Local Environmental Plan 2000 (LEP). Part 28 and contains the 'Aims in relation to environmental heritage' and a schedule (see attachment) which contains a list of heritage items. Each of these items has been included in this study.

The conditions are generally standard conditions requiring consent for such activities as demolishing, alteration, or moving a scheduled heritage item, relic¹, heritage conservation area or archaeological sites.

(Note however that the former Coolah Shire does not have any scheduled heritage conservation areas, nor are they recommended in this study.)

A section on 'Conservation incentives' is also included in the LEP.

¹ *The definition of 'relic' in the Heritage Act includes 'any deposit, object or material evidence relating to the settlement of the area that comprises New South Wales, not being Aboriginal settlement, and which is fifty or more years old'.*

5.02 Statutory Heritage Listings

There are many ways in which a property can be listed but only two of these provide statutory control over the place or item. These two listing types are:

5.02.1 Local LEP listing:

Being an item included on the Former Coolah Shires 2000 LEP Schedule 1: Heritage Items. These are items that it was believed require protection and are places of local or regional significance. The list also serves as a *highlighter* or pointer to special significance, making owners aware of their responsibilities in regards to heritage.

However the LEP protects all 'relic', and by definition, this term could be construed to cover all constructions or remnants over 50 years of age.

The present LEP Heritage Schedule contains 10 items of European built heritage, 8 cemeteries, 1 geological site and 1 nature reserve. It is not a comprehensive list and relied heavily on National Trust listings at the time it was drawn up.

A search on the Heritage Office web site gives 20 items of significance from various sources. These include all the items on the council's LEP.

5.02.2 State Heritage Listing:

Being an item of State Significance on the NSW Heritage Office Register.

These are items that are believed to require protection and are places of special **State** significance. They are also included in the Council's LEP list. There are however currently only two (2) places listed as being of State Significant in the former Coolah Shire: the railway complex at Dunedoo and the former police station at Coolah.

There are other forms of listing that do not carry any statutory control. These include:

5.03 Other Non statutory listings

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5.03.1 *The National Estate List*

This is a list that was compiled by the Australian Heritage Commission. It is a list of places of significance that could have been nominated for many reasons and by any interested party. This list is generally being phased out. There are three places in former Coolah Shire: the Narangarie Quarry site, the former Coolah Police and Court house, and the Weetalibah Nature Reserve.

5.03.2 *National Trust Register*

The National Trust is not part of government. It is an independent non-profit organisation, supported by a large community base. It is the premier heritage and conservation organisation in the state, and the major operator of house museums and historic properties open to the public. The National Trust of Australia actively works towards conserving and protecting heritage by showcasing heritage places, providing educational material, and through the active participation of its many members carrying out such tasks as evaluating Council's and developers actions, writing letters and reports and attending meetings that have a bearing on the future of heritage places.

The National Trust Register contains over 7000 listed places state wide including gardens, trees, bridges and buildings. Being on this register does not involve any statutory power, but is a prestigious listing that will often lend weight to decisions made by Councils when considering the future use, preservation and conservation of a place.

In the former Coolah Shire there are 12 places listed by the National Trust. They are: The cemeteries at the Black Stump, Cobbora, Coolah, Dennison Town, Leadville, old Merrygoen and the lone graves at Old Turee. Other National Trust listings are Dunedoo railway Station and yards, the Coolah Post office, wall signage at Mendooran, St. Andrew's Anglican Church at Coolah and the Coolah Valley Hotel.

These items, together with the National Estate listings above, became the list generally adopted by the Coolah Council when they drew up their list of heritage items for the 2000 LEP.

5.03.3 *National Parks Listings*

National parks maintain their own list of places of Heritage significance including places on their National Park and elsewhere.

The local branch of the National Parks is in Mudgee NSW.

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5.03.4 Special Interest Listings

There are some specialised lists that collect information on a number of 'like' places. For example the Movie Theatre Heritage Register, and the Institute of Architects 20th century buildings register eg Silos at Binya.

5.03.5 Government agency registers

This includes registries such as State Rail Heritage Register, and the NSW Health S170 Register, and Dept of Education register of schools.

5.04 Summary of places listed in the former Coolah Shire

The following list is a summary of all the places listed in the former Coolah Shire at the time that this study was undertaken.

	Name	Location		Shi No
1	Dunedoo Railway Station and Yard group of Buildings	North of Bolaro, Street Wallerawang-Gwabegar railway Dunedoo	SHR and Coolah LEP	1390005
2	Old Police Station & Courthouse	74 Binnia Street , Coolah	SHR and Coolah LEP	1390032
3	Birriwa Private Cemetery	Birriwa Station , Coolah	Coolah LEP	1390012
4	Black Stump (private) Cemetery	Pt Lot 1 Black Stump Creek, Parish of Queensborough	Coolah LEP	1390009
5	Cobbora General Cemetery	Cobbora	Coolah LEP	1390013
6	Coolah General Cemetery	Walker Street (western side) Coolah	Coolah LEP	1390010
7	Coolah Post Office	45 Binnia Street Coolah	Coolah LEP	1390006
8	Coolah Valley Hotel	28/30 Binnia Street Coolah	Coolah LEP	1390008
9	Denison Town Cemetery	Coolah Road Coolah	Coolah LEP	1390014
10	Dunedoo Court House	22/24 Digilah Street Coolah	Coolah LEP	1390011
11	Leadville Cemetery		Coolah LEP	1390015
12	Mendooran Hardware Shop	Lot 11, Sec 2 DP 83194 Bandulla Street	Coolah LEP	1390004
13	Merrygoen Cemetery	Glenshea Property	Coolah LEP	1390017
14	Narangarie Quarry geological site	1.5 Kilometres along Narangarie Road on part of Portion 120.	Coolah LEP	1390002
15	Old Cobborah Court House	(now residence?) Por 106 Sec 11 Cobborah	Coolah LEP	1390019

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16	Old Cobborah School House	Por 43 Sec 18 Village of Cobborah	Coolah LEP	1390020
17	Old Coolah Police Station	(now residence?) Lot 3 Coolah	Coolah LEP	1390018
18	Old corrugated iron Storeshed	Lot 9, Sec 2 Bandulla Street, Mendooran	Coolah LEP	1390003
19	St Andrews Anglican Church	15/17 Binnia Street Coolah	Coolah LEP	1390007
20	Turee Private Cemetery	Turee Station Turee	Coolah LEP	1390016
21	Weetalibah Nature Reserve	Land shown as 8a on map being Lot 10 Parish Carlisle	Coolah LEP	1390001

5.05 Places Listed in a non-statutory way

There are a number of places that are included in lists, such as the Heritage Office lists, but as yet these are non-statutory. They include:

	Name	Location		Shi Number
22	Talbragar River railway Bridge	Craboon- Coolah Rail line near Dunedoo	Not LEP as yet	1390058
23	Coolah Main Street	Coolah: Binnia Street	Not LEP	1390053
24	Dapper Nature Reserve	10 km north-west of Goolma and 33 km west-north-west of Gulgong.	Not LEP	1390036 and 57
25	Goonoo State Forest	Dubbo	Not LEP	139003
26	Grave of Togie	Neilrex Road , Neilrex	Not LEP	1390056
29	Railway Silos	Binya Omit as not in the shire	Not LEP	1390052
30	Signage on Corrugated iron shed	45 Bandulla Street, Mendooran	Not LEP	1390048
31	Signage on store	59-61 Bandulla Street Mendooran	Not LEP	1390047

Items 25 and 29 above were not visited as part of this study.

5.06 General questions on the Listing of heritage places.

One of the central questions that the community based study seeks to find out is: 'are there culturally significant heritage places in the former Shire of Coolah that are not represented on the above lists?'

By seeking shire wide nominations of historic places, checking these against the existing lists, visiting the sites where possible and researching their significance it is possible to decide if there are additional places of significance that should be listed.

Over **190** places were examined in this way with the result that a number of significant places were found that are not currently listed.

As noted in the listings above there are two primary levels of significance:

Places of Local significance *and*
Places of State significance.

It is a subjective process to decide which places are of local and which are of State significance. Experience in assessing significance, the particular place's integrity and originality, and comparisons with other places help to guide this process. It is only at the end of the study that places of State Significance stand out. Even so, the opinions on State Significance are the opinions of the writer, the heritage consultant, in this case. It is not a definitive list by any means. Additional items may well be relevant especially as time and knowledge alter our view of such matters. (*Refer to Clause 5.09 below*).

5.07 A New Warrumbungle Shire LEP

With the amalgamation of the Coolah and Coonabarabran Shire Councils a new LEP will be drawn up as soon as possible. When this occurs it would be desirable if the new LEP contains a relevant Heritage Schedule and heritage provisions. The Heritage Schedule should contain the recommended schedule of items recommended in this study, and where they are privately owned, that the owners agree. It may not be possible for this updated LEP to wait until the former Coonabarabran Heritage Study is complete. If not, then this former Coolah Shire list should still be adopted together with any listed items in the Coonabarabran Shire using the Heritage Office listings as a guide.

At the same time the **model recommendations of the heritage office for LEP heritage provisions should be adopted** as a basis from which a comprehensive heritage system can be developed and managed.

5.08 Discussion on Additional LEP listings.

In order for the Warrumbungle LEP Heritage Schedule to better reflect the heritage significance of the shire, the following table contains those places that are recommended to be added to the future LEP Heritage Schedule, as being places of special local significance.

Order shown is according to type, and alphabetical within that. This does not imply any rating.

This list will be subject to revision after Council carries out a public and private advertising program. This will probably occur after the Former Coonabarabran Shire Heritage Study is carried out.

It should include:

1. Letters to all owners informing them of the recommendation and indicating the incentives that Council will introduce and or retain, and.

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2. Public advertising and exhibition process through newspaper or Council newsletter articles, on exhibition at libraries, Council Chambers, public halls and other appropriate community locations. *(Refer to tables 5.10).*

5.09 Items to be recorded only

All items and places included in this study, but not recommended for listing should remain recorded on the Shi format for information.

5.10 Proposed new LEP listing

The following tables list the places recommended by this study to be added to the list of heritage items of Local Significance on the new Warrumbungle LEP, provided there is no formal objection by the owner during the adoption process. Refer to SHI data for additional information and details. Existing listed items should also remain on the LEP.

A. CEMETERIES

ITEM & SHI No	OWNER	SITUATION
King Togee's Headstone	Coolah Shire Council	Coolah – Neilrex Road 31kms from Coolah
Laheys Creek Private	Private Owner	Portion 113 Parish Dapper County Lincoln
Mendooran General Cemetery	Coolah Shire Council	East and North of Portion 43, Parish Richardson
Morton Bay private cemetery	Private pastoral	Lot 74 DP 752740 Parish Bowman , County Bligh, Golden highway
Oakey Creek Private Cemetery	Private pastoral	Portion 4, Lot 1 DP 819082, Parish Napier
Rotherwood Private Cemetery	Private pastoral	Lots 1 and 3, DP 223581 Parish Rotherwood
Turee (Vale) Creek General	Coolah Shire Council	Part Portion 18, Lot 1, Parish Booyamurna,
Uarbry Cemetery	Coolah Shire Council	Plan C474 1984 Talbragar Street Uarbry

B. CHURCHES

ITEM & Shi No	OWNER	SITUATION
Coolah Presbyterian Church and private cemetery	Church Trust	Lot 1, DP 981830 Cnr Binnia and Booyamurra
Sacred Heart Coolah Catholic (old)& Grotto	Church	Lot 6, Section 7, DP 758276 7 Church St Town of Coolah
Dunedoo Uniting church	Church	Lot 3, Section 13 Cobborah Street Dunedoo

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Leadville Anglican Church	Anglican Trust	Property	Lots 11 to 13, Section 8 DP 2649 Leadville
Merrygoen Anglican Church	Anglican Trust	Property	Lot 3, Section 2 Village of Merrygoen Denman Street
Mendooran Catholic	Catholic Church Trustees		Lots 8 and 9, Section 3 DP 758688 Cobra Street Mendooran
Mendooran Former Presbyterian	Private		42 Benewa Street Mendooran
Dapper Union Church	Private or church trust		Portion 110, Parish Dapper, Sandy Creek Road
Monte Sant Angelo-Former Catholic Church	Catholic Church Trustees		60 Tucklan Street Dunedoo

C. HOMESTEADS & Associated Buildings

ITEM & Shi No.	OWNER	SITUATION
Baladonga Homestead (Old Queensborough)	Private Pastoral Co	Portion 16, Parish Queensborough 4549 Black Stump Way
Birriwa homestead and outbuildings	Private	Now Lot 1, DP 836952 3894 Castlereagh Highway
Binnia Downs Homestead	Private Pastoral Co	Portion 26, Parish Allison Coolah-Gunnedah Road 5618 Black Stump Way
Cobbora Station Homestead	Private Pastoral Co	Lot 10, DP 1017782 127 Golden Highway
Coolah Creek Homestead	Private Pastoral Co	Lot 1, DP 131751 2054 Coolah Creek Road
Coolaville Homestead	Private	Lots 23, 26, 34, 35, 55-58 Coolah-Leadville Road
Derrawee Homestead	Private Pastoral Co	Lots 1/11 DP 132184 Coolah-Binnaway Road
Morven (old) Meat-house only	Private Pastoral Co	Lots 3/5, DP 182801 694 Lochnaw Road
Mount O'Eba	Private	Portion 19, Lots 1 and 2, DP 833160 1100 Gundare Road
(old) Mumbedah	Private	Lots 10/11 521 Mount Hope Road County Napier
Oban	private	Portion 135 94 Oban Road
Turee former	Private pastoral Co.	Portion 3, Parish Turee, 'Old Turee', Tongy

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(original Stone house)		Lane
Pine Ridge Station Homestead & Stables	private	Lot 96, DP 40618 272 Homestead Road
Rotherwood former convict goal building only	Private pastoral Co	Lots 1 and 3, DP 223581 84 Bounty Creek road
Turee Station Homestead & assoc. Outbuildings	Private pastoral Co	Portion 4, 1508 Warrumbungle Way
Digilah Timber barn only	Private pastoral Co	Lots 10/11 DP 130950 1799 Digilah Road

D. HOUSES / HUTS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Brick federation residence at Dunedoo	private	No 22 Digilah Street Dunedoo
Bracken's hut	National Parks & Wildlife Service	Portion 75 Hildegard Road, Norfolk Island Creek. Coolah
Federation House Dunedoo	Private	No 38 Cobbora Street
Martins' House Cobbora	private	Lot 4, Section 17 Cobbora
Trails hut	National Parks & Wildlife Service	Portion 8 Hildegard Road, Norfolk Island Creek. Coolah
Belang old settlers house	Pru Thompson	Leadville – Coolah road Near Leadville

E. HOTELS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Black Stump Inn, Coolah	Private	Black Stump Inn 61 Binnia Street Coolah 2843
Dunedoo Hotel	private	Lot A, DP 319069 Town of Dunedoo
Denison Inn (former)	private	Portions 607, 103 and part 112, Leadville-Dunedoo Road
Royal Hotel, Dunedoo	private	Lot 1, Section 3 DP 335461

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		Town of Dunedoo
Royal Hotel, Mendooran	private	Lot A, DP 15603 Lot 9, Section 1 Mendooran
Mendooran Hotel (former)	private	Lots 6/7, Section 11 Bandulla Street Mendooran
Old Gramby Cobb and Co Inn (ruins only)	private	Portion 26 238 Castlereagh Highway Gilgandra Road

F. MEMORIALS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
War Memorials Milling/Lions park , Dunedoo	Shire Council	Milling Park, Bolero Street, Town of Dunedoo, County of Lincoln
Long tan memorial	Shire Council	Corner Church and Martin Streets, Coolah,
Mendooran War memorial	Mendooran and Merrygoen Soldiers club	Lots 4 & 9 Section 9 DP 62 Bandulla Street Mendooran
Cunningham Camp site Plaque	Shire Council	Near South West corner Portion 16, Pandora Pass

G. PHYSICAL FEATURES

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Bundella Lookout	NPWS	Within former Bundella state Forest, Coolah Tops NP
Dunedoo Woodland reserve	Coolah council	
Norfolk Falls walking track	NPWS	Portion 84, off Forest Road, Norfolk Island Creek. Coolah Tops NP Parish Warung,
Ivy Rock (Sandstone)	private	Lot 74, DP 750740
Narrawa stone sharpening rock	private	Part Portion 31 Narrawa Road
Gotta Rock (Sandstone)	private	Portion 78, Parish Coolah

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		Coolah-Leadville Road
Woodland Reserve, Dunedoo	Dunedoo Development Group	Avonside Road, Dunedoo Within TSR 61006
Leeson Tree (Kurrajong)	private	'Wongalee' property.
Dapper Nature Reserve	Gov.	10 km north-west of Goolma

J. PUBLIC HALLS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Boy Scouts Hall Coolah	Australian Boy scouts assoc	Lot 2 DP 153650 83 Binnia Street Coolah
Coolah (Regent Theatre) Coolah Shire Hall	Shire Council	Lot 2, DP 1001698Coolah 57 Binnia Street
Leadville Memorial Hall	Public community	Lot 2, Section 2 DP 2649Clarke Street
Mendooran Hall (Former Mechanics Institute hall)	Shire Council	Lot 6 DP 758668 Mendooran Bandulla Street
Tucklan Hall	private	Portion 107 Parish of Tucklan
Uarbry hall	Uarbry Public Hall	Lot 1, Section 6 DP 759014 Uarbry
Coolah School of Arts & memorials	Shire Council	Cnr Binnia and Booyamurra Streets Coolah

K. RAILWAYS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Girragulang Siding and Stockyards	State Rail Authority	Orana-Hannahs Bridge Road
Merrygoen Station and Yards	State Rail Authority	Denman Street Village of Merrygoen
Merrygoen railway water tanks	State Rail Authority	Denman Street Village of Merrygoen
Merrygoen railway turntable	State Rail Authority	Denman Street Village of Merrygoen

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Talbragar River railway bridge	private	Craboon line

L. SCHOOLS

ITEM	Owner and Address	Land Description
Coolah Central (class rooms of original school)	Department Education	Lots 3/9, Lots 2/3, DP 13 13 Binnia Street Coolah
Gamble Creek school (Ruin)	private	Portion 22, Parish Butheroo Gamble Creek Road
Leadville former school (now private residence)	private	Lot 75, town of Leadville Denman Street
Tucklan School Private residence	Private	Lot 28, Parish Yarrow

M. SHEARING SHEDS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Binnia Downs Woolshed	Private pastoral Co.	Portion 26 Parish Alison Coolah-Gunnedah Road
Binnia Downs Shearers quarters (ruins)	Private pastoral Co.	Portion 26 Parish Alison Coolah-Gunnedah Road
Hillsborough Woolshed	Private.	Lot 13, DP 754967 Mount Hope Road
Morton bay Shearing shed	Private pastoral Co.	Location Lot 74 DP 752740 Parish Bowman , County Bligh, Golden highway
Springvale Shearing Shed	Private pastoral Co.	Portion 117 Turee vale Road Parish of Collieblue

N. SHOPS, STORES and BANKS

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Westpac Bank and multi	Shire Council	Lot 5 section 2 DP 758364

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purpose centre Dunedoo		42 Bolaro Street, Dunedoo
Old Power house Shed Dunedoo	private	Lot 5, Section 12 DP 758364 Located behind No 38 Cobbora Street Dunedoo,
Old (Former) Butcher Shop	private	Section 10, Lot BDP 39201710 Digilah Street Dunedoo
Mendooran shop streetscape	varies	Bandulla Street, Mendooran
Dunedoo shop streetscape	varies	Bolaro Street, shop side only, from Dunedoo Hotel to the Chambers, inclusive.
Coolah Shops streetscape	varies	(no 28 to 61) From Coolah Valley Hotel to Black Stump Inn: Binnia Street.

P. SUNDRY

ITEM	OWNER	SITUATION
Tongy Crossing over the Talbragar River	Coolah Shire Council	Tongy Lane and Talbragar River
Cohen's stone wall	private pastoral	Campbell's paddock , on Lot 74 DP 750740
Rotherwood Convict walls and whipping tree	private pastoral	Lots 1 and 3, DP 223581 Rotherwood Road
Coolah Hospital Buildings (original hospital and former isolation ward)	Macquarie Area Health Service	Lot 20, DP 925514 Hospital Street Town of Coolah
Coolah School of Arts	Shire of Coolah	Part Lot 1, DP 979105 Section 3 Coolah
Merrygoen Water Supply Pump House	Department of Railways	Beni Crossing, Castlereagh River Village of Merrygoen
Mendooran CWA Hospital Private residence	private	Lot 12, Section 19 DP 758668 Town of Mendooran
Queensborough Park Rotunda	Coolah Shire Council	R51177 Parish Coolah Queensborough Street Coolah Neilrex Road

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Boundary Riders hut site only	private pastoral	
Shepherds stone sheep dip	Private pastoral	Gundare Property
Leadville mines Site Only	private	
Dapper Nature Reserve	Government	10 km north-west of Goolma 33 km north-west of Gulgong.

5.11 Recommendations for State significance listings

The following places are recommended to be nominated to the NSW Heritage Office as places of *State significance*.

- 1) Bundella Lookout Shi No 1390166
- 2) Baladonga Homestead Shi No 1390094
- 3) Birriwa Homestead Shi No 1390102
- 4) Black Stump cemetery Shi No 1390038
- 5) Coolah (former) Police Station and court house Shi No 1390055
- 6) Coolah Creek Homestead Shi No 1390162
- 7) Derrawee Homestead Shi No 1390202
- 8) Digilah timber barn Shi No 139096
- 9) Gotta rock Shi No 1390042
- 10) King Togee's headstone Shi No 1390056
- 11) Mendooran Hall (Former Mechanics Institute) Shi No 1390122
- 12) Merrygoen private cemetery Shi No 1390017
- 13) Narrawa stone sharpening rock Shi No 1390181
- 14) Pine Ridge Station Homestead and Stone Stables Shi No 1390208
- 15) Rotherwood former convict goal Shi No 1390155
- 16) Shepherds sandstone sheep dip Shi No 1390211
- 17) Turee Station Homestead Shi No 1390157

5.12 Townscape heritage and DCP recommendations

There were virtually no nominations of residential houses in the towns of Coolah, Dunedoo and Mendooran although there are some really stand out houses with respect to style and integrity. Generally the Federation period and the twenties are well represented in these towns. Because of this, I recommend the following way of managing the heritage of these settlements. A simple Development Control Plan should be developed that:

- Take special consideration of all places of approx 70 years and older. (i.e. Pre WWII at this stage). Wherever there are houses of this period then the following procedure should apply:

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- Inspect the house to see its level of integrity
- Rate its significance in historical terms
- Rate its contribution to the street where groups (3 or more) exist
- If the house rates highly: ie if it is intact, older than 70 years and a high level of integrity: (ie contain much original material or was altered sympathetically) then the place could be deemed to be significant and the Environmental Officer could recommend special heritage consideration given in the way and DA proposal or alteration plans are it is dealt with, along the same lines as the Heritage Provisions of the new LEP.
- Similarly if a place is to be extended, or a new place is planned beside an existing house of significance, then an infill form similar to that used in Bathurst conservation area could be issued.
- Fortunately there is little development pressure in these settlements to crowd the existing housing, subdivide or change the pattern of density, or to change from single to two story and such provisions should not be onerous to manage by the Council. The Heritage Adviser would be of great assistance in these matters.

The following points should be considered.

- Such a provision should cover all European heritage places over 70 years without 'fear or favour'. The problems of limited knowledge, and 'undiscovered' heritage assets would not be an issue.
- The provision would not need regular updates, which are very difficult to manage under the present system of LEP amendments.
- All European heritage places could be construed as already covered by the 'relic' inclusions of the LEP so it is not actually introducing a new control.
- Such a system would encourage, rather than discourage, the collection of more information about places. This information could be contained in the SHI (State Heritage Inventory) software forms which would then form a continuous historical and heritage information package.
- The standard procedures that the Environmental Officer presently follows would not alter much. At the present time the Officer, when receiving a development application about a place which appears to be an older building, and which is not scheduled as a heritage item, initially carries out a basic investigation including a site visit to look at the physical evidence and may make enquiries as to the history of the place. At this time the Officer would take note of the context of the item and realise if the place was 'contributing' or not to the built environment.
- One problem with this approach has over 'listed items' is that it does not alert the Environmental Officer or Planner to a particular site. However these town settlements are small, and the Council's Environmental Officer soon has an

intimate knowledge of what places the town contains that are significant or interesting.

Recommendation

Examine the feasibility of this alternative approach to town listings, or, as an added provision for the care and management of European items over 70 years of age in the LEP.

5.13 Proposed Management Strategies

The purpose of this section is to identify management strategies and make recommendation by which the Council can assist in the management and conservation of the significant cultural heritage places that have been highlighted by this study. These planning tools will generally be contained within the model provisions of the Heritage Provisions for LEP. They are noted here as being particularly useful or relevant to the Warrumbungle Shire.

5.13.1 Development Control Plans for Main Streets.

Development Control Plans or DCPs are a tool that planners can use to target the particular needs of an area. Instead of dealing with a number of individual buildings and or landscapes it takes into account the whole precinct that includes a significant group. It can cover an area as large as a central area of a town, a whole village, a streetscape or less.

In the Former Coolah Shire there are three main street scapes, that have been included on the SHI data forms and which would be ideally managed as building groups. In this way it is possible to maintaining the general integrity and composition of the street Scape.

The DCP should contain a general infill policy which would apply to

- 1) Main Street Coolah: Shi No 1390122
- 2) Main Street Dunedoo Shi No 1390216
- 3) Main Street Mendooran Shi No 1390217

Define the extent of the main commercial heritage precinct.

Develop a policy for any new infill development between older buildings or adjoining heritage groups would need to take into account the **context** of their location, and in particular have regard to the siting, setbacks, form and scale, materials and character of the original buildings.

Where the immediate neighbours are not exemplars, then the developer or proposer should look at the general characteristics that predominate in the street.

Recommendation

That a DCP or 'infill policy' be developed for three main street historic sections of Dunedoo, Mendooran and Coolah. The developer would be required to take into account the context of the buildings setting and in particular the scale, materials, massing and colours of its neighbours, irrespective of formal listings.

5.13.2 Consultation with owners

The owners of Heritage Items should be consulted before any additional listings are made and at the same time told about any incentives that the Council has available now or may adopt in the future. i.e. acceptance of listing may be conditional upon Council providing incentive.

At the conclusion of this study, and after the adoption of any new incentives, Council should consider the development of a package or brochure to be sent to each owner confirming the status and encouraging them to take advantage of the assistance provided by the Warrumbungle Shire Council and the Heritage Office.

Recommendations:

Owners of heritage items be kept informed on available funding assistance and other incentives (tax, rates etc) that may assist them.

Owners of heritage items continue to have access to information on appropriate conservation measures.

5.13.3 Site specific management recommendations

For items covered by the SHI forms there is generally a clause that allows for site specific recommendations, and the extent that the recommendation applies to should be specified if necessary, (eg whole of building, whole site, or just part of it).

These recommendations are generally covered by the following list

Archaeological recommendations:

- i) Notify the Planners about any process that will substantially alter the landscape, e.g. dam, road widening, altered agricultural practices, quarrying....or is potentially a threat to the archaeological site.
- ii) Seek advice if any of the above threats are likely to occur in the vicinity of the item, and have the threat assessed. If a study is necessary it should be along Conservation Plan guidelines.
- iii) Encourage active recording of information for cemeteries and isolated graves.

All sites: historical and archaeological sites

- iv) Keep buildings in good order
- v) Record , photograph, research any changes

- vi) Ensure that new owners are advised of the Cultural significance of the site
- vii) Encourage collections of moveable heritage to stay together with the building or place eg. furniture with homestead, plant with woolshed..
- viii) Produce or make available publicly interpretive information that will enable people to appreciate the sites.
- ix) Draw up conservation plans. or interim Management Plans for important sites.

5.13.4 Management Plans

Where the building or place is of State significance, or is a complex site requiring more detailed and tailored management, a Conservation Management Plan should be drawn up. This can be a document from a few pages to many volumes. It is generally carried out by an heritage professional or group of professionals.

The costs of such documents are not inconsiderable and if the place is of State Significance then the Heritage office provides \$2,500 assistance in a \$ for \$ deal.

Recommendation :

Council to assist owners with guidelines and/or contacts to draw up Conservation Management Plans for items that are formally listed as State Significant.

5.13.5 Interim Management Plans

With all places of State Significance a Conservation Management Plan is recommended. However if this document presents a difficult cost burden to owners it may have to be postponed until resources such as grants can be accessed. In the mean time it is important that owners and Council alike are aware of what such a level of Heritage listing will mean in their future plans, and assist owners through the services of their Heritage Advisor, heritage experienced Planner or other heritage professional to draw up an agreement as an interim Management strategy.

This 'plan' should be a user friendly document that is contained in no more than a four or five page document, using every day language, and enabling the owner's rights and the Heritage Place to be protected.

Guidelines for this agreement are attached at the back of this report.

Recommendation :

Council to participate with owners in preparing an Interim Heritage Management Agreement for all items that are formally listed as State Significant.

5.13.6 *Heritage Advisor*

The former Coolah Council has provided the community with the services of a Heritage Advisor in the past and during this process. The new Warrumbungle Shire Council should continue this service, beyond the study period, with consideration given to providing proactive assistance to owners such as - regular contact, newsletters, grant information, seminars on materials and techniques, distribution of publications, web site information etc., and to engage and foster interest of the owner in conservation.

Recommendation:

Warrumbungle Shire Council to continue provide the support of an Heritage Advisory service with focus on a pro-active role.

5.13.7 *GPS mapping, location and curtilage*

Wherever possible on the site visits to each of the items in the SHI data the places have been located using GPS coordinates. In this way the site is more specifically located than just the Lot or portion number. This is more important with sites on rural properties as it is the place itself and not the Lot that is listed.

For example: if the item is the former convict gaol at Rotherwood, then the requirements of the Heritage Listed item only applies to that building and its immediate environs and not to the other buildings beyond its curtilage such as the shearing shed up on the hill beyond. By being this specific there is, in the long run, a saving of resources.

When computer mapping allows, the Heritage listed places should be connected to the Council's Property system which will automatically provide a prominent method (eg an icon) to indicate the presence of an heritage item. This will alerting the council officer using the program where there is an heritage item, or that there is an heritage item in the vicinity. This will enable more effective management and awareness of heritage items.

Recommendation:

Map all new Heritage Inventory Items electronically and show their location on the LEP map.

5.13.8 Access to Heritage Items

Care should be taken to generally protect heritage items from unwanted visitation. Public access should only be with willing owners consent, even if public assistance is given to the item.

Occasionally grants are made contiguous upon public access, and in that case, access would naturally be acceptable to the owner, as part of accepting the grant. But sometimes conservation of an item depends strongly on minimal or only supervised contact (as with many Aboriginal sites or Archaeological sites) and where visitors would interfere with the normal workings of a pastoral property.

Recommendation:

Access to Heritage sites must not be taken for granted and should be always carefully considered with reference to the owners consent and opinions and needs and the sensitivity of the particular place.

5.13.9 Review of Inventory and conditions

As with all Heritage Inventories, the Heritage Provisions in the LEP will need to be reviewed. There are two reasons for this.

1. *Places of significance will be 'found' and 'lost'.*

The new Warrumbungle Shire Council should ensure that a particular staff person, or the person in that position, are responsible for gathering, collating and recording of any information about items, new or removed, into the SHI data base. In this way a record update can occur with the minimum of effort whenever an update of the LEP occurs. As more information comes to light about places that help illustrate its history and significance, it can also be recorded.

The SHI data forms can easily be used on a continuing basis for the collection of further information, whether it be written data or photographs. Whenever information is entered into these Data Forms, the software automatically keeps a record of the date of the changes.

2. *Attitudes and values change.*

The wording of the LEP provisions may need updating even where the Schedule of Heritage items remain constant. This may take into account new legislation on Heritage Items, or because, in the wording of the document, some clarification is needed.

Recommendation:

Warrumbungle Shire Council should allow for the continuing recording of information about Heritage places and items, and to budget for regular reviews of Heritage items and updated LEP Heritage provisions not less than every 7 years.

5.13.10 Demolition

As noted above, significance must be investigated prior to consent for demolition. Suitable wording should be incorporated into the Warrumbungle LEP to allow for investigation of, and Statements of Significance for properties, when it is proposed that places of seventy or more years, or 'listed' places of significant cultural interest, are required to be demolished to make way for new developments. Such Statements should follow the prescribed format as set out in the Heritage Office guidelines on 'Investigating Significance', and 'Statements of Heritage Impact', and should be carried out and assessed before a decision that may lead to demolition is made by the Council

Recommendation:

Before demolition of any place suspected of being culturally significant, investigate significance using the NSW Heritage Office Guidelines Investigating Significance', and 'Statements of Heritage Impact'.

5.13.11 Interim Heritage Orders

The Warrumbungle Shire Council will have had, or will have, correspondence from the Heritage Office regarding Interim Heritage Orders. These orders when used cover circumstance such as where a building is in danger of demolition, and the Council officers have reason to believe that the place is significant. Council will be able to place an Interim Order for 6 months on the item, until it can be investigated and appropriate action, e.g. listing or non listing, can be taken.

Recommendation:

Council should exercise its Interim Heritage Order powers where significance is strongly suspected and demolition a real threat to an heritage asset.

5.13.12 Aboriginal Heritage

As stated earlier in this report the scope of this study has not set out to specifically investigate places of Aboriginal heritage significance beyond examining any places of that were already listed in some way such as on the Council's LEP items. All Aboriginal groups in the area such as the Land Council of Gilgandra were contacted by the historian, but no nominations were forthcoming. Some new places were however highlighted by the study and it is now recommended that they are listed. The Warrumbungle Shire Council should however consider undertaking a specific Aboriginal Based Heritage Study in the future and budget accordingly.

Recommendation:

The Warrumbungle Shire Council *should consider undertaking a specific Aboriginal Based Heritage Study in the future and budget accordingly.*

5.13.13 Recording

The information gathered for this study has been being collected and stored in the software package known as SHI data at the office of Barbara Hickson Architect. It was then passed onto the Coolah branch of the Warrumbungle Shire Council at the conclusion of the study. Because it is being electronically recorded the information will be permanently retained and can be retrieved from computer compact discs.

All of the information on listed items or proposed listed items can be given to the Heritage Office in this format and stored on their computer system, and will then be made available via public internet access. Hard copies should also be made available at the Coolah Library, the Coonabarabran Library or other interested publicly accessible place.

Recommendation:

Allow the State Heritage Inventory (SHI data) records to be made publicly accessible.

6.00 Heritage Incentives.

There are a number of advisory and funding incentive services for heritage projects in NSW. Generally these incentives should be utilized and publicized whenever they can make a difference to the heritage assets of the Warrumbungle Shire. These Incentives include:

6.01 Local Heritage Fund

The Heritage Office offers a fund of up to \$7,500 per annum, to be matched by the Council's funding. It is generally good policy to focus this fund on 'listed' places as an incentive to owners to accept listing.

Recommendation

Access funding for heritage projects through the local heritage fund.

6.02 Funding from other sources

There are a number of other funding sources that owners of heritage items should be able to access for assistance. They include:

6.02.1 Heritage Office Small Grants program

Funding is generally available under a number of programs including:

1. Grants and loans to undertake conservation or presentation work on heritage items listed on Local and Regional Environmental Plans and/or on the State Heritage Register. Minimum size of project is \$20,000. Minimum size of grant/loan \$10,000.
2. Grants for thematic studies, education and promotional projects.
3. Year round consideration of Aboriginal heritage projects.
4. Year round emergency grants and loans program with an upper limit of \$5,000 per project.
5. Year round consideration of \$2,500 support grants for conservation management plans on items of State heritage significance

Application forms are made available at the beginning of each year on the Heritage Office website www.heritage.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9635 6155.

6.02.2 Commonwealth Grants

The Cultural Heritage Projects Program (CHPP) for built heritage and indigenous projects is run by the Department of Environment and Heritage in Canberra. Priority is given to conservation work on nationally important heritage places and is restricted to items on the Register of the National Estate, Interim List or on the NSW State Heritage Register. Privately owned buildings are eligible. \$3.5 million per annum.

Project size generally \$10,000 to \$250,000. For forms call 1800 653 004. The application form is also on the internet at:-

<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/awhg/chpp/index.html>

6.02.3 The Museums and Galleries Foundation of NSW.

A community organisation, on (02) 9358 1760 is able to assist with enquiries on existing and proposed museum projects.

6.02.4 Ministry for the Arts.

The NSW government agency for community museums is the Ministry for the Arts. The Ministry can assist all aspects of collections management, exhibitions, display, education and training programs. Some funding is also available for capital work projects.

Call (02) 9228 4696 or 9228 5533.

Recommendation:

Continue encouragement of funding for heritage projects through a range of sources .

6.03 Heritage Advisory Service

The former Coolah Council in association with the NSW Heritage Office provided the LGA with a free advisory service approximately once a month. This person is an

experienced heritage consultant who is able to give free advice to owners of Heritage places or items, or alternately can direct them to additional services.

Recommendation:

Continue supporting Heritage owners with the Heritage Advisory service

6.04 Free advice on specific heritage projects

There is a wide range of specialists that can be consulted on specific projects.

These include:

Aboriginal heritage projects - Vince Scarcella at Heritage Office on (02) 9849 9571

Archaeological/industrial heritage - Caitlin Allen at Heritage Office (02) 9849 9569

Cemetery projects – George Gibbons at the National Trust on (02) 9258 0123

Garden or landscape projects - Stuart Read at the Heritage Office on (02) 9849 9554

History/archives - Bruce Baskerville at the Heritage Office on (02) 9849 9566

Education and promotion projects - Murray Brown: Heritage Office (02) 9849 9580

Movable heritage items – Tony Prescott at the Heritage Office on (02) 9849 9567

Pipe organ projects – Victoria Throp at the Heritage Office on (02) 9849 9566

20th century buildings – call the R.A.I.A on (02) 9356 2955

6.05 New LEP for the Warrumbungle shire

When the new LEP is drawn up incorporate conditions that favour Heritage Items where this is an incentive to their conservation. Utilize the heritage Office's Model Provisions for Heritage Items in toto or incorporate the relevant provisions into the LEP provisions.

A copy of these provisions are available on the Heritage Office web site.

There are however other provisions that should also be included for this largely rural LGA.

These are:-

6.05.1 Subdivision

Council could assist the subdivision of rural lands which leads to the conservation or saving of a Heritage item. This subdivision should allow a smaller area of land than is normally acceptable in rural areas, but one which is both acceptable to minimise conflict and manageable. It would probably be being between two and ten acres. This would only apply to items that are listed on the LEP Heritage Schedule, or are recommended to be listed, and where it can be shown that a new separate ownership would lead to the conservation and preservation of the item, and be environmentally sustainable.

The following clause could be inserted in the LEP

In Conservation incentives

“The Council may grant consent to the subdivision of an existing parcel of land for the express purpose, of conservation of a building site, that is an heritage listed item, even though the sub division would otherwise be prohibited by this plan, if it is satisfied that:

- (a) access is possible either directly to a formed public road or via the creation of a right-of-way, and*
- (b) the proposed subdivision would not adversely affect the heritage significance of the item or its setting, and*
- (c) the conservation of the building site substantially depends on the granting of the consent and*
- (d) that the size of the sub divided land will not adversely affect the heath or amenity of the area, and be considered environmentally sustainable.*
- (e) that the granting of consent to the proposed subdivision would ensure that conservation work considered necessary by the consent authority is carried out.”*

The above clause should also be cross referenced in the LEP where subdivisions of land are mentioned.

6.06 Additional Dwellings

Council could assist the retention and conservation of heritage listed buildings on rural lands by allowing ‘an additional dwelling’ to exist where the existing heritage listed dwelling is to be retained and an additional new dwelling is desired.

This additional dwelling should be possible on land than is normally only allowed to have one ‘residence/dwelling’ in rural areas or villages. This should only apply to items that are listed on the LEP Heritage Schedule, and where it can be shown that a new separate dwelling would lead to the conservation and preservation of the item, and be environmentally sustainable.

The following clause could be inserted in the *LEP under Part 20*

Clause 24 Conservation incentives

Para (4) *The Council may grant consent to the erection of an additional dwelling, where the existing parcel of land already contains a dwelling that is a heritage item in Schedule 2, even though an additional dwelling would otherwise be prohibited by this plan, if it is satisfied that:*

- (a) the provisions of this plan relating to a single dwelling or a permissible additional dwelling can apply to the additional dwelling permissible under this clause for heritage conservation as if it were the only dwelling on the site or a permissible additional dwelling, and*
- (b) the proposed additional dwelling would not adversely affect the heritage significance of the item, and***
- (c) the additional dwelling will not lead to land use conflict, adversely affect the heath or amenity of the area and is considered environmentally sustainable, and*

- (d) *Conservation Management Plan is prepared for the heritage item, and*
- (e) *the conservation of the heritage item is wholly dependant upon the provision of an additional dwelling and cannot be realized utilizing other reasonable methods.*

Recommendation:

Amend the LEP to allow for special clauses re subdivision and additional housing that favour heritage Items

6.07 Tax incentives

If a place or property is on the National Estate Register or on the NSW State Heritage Register then the following may apply. (At this stage there are no privately owned state listed properties in Coolah) This may be an incentive for owners whose places are recommended as State Significant to allow them to be forwarded to the NSW Heritage Office for consideration.

6.07.1 Tax deductions. If the heritage property earns income, you can claim a deduction against the assessed income for maintenance or depreciation - discuss this with your tax advisor. The full value of any repair work will normally be allowable as a full deduction.

6.07.2 Heritage valuations for land tax and local rates under the NSW Heritage Act. Where a property is listed on the State Heritage Register a heritage valuation is automatically provided to reflect its value without development potential. This valuation is then used in assessing local rates and land tax and so will generally result in a reduced rate and tax charge.

6.07.3 Heritage valuations for land tax and local rates under for locally listed properties. If the property is on an Local Environmental Plan and so is at least of local Significance the owner can ask for, and can receive a heritage restricted valuation for the purpose of land tax and local rates, similar to the above. Its only that its not automatic.

If a land holder requires a “heritage restricted” valuation they can make requests at the nearest LPI office.

6.07.4 The Cultural Gifts Tax Incentives Program for movable heritage and real estate to a public collecting institution: If this is of interest please ring the Department of Communications, Information, Technology and the Arts on 02 6271 1643 for further information.

6.08 Rate reductions.

As noted the clause above where a property is listed on the State Heritage Register a heritage valuation by the Department of Lands, or LPI, can be provided to reflect its value without development potential. This valuation is then used in assessing local rates and so provides the owner with a reduction in Council rates.

6.09 Development Application fees and Section 94 contributions.

The Council should consider the waiving or reducing of Section 94 contributions to help achieve heritage objectives especially where larger projects, or State significant sites, are concerned.

6.10 Heritage awards and Plaques

A number of Councils sponsor, at least initially, an heritage award program. Bathurst City, Lithgow City and Mudgee are three examples where this occurs, and each does it differently.

It need not be an expensive exercise. It can simply be the awarding of recognition of work done in the conservation of a heritage place in a Council newsletter or newspaper, or the giving of a plaque to a building where the owners have achieved good results in relationship to conservation. At the other end of the scale it can be the main event at a gala evening with many awards for heritage work.

6.11 Promotion of Heritage Items

State or Local Listing of an item will automatically provide the place with some prominence through its inclusion on the Heritage Office Web site. If the place is privately owned, 'no public access' notations could be included on the data base if the owner so desires.

Council should enhance this promotion through exposure of any Heritage listed property, where it is desirable to the owner, through an offer to provide similar exposure on the council Web site and or Tourism site.

This provides benefits to the council too, as Heritage tourism is now one of the primary reasons for people to travel to a region.

Similarly offers of reduced rates to Heritage Items when publishing Tourism promotion and advertising would provide a strong incentive to owners of Heritage items to be proud of their Heritage Listing.

6.12 Tourist potential

Discovering what is interesting about the past and utilizing it in cultural tourism, such as the river crossings, earliest settlements, roads and early bridges. There is great potential here to explore and exploit the heritage assets of the former Coolah Shire.

Recommendation:

Support owners of Heritage items through incentives such as internet coverage and cultural tourism publications, tax and rate reductions based on heritage valuations and heritage awards.



The convict whipping tree at Rotherwood.

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Examples are as follows:

6.12.1 Tourist Drives

Tourist drives around the Shire lead to spending on petrol, food and sometimes accommodation as people prolong their stay in the area. New drives could be designed that incorporate places that have been highlighted by this study, some of which were only known about by the local community.

Existing tourist drives could be enhanced with new data such as additional information on historic sites, interpretive signs and enhanced facilities at the location. Tourist drives provide a chance also to connect with any local business that wish to be known. For example: the petrol garage, the cafes and eateries, the hotels. Councils existing interpretive signs are an excellent asset that can be complimented by mapping.

By grouping places of similarity and mapping them, visitors can make choices about where to spend a day or half day as a self drive tour. The places need not be 'listed' places, simply places that through a common theme help illustrate the selected historical story.

eg a map of special physical features of the district would include Gotta rock and Ivy rock, the Bundella Lookout and the Norfolk fall walking track.

A map of early settler's country could include the earliest settlements homesteads, stock routes and earliest roads. Specific places to consider for inclusion are the Black

Stump cemetery and settlement area, Merrygoen private cemetery, crossings over the Talbragar River, and Mendooran village.

6.12.2 Cemeteries and isolated graves:

Grave sites, especially the small and isolated are a real draw card to today's tourists. A map of such places could go onto the Council's web site, with a list of the incumbents. This would also encourage people interested in family history to pay a visit.

Cemeteries that should be included on such a map are Coolah Presbyterian Church, Cobbora General Cemetery, Denison Town General cemetery, Lahey's Creek Private, Leadville cemetery, Mendooran General Cemetery, Turee (Vale) Creek General and Uarbry. Each of these has a special role to play in the history of the district and each has its own special appeal as a place of remembrance and peace.



Headstones at the Presbyterian Church cemetery in Coolah, and at Uarbry Cemetery.

6.13 Escorted Tours

There are places that are either private homesteads that could only accommodate visitors on very select and rare occasions, such as occurs on Open garden days in Coolah or places that are environmentally sensitive that would warrant visitation by escort only, such as the important Aboriginal place: the Narrawa Sharpening rock. Again these are not necessarily heritage listed places. They are places that are interesting for historic or environmental reasons, or that provide a highlight in the story of Coolah / Dunedoo/ Mendooran settlement.

It may be that the areas are too sensitive, or that the owners would not like to accommodate such visits. Owners would of course need to be both consulted and

interested in such visits before any plans could be laid. There would be many visitors who would feel it a real privilege to visit these places and to hear their stories.

Examples are as follows:

- Significant Homesteads of the District
- Significant gardens such as the existing Open. Garden days
- Working Properties of the District

Whenever farms are working at special activities such as shearing or harvesting they provide great opportunities for tourism. A calendar could be developed in conjunction with pastoralists and farmers in the district that would enable seasonal visits to the places of interest.

- Family history, reunion and visiting places from our families past are important reasons for inland tourism in NSW. For example many people reconnect with their past at such days at Neilrex, Mendooran and Uarbry.

6.14 Tourism potential

The possibilities are enormous. By taking a theme and developing the idea through the places that tell part of that story many 'trails' could be developed and need be little more than an A4 page that can be photocopied when requested, or a simple booklet of a number of possible tours forming a 'mud map' compilation, or at the other end a colourful professionally printed brochure that become a tourists souvenir of the district.

7.00 Glossary of terms

SHI	State Heritage Inventory
LGA	Local Government Area
CD	Computer disc
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
SHR	State Heritage Register
CMP	Conservation Management Plan
DCP	Design or Development Control Plan

8.00 Definitions:

For words such as ‘Conservation’ and ‘Restoration’ refer to the Burra Charter:

9.00 References:

The former Coolah Council’s LEP 2000 provisions

NSW Heritage Manual

Thematic History of the former Coolah Shire by Roy Cameron

Around the Black Stump compiled by Roy Cameron

Various references as per each data sheet

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