



*Baradine Memorial Hall*

**Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study  
2018  
Volume 3: Heritage Inventory Sheets  
Part 2 – C to D**

Prepared by:

**Item name:** Californian Bungalow and Dunedoo Power House (former)

**Location:** 38 Cobborah Street Dunedoo 2844

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 38 Cobborah Street

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Dunedoo 2844

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Bolaro

**State:** NSW

**County:** Lincoln

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Residential buildings (private) **Category:** House

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** residence

**Former uses:** residence / reticulated electricity generation plant

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** An excellent example of a Californian Bungalow style house in Dunedoo constructed of face brickwork with a large hipped and gabled roof clad in corrugated iron.

To the rear of the property lies the former Dunedoo Power House which is a rare intact example of an early power supply station.

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**Historical notes** CALIFORNIAN BUNGALOW

**of provenance:** Historical research on the house is yet to be undertaken.

#### DUNEDOO POWER HOUSE (FORMER)

Prior to 1935, the town of Dunedoo, like many other small settlements in the Central West, did not have a reticulated electricity supply. For lighting, householders were generally dependent upon kerosene lamps and for those that could afford the cost acetylene gas or diesel generating plants. In the year 1936, the local council, then Cobborah Shire, called tenders for the supply of electricity to premises in the town. The tender of Alex Massy and Hooper Brothers was accepted. The generating plant was housed in a building at the junction of Tallawang Street and the lane behind Cobborah Street. It consisted of two gas engines. The gas for the engines was produced by a wood-burning gas producer, which every three hours had to be stoked up with timber cut into short lengths. Local timber poles carried the reticulation mains, which were erected in time for the switching on of the power in 1937.

Then after a couple of years another generating set was installed. This engine was powered by a 110 h.p. Mirrlees diesel engine. In 1942, Mr. Massy passed away. The business was then purchased by Everard Hooper who ran it until the year 1956, when the newly formed Ulan County Council commenced to supply electricity to the town. Prior to 1936, another large gas powered generating engine was installed. Mr. Hooper purchased this unit from the Dubbo power station after it had closed down. An item that caused much amusement to people visiting Mr. Hooper's power generating house was a crude automatic switch which Mr. Hooper had concocted to switch off the street lights at 1.00 am in the morning, an initial requirement of the Council. The switch consisted of an alarm clock which triggered off a rat trap which in turn pulled a knife switch controlling the street lights. This home-made invention functioned very well and was used until the Council decided to keep the street lights on all night. Mr. Hooper went around the town each month to read the electricity meters and collect the money owing. The minimum monthly charge at the time was the equivalent of 50 cents.

May 1953, the Ulan County Council purchased the private power supply and installed a larger Blackstone diesel engine. Mr. Hooper continued to run the plant for the Ulan County Council until it was shut down on 31st May, 1956.

Everard Hooper in 2003 was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his service to the Community.

Note: Information for the above history of the Dunedoo Power House was supplied by Mr. Hooper's daughter, Ruth Large of Dunedoo.

**Themes:** **National theme**  
4. Settlement

**State theme**  
Accommodation

**Local theme**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:** 1936

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** Yes

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**Physical description:** HOUSE

A Interwar period Californian Bungalow style house with a wide verandah extending around two sides, with a third verandah now enclosed. The verandah roofs have exposed rafters and are supported on paired timber posts with shaped timber brackets set on brick piers. Timber balustrades with alternating wide and narrow battens and timber handrails extend between the piers. Windows are generally timber framed double hung windows in pairs with the upper sash in divided into 6 panes. The roof is hipped and gabled with a street facing gable over the entrance. The gable ends are decorated with vertical timber battens on fibre cement sheets, the upper section is decorated with painted timber shingles. The house has original chimneys which are roughcast rendered and painted. The roof is clad in corrugated iron. Inside there are many decorative plaster ceilings in an elaborate rose pattern.

**DUNEDOO POWER HOUSE (FORMER)**

This large and simple gable ended shed that once accommodated Dunedoo's first power station. The shed is timber framed and clad in corrugated iron. Simple small windows and a door open towards the yard and rear of the residence at No 38 Cobborah St. Inside the shed is unlined and has the concrete blocks still in place on the floor where the power house equipment once was mounted. No equipment remains there today

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** House - Excellent  
Dunedoo Power House (former) - Fair

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** - Continue to maintain the buildings in good order.  
- Continue to record and research this place's history.  
- The curtilage or setting of this place shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Dunedoo Power House (former) has a high level of local historical significance as the first reticulated  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):**  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The house at 38 Cobborah Street, Dunedoo has aesthetic significance as a good example of a Californian  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]



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**Criteria e):** As a surviving mid 20th century industrial building the power house building has moderate technical/research  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The Dunedoo Power House (former) is a rare surviving example of a power generating facility in a small  
[Rarity] country town.

**Criteria g):** The house at 38 Cobborah Street, Dunedoo is representative of Californian Bungalow style dwellings  
[Representative] constructed on suburban blocks within country towns in the early Twentieth Century.

**Intactness/Integrity:** House: Highly intact / Dunedoo Power House: Relatively intact. Its original plant equipment has long been removed.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	various articles	

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	field day 3 on 21	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Californian Bungalow, viewed from Cobborah Street

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**Caption:** Californian Bungalow, view looking south east

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**Image by:** Peter Duggan

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**Item name:** Carlow Family Graves**Location:** Dandy Creek Road Coonabarabran 2357

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**Address:** Dandy Creek Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Landscape**Group:** Cemeteries and Burial Sites**Category:** Isolated Grave/Burial Site**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Burial site**Former uses:** Burial site**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:** Local

**Statement of significance:** The Carlow family graves are part of the remains of Dandry station and represent the period when it was owned by the Carlow family. It has a high level of local historical significance. The graves are set above the Dandry Creek Road in a place with a pronounced visual presence. They have been marked by the beautifully carved headstones of David Matthews and are considered to have a high level of local aesthetic significance

The site also has a moderate level of local historical association, social and technical/research significance. The place is considered to have a high level of representativeness and integrity

**Item name:** Carlow Family Graves

**Location:** Dandy Creek Road Coonabarabran 2357

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**Historical notes of provenance:** William Carlow came to the Coonabarabran region from Capertee with Catherin Grimes and five children. He had been transported for burglary in 1821 and was assigned to the Rev. Samuel Marsden as a stockman, working on properties near Capertee. After obtaining his ticket of leave and a conditional pardon he was granted 640 acres in the Capertee district. He named this property 'Port Macquarie'. He married Catherin Grimes in 1854 and bought Dandry from James Evans in 1855. He may have worked for James Evans prior to this. The Carlows grew wheat along Yaminba creek.

Catherin Carlow raised a daughter who was born to Ebenezer Orr of Yaminbah Creek and one of his Aboriginal shepherdesses. Her name was Mary and Orr payed the Carlows to care for her after he married a woman from Sydney.

William Carlow died of an 'Inward Complaint' in 1858. He was buried on Dandry. On the day that he died his daughter Mary Ann married David Matthews. Matthews was a stonemason who had worked for the Carlows. He carved a headstone for William's grave.

Matthews later took out a small freehold on Yaminba Creek. He cut sandstone from the creek on his property that was used for the early gravestones in the Coonabarabran General Cemetery. The gravestones in the Carlow family cemetery are also his workmanship.

After William's death Catherin Carlow took over the lease on Dandry. She held the lease until her death in 1871. She is buried alongside William. Catherin was remembered as being a good reaper who could cut an acre of wheat a day with a sickle. She left Dandry to her son John who was killed in 1871 in a fall from a horse. He is also buried at Dandry.

Another Carlow daughter, Honora, married John Boyle who had applied for a licence for Weerabarwa in 1856. This is a large waterhole on Baradine Creek. After a protest from James Walker and James Cooper he was refused this and applied for Gebian. This was taken up by James Weston of Coonabarabran who named it Gibbican. Boyle and his wife stayed in the district and eventually his sons purchased Gibbican.

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	3. Economy	Pastoralism	
	9. Phases of Life	Birth and Death	

**Designer:**

**Builder:** Gravestones by David Matthews (mason)

**Year started:** 1858

**Year completed:** 1871

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** Graves of at least 3 members of the Carlow family are located on the side of a hill overlooking Dandry Creek from the West. The general area is moderately covered with timber & low scrub and features sporadic outcrops of sandstone. The extant monuments are all sandstone stelae, with footstones, executed by mason David Matthews. All are located adjacent to a large sandstone boulder. The original fence surrounding the site was destroyed some time ago in a bushfire. Significant damage has been caused to the stones by shooters. One monument is broken & fallen; another leans at a dangerous angle. The fallen monument is badly weathered. The Carlow family were early settlers of the Coonabarabran area. The monuments, which are all of unusual design, are: - a stylised sandstone stele with footstone on the grave of William Carlow (22/4/1858); - a semicircular sandstone stele with wreath of laurels & hearts, cross over anchor design in relief, & matching footstone to Catherin Carlow (9/1/1871); - a plain gothic sandstone stele to John Carlow (inscription virtually illegible). Two inscriptions: Erected In memory of William Carlow Who departed this Life, April 22nd, A.D. 1858 Aged 70 years O Lord Do Thou Keep My Soul Do Thou Deliver Me And let me never be ashamed Because I trust in Thee Sacred To the Memory of Catherin Carlow Who departed this Life Jan 9th A.D. 1871 Aged 64 years Requiescat in Pace

Building Material: Sandstone

**Physical condition level:**

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**Physical condition:** The gravestone of Catherin Carlow is broken, that of William Carlow is leaning forward at a dangerous angle and John's has been broken by a falling tree.

The place has a high degree of integrity and is considered to have a moderate level of archaeological potential.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** It is recognised that the site is extremely fragile and subject to damage from bushfire or vandals. The ongoing management of the graves should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that the site is cleared of vegetation to minimise the impact of fires.

**Management:** **Management category**

**Management name**

**Further comments:** Dandy Creek Road On Adjacent Stock Route: 14km North Of Town

**Criteria a):** The Carlow family graves are part of the remains of Dandry station and represent the period when it was leased by the Carlow family. It has a high level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The site has associations with the Carlow family. It has a moderate level of local historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The Carlow family graves are set above the Dandry Creek Road in a place with a pronounced visual presence. They have been marked by the beautifully carved headstones of David Matthews and are considered to have a high level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The Carlow family graves are considered to have a moderate local level of social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The site may have some archaeological potential and is considered to have a moderate local level of technical/research significance.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The Carlow family graves are among many isolated graves in the region. It is considered to have a low level of rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Carlow family graves are representative of the early places of burial of many early European settlers in the Coonabarabran region. The place is considered to have a high level of representativeness.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The place is considered to have a high level of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Pickette, J. & Campbell, M.	Coonabarabran as it was in the beginning	1983
	Rolls, E.	A Million Wild Acres	1982
	Miller, P & B ; Anderson, P ; Mackay,	National Trust of Australia (NSW)	

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<b>Studies:</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Year</b>
	National Trust of Australia	National Trust Country Register	1863	
	Ray Christison	Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study		2006

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Heritage study**Number****ListingDate**  
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Status: Partial



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**Image:**



**Caption:** Carlow Family Graves on the eastern slopes of Scabby Rock, c.2006

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**Location:** 238 Castlereagh Highway Mendooran 2842

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**Address:** 238 Castlereagh Highway

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Mendooran 2842

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Richardson

**State:** NSW

**County:** Lincoln

**Other/former names:** Mount Granby Inn, Property Once Called 'Mungramby'. Now Called 'Closeburn'.

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Commercial

**Category:** Inn/Tavern

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Ruin

**Former uses:** Coaching Inn

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** A former Cobb & Co stop is on the banks of the Castlereagh River with important regional history connections. Buildings are almost ruins but show many interesting old details of workmanship and layout for isolated inns and residential buildings. The inn is important as evidence of the earliest stages of settlement in Mendooran.

**Item name:** Carriers' Home Inn (former)

**Location:** 238 Castlereagh Highway Mendooran 2842

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**Historical notes of provenance:** As far as is known the Mount Granby Inn, about 2 kms west of Mendooran and off the Gilgandra Road was built about 1852 by Thomas Digges and John Cameron, who were amongst the first free settlers in the area. The Inn was a stopping place for Cobb and Co. coaches on their way to and from the West. The Digges were the owners of the surrounding run called 'Mount Granby' originally taken up by Richard Rouse.

The inn was previously called the Carriers' Home Inn. In 1865 the licensee of the Carriers' Home Inn, Mendooran was listed in the Government Gazette as R. M. Gibson. In 1866; the licensee is Edward Pender Phillot, who was also a drover and later took up land in Queensland. In 1868 Daniel Digges and then Thomas Digges were listed as the licensee.

An article, dated 8th December, 1932 in the Gilgandra Weekly and Castlereagh titled 'Mendooran's First Hotel' states:

'The first; hotel to be erected in that old and solid town of Mendooran was built on a site across the river, close to where the bridge now stands. It was conducted by Mr Webster (afterwards pound-keeper of that town). After being carried on at this place for some time it was removed to Mt. Granby, Mr. Digges, father of Mr. Charles Digges, sen., being then proprietor.'

John Cameron was a native of Lochiel, Scotland, and lived in the Colony for 66 years, the greater part of which he spent in the Mendooran district. The Mudgee Guardian of 15th December, 1904, recorded John Cameron's obituary as follows 'A Mendooran correspondent writes bearing testimony to the many excellent good qualities shown by the late John Cameron, whose death at the age of 87 was recently reported in these columns. The sturdy old Scot has seen the Castlereagh evolve from a state of most primitive settlement into a state of high improvement, and for many years had been engaged in pastoral pursuits on his own account, after being six years at Caigan in the employ of the father of J. L. Brown of Bowenfels, whose sons now owns Caigan.'

Thomas Digges another pioneer of the Mendooran district passed away four years later on 31st December, 1908. Again the Mudgee Guardian relates:

'We have to record the death of one of the best known and highly respected personalities of the Castlereagh - Thomas Digges, of Mount Granby, Mendooran. The deceased gentlemen who had obtained the age of 85 years, had always led a vigorous life, over half a century which was spent in the North-West, and the greater portion of that period at Mount Granby, where, by industry, perseverance and thrift, he had accumulated a large landed estate, and devoted himself to a pastoral and agriculture life.'

Charles (eldest son of Thomas Digges) and Elizabeth Digges were residing at 'Mungramby' in 1900 when the fugitives Jimmy and Joe Governor and Jacky Underwood called at 'Mungramby', but left when searchers arrived. Later it was learnt that they hid under the nearby Gramby Creek bridge.

The 'Mungramby' (sometimes spelt Mungramby) property is now called 'Closeburn'. Harry Brown purchased the property from the Digges family in 1926 and later owners included the Berrels, Beddies and Whitton.

The Cobb & Co timetable and postal contract records records that Cobb & Co route in 1876, and 1877 went from Mudgee, Cullenbone, Guntawang, Cobborra, Mendooran, Gilgandra and Coonamble twice a week for 975 pounds., and Mendooran to Coonabarrabran via Lackeys, Caigan, Mobala and Belar twice a week for 239 pounds. These runs continued at least up to 1881 for an increased fee.

**Themes:** National theme

3. Economy

3. Economy

State theme

Transport

Transport

Local theme

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:**

**Year completed:** 1852

**Circa:** Yes

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**Physical description:** This old Cobb & Co stop is on the banks of the Castlereagh River and near the Mendooran-Gilgandra Road. The changing station today consists of a group of buildings, one that was probably the inn and another behind: the kitchen and possibly the owner's accommodation. These structures are ruins today. They consist of small buildings with hipped roofs, clad in corrugated iron laid over the original timber shingles. Front and back of the inn is a verandah that runs the full length of the building. The kitchen building has a verandah on its northern side only. There are original brick chimneys to both buildings. The walls are vertical timber slabs, some still with original cover battens. Roof gutters are Ogee style. Floors are wide square sawn timber boards. The internal slabs show evidence of the original tar paper and newspaper finishes. The ceilings were generally timber lined, in wide boards with cover battens. One room has a tent form ceiling lined in diagonal beaded timber boards. The verandah is low slung to less than 2 metres in height at the verandah plate. An original chimney hearth still exists in one room with a concave brick paved base and a double timber mantle above. Doors are nearly all the original timber moulded panel doors. The slabs that form the wall linings are beautifully shaped and adzed into grooves at the top and bottom plates. Timber posts are generally rotted out at the base and are chamfered.

**Physical condition level:** Poor

**Physical condition:**  
**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** - Where a place is described as a ruin there are no management strategies beyond minimal interference. Where possible the place should be able to deteriorate at its own natural rate.  
- Continue to record and research this place's history.  
- The curtilage or setting of this site shall be taken as being the place as described and an area of 20 metres around it.

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Management category</b>	<b>Management name</b>
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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The former Carriers' Home Inn on Mount Granby (now 'Closeburn') dates back to the earliest days of settlement at Mendooran. The Mount Granby property was taken up by John Cameron and Thomas Digges in the 1850s.  
**[Historical significance]** The inn became a stopping place for Cobb and Co. coaches on their runs to Coonamble and Coonabarabran.

**Criteria b):** The former Carriers' Home Inn has associations with John Cameron and Thomas Digges who took up the Mount Granby property in the 1850s.  
**[Historical association significance]**

**Criteria c):**  
**[Aesthetic/Technical significance]**

**Criteria d):**  
**[Social/Cultural significance]**

**Criteria e):**  
**[Research significance]**

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**Criteria f):** The former Carriers' Home Inn is a very rare example locally of a mid Nineteenth Century coaching inn. It is the only building in the area that dates back to the early settlement of Mendooran.

**[Rarity]**

**Criteria g):**

**[Representative]**

**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	history notes on the old Gramby Inn	2004
	NSW Archives	NSW Postal contracts 1865 to 1885	

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Old Gramby Cot	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Old Gramby Cobb & Co Inn

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**Item name:** Catholic Presbytery**Location:** 14 Namoi Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 14 Namoi Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coonabarabran**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Religion**Category:** Presbytery/Rectory/ Vicarage/Manse**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Catholic presbytery**Former uses:** Catholic presbytery**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Coonabarabran Catholic presbytery is one element of the town's Roman Catholic built heritage. It is an important manifestation of the work of the Catholic Church in the town and is a handsome Federation Arts and Crafts style bungalow constructed with rusticated sandstone blocks.

The presbytery has a high level of local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, rarity, representativeness and integrity. It also has a moderate level of local technical/research significance.

**Historical notes of provenance:** Roman Catholics have been present in the Coonabarabran district since the 1830s. The 1841 Census recorded 21 single males living at Bomera station. All had arrived in the colony as convicts. At the time of the census 10 were free, two had tickets of leave and nine were privately assigned. 10 of these men were working as shepherds. Of these men four nominated their denomination as Church of England, one as Church of Scotland and 16 as Roman Catholic. (Cameron:97)

The spiritual needs of the district's Catholics were first ministered to by a series of visiting and circuit priests. In the 1840s Father Dunphy visited from Bathurst and from 1852 Father Rigney travelled from Singleton and 'a French priest, Father Castenog, who said Mass at Field's Hotel'. (Pickette, J & Campbell 1983:96)

The church established a place in Coonabarabran in the late 19th century and constructed the existing stone presbytery in 1917.

**Themes:** National theme

State theme

Local theme

8. Culture

Religion

4. Settlement

Accommodation

**Designer:** Unknown**Builder:** Unknown**Year started:** 1917**Year completed:** 1917**Circa:** No

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**Physical description:** The Coonabarabran Catholic Presbytery is a very handsome example of a Federation Arts and Crafts Bungalow. It is constructed in rusticated sandstone laid in ashlar courses. It's broad, low hipped corrugated iron roof extends to cover the verandahs.

A rusticated sandstone pediment projects through the roof above the front entrance. This bears a plaque with the inscription AMDG. This stands for Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam. The literal English translation is 'For the greater glory of God'. 'All This is the Society of Jesus, known also as the Jesuits. It also has been translated colloquially as 'All my duties to God'.

The high waisted front door and sidelights are typical of the style common in the Federation period and style.

The southern verandah has been partly enclosed.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The building is in very good condition.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Enclosure of southern verandah

**Recommended** The building should be managed in a way that ensures its ongoing structural and aesthetic integrity.

**management:** The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should ideally be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Coonabarabran Catholic presbytery is one element of the town's Roman Catholic built heritage. It is an important manifestation of the work of the Catholic Church in the town and has a high level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The presbytery has associations with the work of the Catholic Church in Coonabarabran. It has a high level of local historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The Roman Catholic presbytery is a handsome Federation Arts and Crafts style bungalow constructed with rusticated sandstone blocks. It is considered to have a high level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The presbytery has a high level of social significance at a local level.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The presbytery has the potential to provide information regarding the construction of church buildings in the mid 20th century. It has a moderate level of local technical/research significance.  
[Research significance]

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**Criteria f):** The presbytery is a rare example of a stone bungalow constructed in Coonabarabran. It has a high local level of  
**[Rarity]** rarity.**Criteria g):** The presbytery is representative of ecclesiastical buildings constructed in the mid 20th century. It has a high  
**[Representative]** level of local significance in this regard.**Intactness/Integrity:** The Coonabarabran presbytery has a high level of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Pickette, J & Campbell. M.	Coonabarabran as it Was in the Beginning	1983
	Apperly, R., Irving, R. & Reynolds, P.	A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture	1995
	Cameron, R.	The Town with the Big Heart	

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Ray Christison	Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study		2006
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**Item name:** Catholic Presbytery

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**Item name:** Catholic Presbytery

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**Caption:** Catholic Presbytery, c.2006

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**Item name:** CBC Bank (former)**Location:** 22-24 Lachlan Street Baradine 2396

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 22-24 Lachlan Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Baradine 2396**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Other/former names:** National Bank**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Finance**Category:** Other - Finance**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Residential**Former uses:** Commercial**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The former Baradine branch of the CBC Bank is a handsome example of an Inter-war Georgian Revival style commercial building with an attached residence. It has an impressive presence and is considered to have a high level of local aesthetic significance.

The bank is a strong physical expression of the mid twentieth century prosperity and growth of Baradine. It is also a surviving element of the originally planned commercial centre of Baradine around the corner of Lachlan and Darling Streets. It has a moderate level of local historical, social and technical/research significance.

The bank building also has a high level of integrity and a moderate level of representativeness.

**Historical notes of provenance:** The Baradine branch of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney was opened in September 1919 by Mr E. Hansen of Coonamble. The first manager, Mr. L. Oatley, arrived to take up his appointment on 13 September.

The bank was first operated from a small timber building in Wellington Street. In 1920 the bank purchased a site on the corner of Darling and Lachlan Streets from Mr John Witter for the sum of £420. Three years later a new bank building with attached manager's residence was erected there at a cost of £5,000. These premises were extensively renovated and reconditioned in 1957. Many of the men who filled the role of manager, particularly during the bank's early years, became active members of local organisations during their stay in Baradine.

During the 1980s the CBC Banking Company was absorbed by the National Australia Bank. The Baradine branch continued to trade until April 1998 when it was reclassified as a service centre. Its trading times were cut to four hours only on Mondays and Wednesdays and five hours on Fridays and the local accounts were transferred to the Coonabarabran branch of the bank.

The bank ceased operating altogether in July 2001 and the premises were subsequently sold.

**Themes:** **National theme**  
3. Economy**State theme**  
Commerce**Local theme****Designer:** Unknown**Builder:** Unknown**Year started:** 1923**Year completed:** 1923**Circa:** Yes

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**Physical description:** The bank is a handsome Interwar Georgian Revival style building occupying a prominent corner location. It is of rendered brick construction. A connected wing at the eastern side of the bank contains the former manager's residence. This section is completed in roughcast rendered walls and a large verandah facing the street. Both parts of the building are topped by a hipped roof clad in corrugated iron.

The former banking chamber has been stripped. The only features remaining are the safe and a section of the 1950s era counter. There is clear evidence in the floor of the extent of the original banking structure and the 1950s addition.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The building is in very good condition and appears to be well maintained.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** The bank was extended during the 1950s. The banking chamber is now a craft room for the house.

**Recommended management:** - The building should be managed in a way which ensures its ongoing structural and aesthetic integrity.

- The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should ideally be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The former Baradine branch of the CBC Bank is a strong physical expression of the mid twentieth century prosperity and growth of Baradine. It is also a surviving element of the originally planned commercial centre of Baradine around the corner of Lachlan and Darling Streets. It has a moderate level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The bank building has little historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The bank is a handsome example of an Inter-war Georgian Revival style commercial building with an attached residence. It has an impressive presence and is considered to have a high level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** As an expression of the commercial development of Baradine, and the town's perception of its identity and sustainability the bank has a moderate level of local social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The bank is a relatively intact example of its kind and is considered to have a moderate level of local technical/research significance.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The bank is considered to have a low level of rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The former CBC bank is representative of the many former bank branches which exist in smaller communities. It is considered to have a moderate level of representativeness.  
[Representative]

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**Intactness/Integrity:** The former CBC bank has a high level of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Hadfield, J.	CBC Bank Baradine	2006

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Ray Christison	Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study		2006
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Item name:** CBC Bank (former)

**Location:** 22-24 Lachlan Street Baradine 2396

Warrumbungle

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**Caption:** CBC Bank (former), detail of entry door

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**Caption:** The former CBC Bank viewed from the north east, c.2005

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**Item name:** Cement Bridge**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Address:****Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Binnaway 2395**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Binnaway**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Transport - Land**Category:** Road Bridge**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Road Bridge**Former uses:** Road Bridge**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The cement bridge at Binnaway is a rare surviving example of a reinforced concrete beam bridge and is representative of the upgrading of roads and river crossings by local councils during the early 20th century. It is also representative of the role of local endeavour in creating public infrastructure during the 20th century.

It possesses a high level of local historical, aesthetic significance and technical/research significance. It also has a high level of representativeness, rarity and integrity at a local level. The bridge possesses a moderate local level of historical association and social significance.

**Item name:** Cement Bridge

**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Historical notes of provenance:** From 1922 the Coonabarabran Shire Council considered various options for the construction of a bridge across the Castlereagh River at Binnaway. Initial considerations favoured a suspension bridge. A deputation from Binnaway comprising Messrs A.A. Frew, G.C. Roper and W. L. Greenhalgh advised that the government had offered £725 towards the cost of a bridge. The same deputation requested that the proposal for a suspension bridge be abandoned.

In March 1923 Council considered a letter from the Public Works Department confirming its offer of £725 towards the cost of the bridge on the condition that the bridge should not be more than 6ft above the bed of the river and the approaches not be steeper than 1 in 10. Council initially proposed construction of a timber bridge and forwarded plans to the Department of Public Works for approval. Following a review of plans and specifications the Department requested that an amended design be submitted.

The following historical notes are from Robyn Bull's book Binnaway on the Castlereagh.

p.39

William Lesley and Florence May Greenhalgh (nee Holt) were married in Coonabarabran in 1910 and made their home at Luxall, four miles south of Binnaway ... William stood for Council 1926, and represented Binnaway until 1931. During his term of office the cement bridge over the Castlereagh was built. Florence had the honour of breaking the bottle of champagne and declaring it open. Many of the 'old timers' considered building such a bridge a complete waste of money as the first big flood would surely wash it away. Many floods have come and gone but the bridge is still there.

p.66

In November 1925, tenders were called for the construction of a bridge crossing the Castlereagh River at Binnaway. A tender was received from John Jamieson for £2,854 and Councillor Greenhalgh moved that the tender be accepted, subject to there being no increased cost to the council, owing to the 44-hour week. In July 1926, Council resolved that a deduction of £38 be made from the contract price of the Binnaway bridge, and an extra vote of £79 be made for additional work.

The site of the cement bridge became a favourite swimming place soon after its opening.

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	3. Economy	Transport	

**Designer:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

**Year started:** 1925

**Year completed:** 1926

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** The cement bridge is a basic reinforced concrete beam bridge. The piers and beams were formed on site with timber formwork.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The bridge appears to be in good condition.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** The ongoing management of the bridge should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is structurally sound.

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Management category</b>	<b>Management name</b>
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**Item name:** Cement Bridge

**Location:** Warrumbungle

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The cement bridge at Binnaway has a high level of local historical significance as one of the first concrete bridges constructed in the region. It is also representative of the innovations introduced by the Coonabarabran Shire Council during the 1920s.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The cement bridge has associations with former Binnaway resident and local Councillor William Greenhalgh and has moderate historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The cement bridge is a rare local example of a large reinforced concrete bridge formed on site. It is relatively intact and retains its original style of construction. It therefore has a high level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The Cement Bridge has moderate social significance as a favourite swimming location for Binnaway's younger generations throughout the 20th century.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** As a surviving early 20th century reinforced concrete beam bridge the cement bridge at Binnaway has high technical/research significance at a local level.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The cement bridge is a rare example of a 1920s reinforced concrete bridge in the Coonabarabran district. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The cement bridge at Binnaway is representative of the upgrading of roads and river crossings by local councils during the early 20th century. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The cement bridge at Binnaway possesses a high degree of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Bull, R.	Binnaway on the Castlereagh	1986
	Coonabarabran Shire Council	Minutes of Council Meetings	1922
	Coonabarabran Shire Council	Minutes of Council Meetings	1923

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**Item name:** Christ Church Coonabarabran**Location:** corner Cowper and Dalgarno Streets Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

**Address:** corner Cowper and Dalgarno Streets**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coonabarabran**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Religion**Category:** Church**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Church**Former uses:** Church**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Christ Church Coonabarabran is a fine example of an Inter-War Gothic building constructed in face brick. As the focus of worship of the Coonabarabran Anglican community, and an element of the Inter-War development of the town, the church has associations with many Coonabarabran district families who participated in its construction and who have provided memorial windows. A number of local persons have chosen to have their remains interred in a rose garden adjacent to the eastern wall.

It has a high level of local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance. It also has a moderate level of local technical/research significance. The church is also considered to have a high local level of representativeness and integrity.

**Historical notes of provenance:** The existence of places to worship was of great importance to many of the people of New South Wales. As communities were established moves were made to create spaces and buildings for the practice of religious observances. Early settlers experienced isolation from the clergy of all Christian denominations.

The Church of England was the first to establish a full-time presence in the Coonabarabran district and to build a church, which was completed in 1874 on a site in Robertson Street (Pickette & Campbell 1983:96-97).

A new church was envisioned in the 1930s and Mudgee architect Harold Hardwick was engaged by the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst. The foundation stone for the new church was laid by Arnold Wyld, Bishop of Bathurst on 21 October 1938. The building was completed in 1939.

As well as being a place of worship the church has become a place of memory for its members. Numerous memorial stained glass windows have been installed in the window openings of the nave. These remember various parishioners and their families. The area along the eastern wall near the vestry has been converted into a memorial garden with numerous sets of ashes interred among rose bushes.

**Themes:** National theme  
8. Culture**State theme**  
Religion**Local theme****Designer:** Harold Hardwick, Mudgee**Builder:** Unknown**Year started:** 1938**Year completed:** 1939**Circa:** No

**Item name:** Christ Church Coonabarabran

**Location:** corner Cowper and Dalgarno Streets Coonabarabran 2357

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**Physical description:** Christ Church is an Inter-War Gothic style building constructed with face brick laid in stretcher bond. The building has a slate roof. The external walls feature prominent external buttresses and access is gained through ledged and braced doors with lancet arches. Windows are set in groups of three.

Interior ceilings are lined with Caneite.

The foundation stone of the church reads:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
THIS STONE WAS LAID BY  
THE RIGHT REVEREND  
ARNOLD LOMAS WYLDE M.A.  
LORD BISHOP OF BATHURST  
ON THE 21ST OCTOBER 1938

A separate plaque reads as follows:

†  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
THE FLAGS FLOWN HERE WERE GIVEN BY  
THE REVEREND KEVIN MASTERS  
AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION TO  
CHRIST CHURCH  
DEDICATED 29TH JULY, 1981

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The property and its structures are well maintained and in excellent condition.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** As the focus of worship of the Coonabarabran Anglican community, and an element of the Inter-War development of the town Christ Church has a high level of local historical significance.  
**[Historical significance]**

**Criteria b):** The church has associations with many Coonabarabran district families who participated in its construction and who have provided memorial windows. A number of local persons have chosen to have their remains interred in a rose garden adjacent to the eastern wall. Christ Church has a high level of local historical association significance.  
**[Historical association significance]**

**Item name:** Christ Church Coonabarabran

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**Criteria c):** Christ Church is a fine example of an Inter-War Gothic building constructed in face brick. It is considered to have a high level of aesthetic significance at a local level.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** Christ Church has a high level of social significance at a local level. It was developed through community action and represents the aspirations of the Anglican community of Coonabarabran.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The church building has the potential to provide information regarding the construction of church buildings in the mid 20th century. It has a moderate level of local technical/research significance  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The building is one of many gothic style church buildings constructed in the mid 20th century. It is considered to possess little heritage significance in relation to rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The church is representative of churches built in the mid 20th century and is also representative of the endeavour of the people of Coonabarabran who worked towards its construction. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** Christ Church Coonabarabran has a high level of integrity.

<b>References:</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year</b>
	Pickette, J & Campbell. M.	Coonabarabran as it Was in the Beginning	1983

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	Ray Christison	Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study		2006
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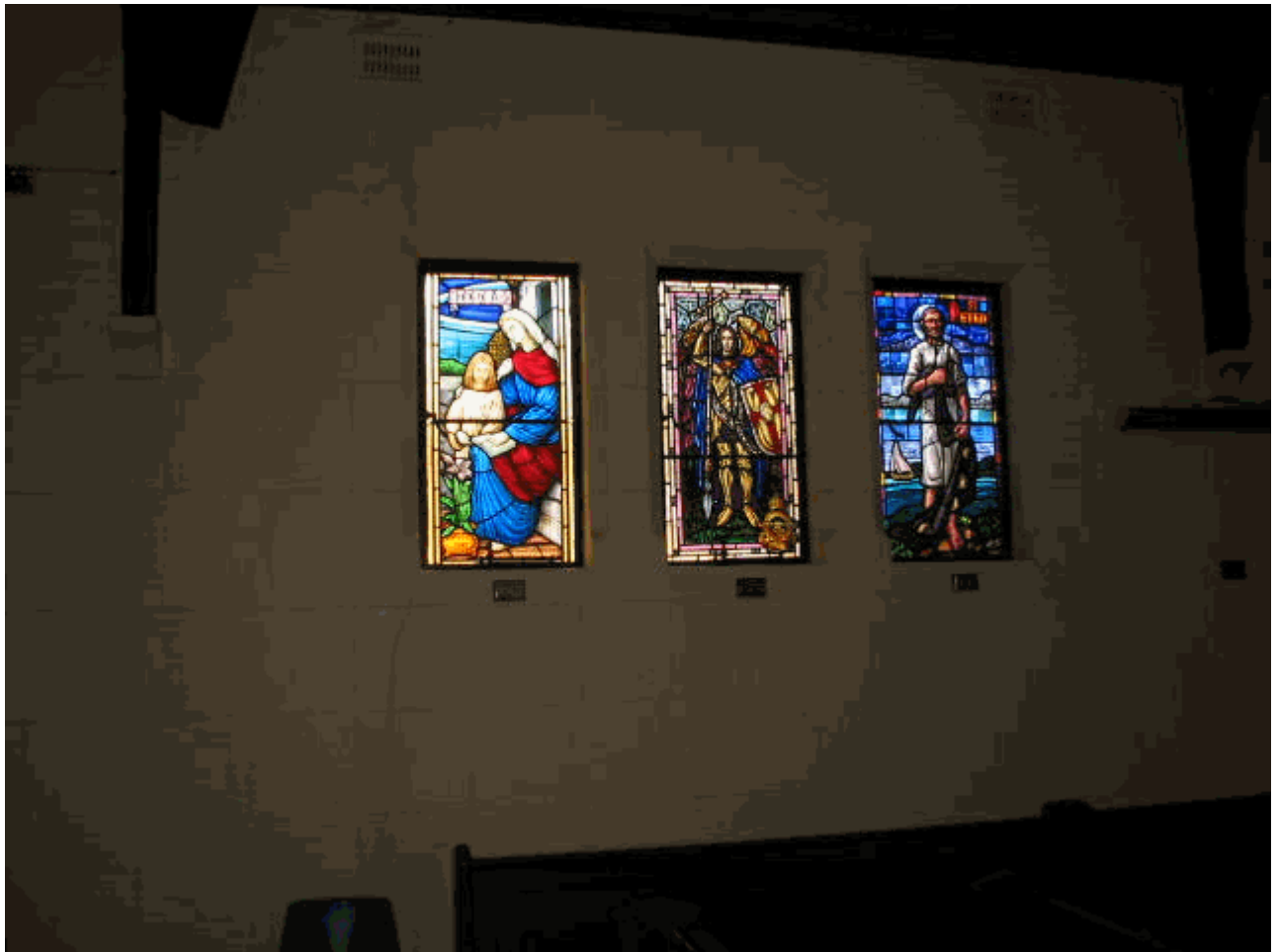
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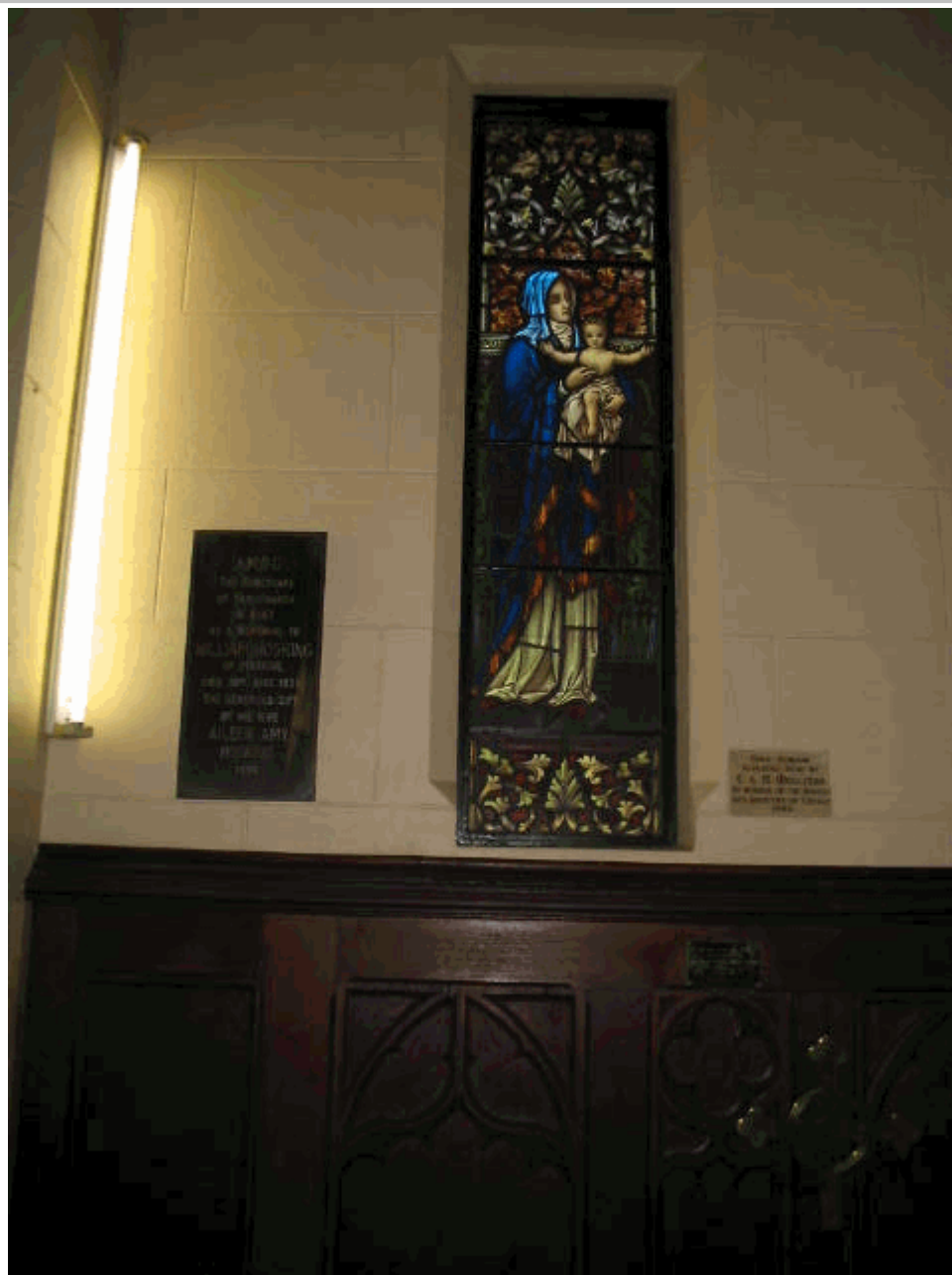
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**Item name:** Cobbled Road, Kenebri**Location:** off Gwabegar Road Kenebri 2396

Warrumbungle

**Address:** off Gwabegar Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Kenebri 2396**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Baradine**State:** NSW**County:** Baradine**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Transport - Land**Category:** Road**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Not in use**Former uses:** Road**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The cobbled road, 10 km south of the village of Kenebri, is historically significant as evidence of early road building techniques and has the potential to reveal information on early transport routes in the Pilliga. The road, approximately only a 250m section remains or is visible, is a good example of cobbled road construction utilising stone from outside the area. Although its date of construction is unknown the cobbled road most likely predates the current Gwabegar Road which was notified as a Travelling Stock Route in July, 1890.

**Historical notes of provenance:** The Baradine district was first settled by Europeans from the late 1830s onwards when Andrew Brown on behalf of James Walker, of Wallerawang station, established a 20,000 acre run he called Baradean, which operated as an outstation of Goorianawa. The Walker family held the run until 1867. The site of Baradine was gazetted on 16 October, 1865. By 1866 there were 30 people living in the village, which was later proclaimed a town in 1885. The town became the centre for forestry industries which developed in the northern and western Pilliga, a role that sustained the town for 100 years.

As the years passed tracks were developed which branched out from Baradine to Coonabarabran, Goorianawa, Coonamble and Pilliga. Travel and communication with Sydney in the mid 1860s was by horse or dray to Cassilis via Coonabarabran, then by coach to Singleton and rail to Newcastle, finally by steamer, by the 1880s travel had become much more readily accessible and reduced in travel time to Sydney which was then by coach to either Gunnedah or Wellington and hence by rail to Sydney.

It is unknown when the cobbled road south of Kenebri was constructed. It most likely predates the current Gwabegar Road which was notified as a Travelling Stock Route in July, 1890. The railway line to Gwabegar was completed by 1923, and closely follows the line of the main road from Baradine to Gwabegar. The cobbled road branches off the main road to a point close to the Baradine Creek, necessitated by either access to water or to navigate around areas of deep sandy soils. Eric Rolls in *A Million Wild Acres* describes the treacherous bogs and quicksands of the Pilliga where 'once vehicle or beast has broken through it is difficult to break out.'

**Themes:** **National theme**  
3. Economy**State theme**  
Transport**Local theme****Designer:****Builder:** Unknown**Year started:****Year completed:****Circa:** Yes

**Item name:** Cobbled Road, Kenebri

**Location:** off Gwabegar Road Kenebri 2396

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**Physical description:** The cobbled road, Kenebri is a section of road, approximately 250m in length, 5m in width and running north-west to south-east. It lies about 100m to the west of Baradine Creek. It is constructed of bush rock, principally shaped sandstone cobbles with high quartz content and laid in a hard packed earth bed with an evident camber in places. The stone is believed to not originate from the local area and may have been selected for its hardness and durability. The stones have a flattened face either through weathering and use or were split and shaped for its intended purpose.

**Physical condition level:** Fair

**Physical condition:**

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** - Continue to record and research the roads history.

- Continue to maintain including the removal of vegetation which threaten the stability of the road.

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Management category</b>	<b>Management name</b>
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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The cobbled road is historically significant as evidence of early road building techniques and has the potential to reveal information on early transport routes in the Pilliga.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):**  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The stonework of the cobbled road is of good quality and shows creative endeavour and achievement to create a well formed road that has continued to withstand the weathering effects of the environment.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** It provides evidence for the use of stonework in road construction that is no longer utilised. It represents the use of stone to transform the landscape in order to facilitate access for various methods of transportation in the late Nineteenth Century in a sandy location.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The cobbled road is highly rare in the area. A rare example of the use of stone from outside the area rather than local stone available at hand.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The cobbled road represents late nineteenth roads built for local purposes to overcome the hazardous nature of the environment.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:**

**Item name:** Cobbled Road, Kenebri**Location:** off Gwabegar Road Kenebri 2396

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References:	Author	Title	Year
	Rolls, Eric	A Million Wild Acres	2011
	Cutts, Liz and Kildey, Roslyn	Baradine: A Town Full of History	2015

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**Location:** off Gwabegar Road Kenebri 2396

Warrumbungle

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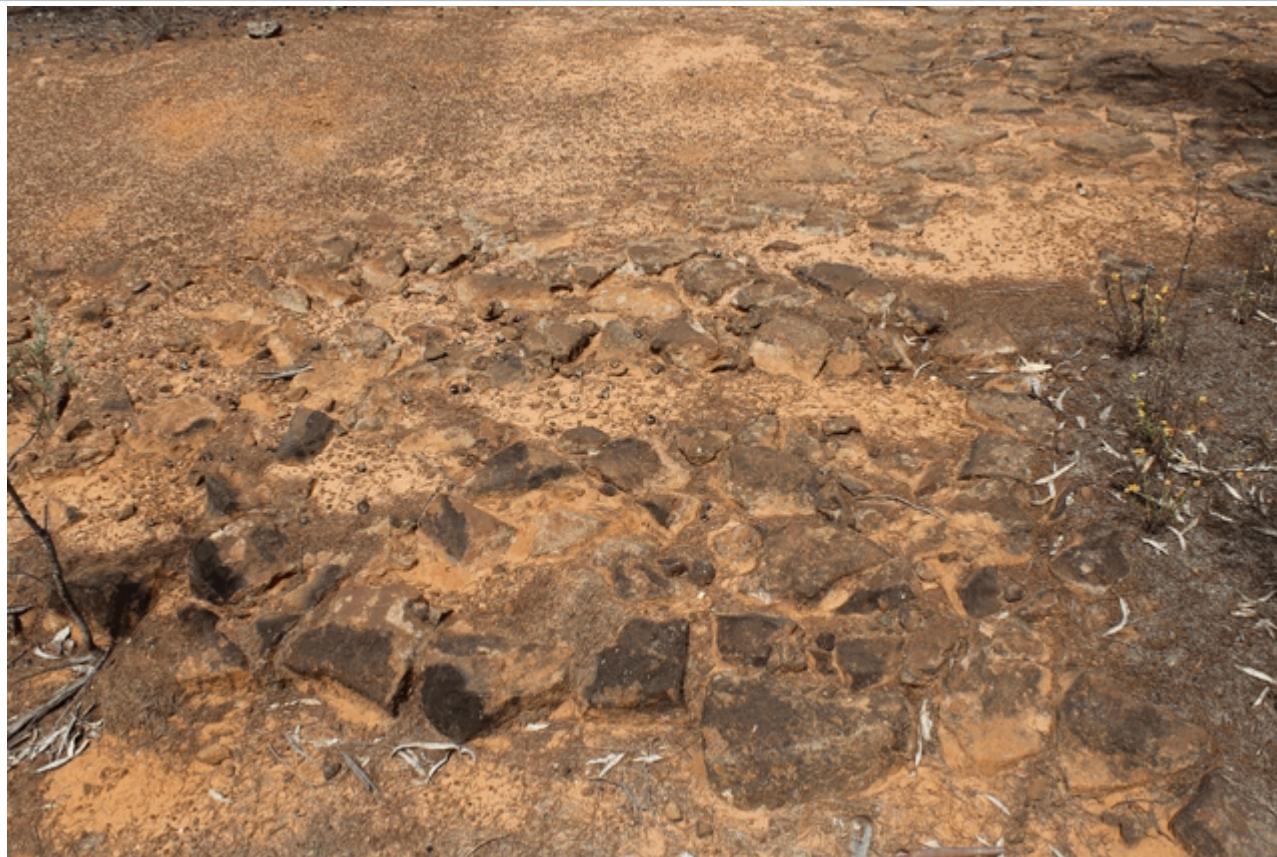
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**Item name:** Cobbora Hall

**Location:** 18 Dunedoo Street Cobbora 2843

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 18 Dunedoo Street

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Cobbora 2843

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Cobborah

**State:** NSW

**County:** Lincoln

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:**

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Community Facilities

**Category:** Hall Public

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Community Hall/function venue

**Former uses:** Community Hall

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Cobbora Hall has been a focus of activity for the Cobbora community for over 100 years. It was previously relocated to a sporting ground in the late 1950s where it later fell into disrepair. In the c.2010s the hall was restored and relocated back to its original site and has regained its place as a social hub.

**Item name:** Cobborra Hall

**Location:** 18 Dunedoo Street Cobborra 2843

Warrumbungle

**Historical notes of provenance:** The Rouse brothers, John, Richard and Edwin were probably grazing stock in the Cobborra district in the early 1850's. They had taken up Guntawang Run on the Cudgong near Gulgong and the Mundooran run on the Castlereagh near Mendooran. The first person interested in acquiring land at Cobborra was Robert Martin who chose 1,280 acres at Cobrow (Cobborra) on the southern side of the Talbragar River. Richard Rouse later procured 640 acres on the western boundary of Martin's selection.

The Cobborra Hall was constructed by the community in 1915 and has been the focus of community events for over 100 years. The hall was relocated in about 1958 from its original site alongside the Cobborra courthouse to a sporting ground, 2 kms distant. It was part of a sports centre and there were 3 or 4 tennis courts in front of it, still evident. The hall fell into disrepair and was relocated back to near its original site in c.2012 and restored for use as a community hall and function venue.

On April 1st, 1915 the Mudgee Guardian described the hall as one of the largest and up-to-date halls in the district and built according to the requirements of the Theatres and Public Halls Act. The hall was opened on Friday 16th July, 1915 with over 300 people present. Mr Inder, one of the oldest residents, performed the opening ceremony speech. Dinner was held and music provided by Messrs. Hughes and Sons and the Dunedoo Town Band (Mudgee Guardian 22nd July, 1915).

**The Kookaburra March**

Although there were ten Recruiting Marches during World War 1, only two of them commenced from the same region. These were the 'Cooee March' which left Gilgandra on Sunday 10th October, 1915 and arrived in Sydney, 535 kms away on Friday 12th November, 1915; and the 'Kookaburra March' which commenced at Tooraweenah on Wednesday 12th January, 1916 and ended at Bathurst on Thursday 3rd January, 1916, a distance of 378 kms.

After leaving Tooraweenah, the Kookaburras marched through Yarragrinn, Mendooran, Boomley, Cobborra, Dunedoo, Craboon, Birriwa, Tallawang, Gulgong, Mudgee, Havilah, Lue, Rylstone, Kandos, Clandulla, Ilford, Running Stream, Capertee, Ben Bullen, Portland, Meadow Rat, Yetholme and finally to Bathurst. They started with 25 recruits and ended up with 92 enrolees.

After marching via Boomley, from Mendooran, the Kookaburras on their fifth day from the start of the March from Tooraweenah reached Cobborra on Monday 17th January, 1916. The Mudgee Guardian of the day quoted that the 43 Kookaburras were a fine stamp of men and were delighted with the fine reception they had been given at Cobborra. Mr. Barry Weeks, a resident of Coonabarabran later commented that the Kookaburras marched 22 to 24 klms a day. The men were well fed, as residents along the way provided cooked turkeys and fowls for them. Although four men promised to enlist at Cobborra, only one joined the March there. He was E.W.G. Marsh who was born near Stroud, NSW. As the Marchers left Cobborra, they were presented with a tame kookaburra bird by a local boy.

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	8. Culture	Leisure	
	8. Culture	Social institutions	Community Hall

**Designer:**

**Builder:** R. V. Falconer (foreman)

<b>Year started:</b>	<b>Year completed:</b> 1915	<b>Circa:</b> No
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**Physical description:** The Cobborra Hall is a timber framed iron clad building with a gable roof and an attached, corrugated iron clad entrance porch at its northern end. The walls are clad in corrugated iron laid horizontally. On the western side elevation a central door is flanked each side by a window. Each window has its own small awning over. A reverse skillion kitchen/service wing is attached on the eastern side.

**Physical condition level:** Good

**Physical condition:**

**Item name:** Cobbora Hall

**Location:** 18 Dunedoo Street Cobbora 2843

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**Archaeological  
potential level:**

**Archaeological  
potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Relocated to sports ground in c.1958-1960.

Relocated back to near its original site in c.2010s. The original orientation was to River Street to the east.

**Recommended management:** - Continue to record and research this place's history.

**management:** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

- The curtilage or setting of this building or place that this refers to, for purposes of listing (where applicable) shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.

**Management:** **Management category**

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Cobbora Hall has a moderate level of historic significance at a local level. It is symbolic of the development of the village of Cobbora in the early twentieth century.  
**[Historical significance]**

**Criteria b):**  
**[Historical association significance]**

**Criteria c):**  
**[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]**

**Criteria d):** The Cobbora Hall has a high level of social significance as the location for numerous community events and meetings over 100 years.  
**[Social/Cultural significance]**

**Criteria e):**  
**[Research significance]**

**Criteria f):**  
**[Rarity]**

**Criteria g):** The Cobbora Hall is representative of country halls in small villages. It is also representative of the style of community buildings constructed in the early Twentieth Century.  
**[Representative]**

**Intactness/Integrity:** The Cobbora Hall has remained reasonably intact and has a high level of integrity.

<b>References:</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year</b>
	Roy Cameron	The Kookaburra March	2005

<b>Studies:</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Year</b>
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 8	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018



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**Location:** 18 Dunedoo Street Cobbora 2843

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Heritage study

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Status: Completed

**Item name:** Cobbora Hall

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Cobbora Hall and Tennis courts, c.2004 in previous location

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**Item name:** Cobbora Hall

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**Caption:** Cobbora Hall, view looking south east from Dunedoo Street

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**Caption:** Cobbora Hall, view looking north west

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**Item name:** Cohen's Stone Wall

**Location:** 11997 Golden Highway Uarbry 2329

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**Address:** 11997 Golden Highway

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Uarbry 2329

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Uarbry

**State:** NSW

**County:** Bligh

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Farming and Grazing

**Category:** Stone wall

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Paddock stone wall

**Former uses:** Paddock stone wall

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The fine aesthetic qualities of a stone wall in the landscape today remind passers by of the past efforts early farmers made to alter their landscape. A dry stone wall fence of this scale is quite rare in this part of NSW, and forms part of a tradition brought to Australia by early settlers from their homelands. Cohen's stone wall demonstrates past farming practices including the enclosure of paddocks and improvement of lands for agricultural and pastoral purposes.



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**Historical notes of provenance:** A dry stone wall is a structure or part of a structure that is built in stone without mortar or other binding material. It is a skill that has survived for many centuries in other countries. Even in Australia some of our stone dry walls are over one hundred and fifty years of age. The Dry Stone Wall Association of Australia in their web site state: 'Dry stone walling in Australia emerged in the mid 1850's in areas where there was a proliferation of stone in the landscape which necessitated a clearing of the land. Although built as the most economic form of fencing, specific historical association can also be made with particular landowners as so often the style of the wall also reflects the status of the builder. Construction by both Anglo Celtic and European migrants the walls are historically significant standing as to a time when artisan skills portrayed the patterns of our early settlement albeit agrarian and connected with grazing as the chief rural industry, their aesthetic qualities and strong cultural form create visual difference and picturesque qualities that allude to romantic traces of ruins to the landscape.'

The owner of the property at the time of the construction of the dry wall was George Cohen. He and his wife Mary arrived in Australia on the 'United Kingdom' with their children, Mary Agnes, age 3 years (later Uarbry Postmistress) and John Joseph, age 10 months and Mary's sister, Catherine Healey, aged 24 years. They were residents of Kilcolman, Mayo, Ireland. No doubt George became familiar in dry stone wall construction whilst living in Ireland.

George was employed by Robert Fitzgerald and worked and lived on Fitzgerald's property at Windsor until 1854. The family then moved onto Fitzgerald's station at 'Tongy' which borders onto the village of Uarbry. Children of George and Mary were Agnes, born 1840; John Joseph, 1843; Bridget, 1845; Catherine, 1848; George, 1851; Andrew, 1853; and William, 1855.

George Cohen purchased from the Crown 48 acres of land on the Talbragar River in 1859 for 46 pounds and later acquired an additional 185 acres. He died on 17th August, 1894, age 84 years. His widow passed away on 7th December, 1897, age 77 years. Both are buried in the Uarbry Cemetery together with siblings John Joseph and Mary Agnes.

George constructed their first family home of slab construction three and a half kilometre from Uarbry near the junction of the present Golden Highway and the now closed Redbank Road, which at one time joined the Blue Springs Road at Ross crossing. Their home would have been near the present residence of Mrs E. A. Goodman of 'The Ranch', Uarbry. Being near a road junction the locality was ideal for the establishment of the first Uarbry Post Office and a nearby initial Uarbry School. The eastern portion of George's land fronted the Talbragar River with its rich alluvial soil. Land on the western section, although suitable for the grazing of animals, when first taken up by George was rather stoney. Thus George's skill and hard work allowed him to remove the stones and construct Cohen's wall as we know it today.

Mary Agnes Cohen was Uarbry's second postmaster. She was appointed on 1st April 1872, and held the position for 40 years. She conducted the post office from the Cohen family home. When she passed away at the age of 82 years in 1921, the post office was transferred to the present village of Uarbry. The Uarbry school was about 4 kms away from the Cohen's residence in a south westerly direction and on the eastern side of the Talbragar River. It operated from 1869 to 1910, when it also was removed to the Uarbry village.

Legend has it that the bushranger F. W. Ward (Captain Thunderbolt) robbed the Mudgee Mail at Cassilis and planted 360 sovereigns near Cohens P. O. and may be there still.

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	3. Economy	Pastoralism	
	9. Phases of Life	Persons	
	5. Working	Labour	

**Designer:**

**Builder:** George Cohen

**Year started:** 1860

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** Yes

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**Physical description:** This is a long stone wall built by George Cohen who lived here as an early settler. Once there was a second wall but this was demolished and its stone was used in road works. Near this site stood the original Uarbry Post Office and Hotel, neither have any remains today. It is also on the banks of the Talbragar in flood.

Built to clear the paddocks and used as a stock wall. The stone came from the immediate area. They are heavy sandstone of high iron content in their natural shape. The wall is approximately 1.2 metres high, 600mm wide and about 90 metres long. Well stacked, this dry stone wall has lasted well, only breaking up now in the centre.

A nearby dead survey marked tree indicated where the Leadville to Cassilis rail line was to come through, and was close by the Uarbry – Gulgong Road. The tree was destroyed in the Sir Ivan fire in 2017.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** fair to good

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Could have been constructed over a long period of time from 1859 to 1890. A second stone wall was previously removed and used for road construction.

**Recommended management:** - Continue to maintain.

- Continue to record and research this place's history.

- The curtilage or setting of this site that this refers to shall be taken as being the place as described and an area of 20 metres around it.

**Management:** **Management category**

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):**  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The wall is historically associated with George Cohen, an early settler in the area who migrated to Australia from Ireland and worked for Robert Fitzgerald on Tongy before purchasing his own property on the Talbragar River in 1859.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** Cohen's stone wall is a good, intact example of a skillfully laid dry stone wall constructed in the mid Nineteenth Century.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):**  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** Intact stone walls are relatively rare in regional NSW.  
[Rarity]

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**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:** Cohen's stone wall has a high level of integrity/intactness

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Cohen's Dry Stone Wall - Uarbry	2005

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 5	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Item name:** Cohen's Stone Wall

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Cohen's Stone Wall, view looking south west

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**Item name:** Commonwealth Bank**Location:** corner John and Cassilis Streets Coonabarabran 2357

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**Address:** corner John and Cassilis Streets**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coonabarabran**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Finance**Category:** Bank**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Bank**Former uses:** Bank**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Coonabarabran branch of the Commonwealth Bank is an example of an Inter-War Art Deco style commercial building with an attached residence. It has an impressive presence in the street and is considered to have a high level of local aesthetic significance. The bank is a strong physical expression of the mid twentieth century prosperity and growth of Coonabarabran. It has a moderate level of local historical, social and technical/research significance.

The bank building also has a high level of integrity and a moderate level of representativeness.

**Historical notes of provenance:** The site was presumably purchased by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in the 1930s and the current bank building was constructed in 1936 by Alex Burns for a firm of builders G. J. Taylor & Sons (Pickette, 2010). A series of photographs taken in John Street in 1940 show the completed Commonwealth Bank in its current location.

The current Commonwealth Bank building is one of many fine Art Deco buildings constructed by the bank after its formation by the Commonwealth Government in 1911-1912. It remains in the ownership of the bank.

**Themes:** National theme

State theme

Local theme

3. Economy

Commerce

4. Settlement

Towns, suburbs and villages

**Designer:** Department of the Interior**Builder:** G. J. Taylor & Sons**Year started:** 1936**Year completed:****Circa:** No

**Physical description:** The Commonwealth Bank building in Coonabarabran is constructed on a corner block in the Inter-War Art Deco style of architecture. Features of this style evident in the building include:

- A symmetrical façade,
- Division of the façade into vertical bays,
- Geometrically stylised columns ,
- An emphatic portal,
- Simple surfaces,
- Façade designed to emphasise the vertical lines of the building.
- low-relief ornamentation over the windows and to the parapet;
- ornamental metal grille work.

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**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The property and its structures are generally in very good condition.

The site is considered to have a moderate level of archaeological potential.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** An access ramp has been installed on the northern side of the building. The eastern window on the northern side of the building has been converted into a doorway to allow access from this ramp. Large mural painted on southern wall.

Until 2005 the building carried an art deco colour scheme. This has been replaced by a corporate paint scheme.

**Recommended management:** - The building should be managed in a way which ensures its ongoing structural and aesthetic integrity.  
- The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should ideally be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Coonabarabran branch of the Commonwealth Bank is a strong physical expression of the mid twentieth century prosperity and growth of Coonabarabran. It has a moderate level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The bank building has little historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The bank is a handsome example of an Inter-War Art Deco style commercial building with an attached residence. It has an impressive presence, in concert with the neighbouring former Rural Bank, is considered to have a high level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** As an expression of the commercial development of Coonabarabran in the mid 20th century the bank has a moderate level of local social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The bank is a relatively intact example of its kind and is considered to have a moderate level of local technical/research significance.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The bank is considered to have a low level of rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Commonwealth Bank is representative of the many bank branches that have existed in smaller communities. It is considered to have a moderate level of representativeness.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The Commonwealth Bank building has a high level of integrity.

**Item name:** Commonwealth Bank**Location:** corner John and Cassilis Streets Coonabarabran 2357

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References:	Author	Title	Year
	Apperly, R., Irving, R. & Reynolds, P.	A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture	1996
	Pickette, J. & Campbell, M.	Coonabarabran as it was in the beginning. A history of Coonab:	1983
	Morrissey, T.	Memories of Coonabarabran	1980
	Pickette, J.	Coonabarabran: As Time Goes By	2010

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Ray Christison	Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study		2006
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Item name:** Commonwealth Bank

**Location:** corner John and Cassilis Streets Coonabarabran 2357

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Commonwealth Bank, north elevation

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**Caption:** Commonwealth Bank, west elevation, c.2006

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**Image:**



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**Caption:** Commonwealth Bank, looking south east, c.2005

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**Caption:** Details of metal grilles around the entrance to the Coonabarabran Commonwealth Bank, c.2005

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**Image:**

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**Caption:** Commonwealth Bank, detail of metal grille above entry door, c.2006

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**Caption:** Commonwealth Bank, detail of fanlight, c.2006

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**Item name:** Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms)

**Location:** 13 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 13 Binnia Street

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Coolah

**State:** NSW

**County:** Napier

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Education

**Category:** School - State (public)

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Public school

**Former uses:** Public school

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** An important school building associated with many families in the town, which dates from early Coolah town history. A well kept and attractive, yet typical school building that still plays an important part in school life.

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**Location:** 13 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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**Historical notes of provenance:** The Rev. William S. Wilson, the Anglican Minister in Cassilis in 1868, was concerned with the establishment of a school at Coolah. The nearest school was the Turee Creek Provisional School 'at a distance of 8 to 10 miles across the ridges'. In April, 1868 he applied for a school at Coolah and four months later it became a reality, when a provisional school was opened in July providing an elementary education for 23 pupils. This first school like many others in the country for the period was constructed of slabs and covered with iron bark shingles. The materials were new and sound, but none of the rooms were sealed. The plan shows a 32 feet by 24 feet structure with two rooms on one side and three rooms on the other side. The cost of the building was 100 pounds subscribed by the inhabitants of the district.

School Inspector O'Byrne reported in 1878: 'The public school building is unfit for use as a school room. It cannot afford adequate accommodation for the present attendance which is on the increase'. He therefore supported representations for a new school which opened on 13th March, 1883. It was constructed of brick with a shingle roof the building providing accommodation for 55 pupils. An attached teachers residence was completed at the same time, the cost of both structures being 900 pounds.

In the mid 1880's a two rail fence was erected around the teachers residence at a cost of 27 pounds and the old school building was removed from the site and sold for 7.5 pounds. The old building was later used as a cottage hospital as there was no public hospital in Coolah at the time.

The first Arbor Day was celebrated at the school in 1891. Money was collected from local residents to pay for the planting of ornamental trees supplied by the Department and the balance was used to start a school lending library, supplemented by proceeds from a concert.

The head teacher, Alfred H. Frazer, in 1904, wrote to the Department;- 'I have the honour to report that, owing to the increased attendances, the present accommodation is inadequate and suggests the addition of a class room to accommodate 50 pupils. The enrollment at present is 87, and this number is sure to exceeded before Christmas'. Another class room was erected by May, 1904. It adjoined the old class room and measured 18 feet by 24 feet.

The need for extra accommodation arose again in 1913. A new class room was erected by the end of 1914, adjoining the class room built in the year 1913. An extra closed-in-verandah was also added, with a hat-room between the two and a sliding partitions between the 1904 class room and the new one. During the depression years, improvements and remodeling of the school was carried out as unemployment relief work and forty two dual desks were replaced with long desks.

By the early 1950's, the brick school built in 1883 was unable to be further added to and in 1955 a weather board block was erected in another area of the school grounds and this building was doubled in size in 1980. The slab and the brick schools at Coolah, were classified as provisional schools from July 1868 to April 1875, public schools from May 1875 to December 1943, central school from January 1944 onwards.

**Themes:** National theme  
6. Educating

State theme  
Education

Local theme

**Designer:** Public Works

**Builder:**

**Year started:** 1881

**Year completed:** 1883

**Circa:** No

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**Physical description:** The building is a Late Victorian period and style full brick structure with timber weatherboard clad additions on the eastern and western sides. The brickwork is generally laid in stretcher bond. Windows are timber framed and double hung, some with coloured glass panes. Many of the windows had toplights which have been blanked out. The roof is gabled and clad in corrugated iron and features two face brick chimneys. The roof also has a Dutch gable at its south western end, which is louvered. There is a rendered and painted plinth and window sills that are also generally painted.

On the front wall of this original school building is a rendered sign "Public School 1881".

At the rear of the school building there is a verandah area where the children can sit next to the play area. The verandah is supported on timber posts with decorative brackets.

The building has seen several changes over its life with additions to the northern side, but much of the original fabric is still intact. The gable on the rear end of the school building indicates where a window has been removed, and above it is a round rose vent.

Near to the school building is a bee-hive tank, a roughly rendered dome top with a square lid on the surface. In the school yard there are a number of advanced trees, in particular a London plane which is behind the schoolroom and close to the beehive well.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Good

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** New accommodation was added to the Coolah Central School in September 1981. The date of the original building is 1881.

**Recommended management:** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

**management:** - The curtilage or setting of this building for purposes of listing where applicable shall be taken as being the old classrooms building as described and an area of 20 metres around it.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Coolah Central School is an element of the development of Coolah that occurred in the mid to late Nineteenth Century.  
**[Historical significance]**

**Criteria b):**  
**[Historical association significance]**

**Criteria c):**  
**[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]**

**Criteria d):**  
**[Social/Cultural significance]**

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**Criteria e):**  
[Research  
significance]

**Criteria f):** The old classrooms at Coolah Central School is a rare example of a substantial classroom building constructed of face brickwork. It has a moderate level of significance in this regard.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Coolah Central School is representative of government schools constructed in the late Nineteenth Century.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Coolah Public School	2004

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	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Day 1	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Caption:** Coolah Primary School - Historical photo copy.

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**Caption:** Coolah Central School building with 'bee hive' tank in foreground.

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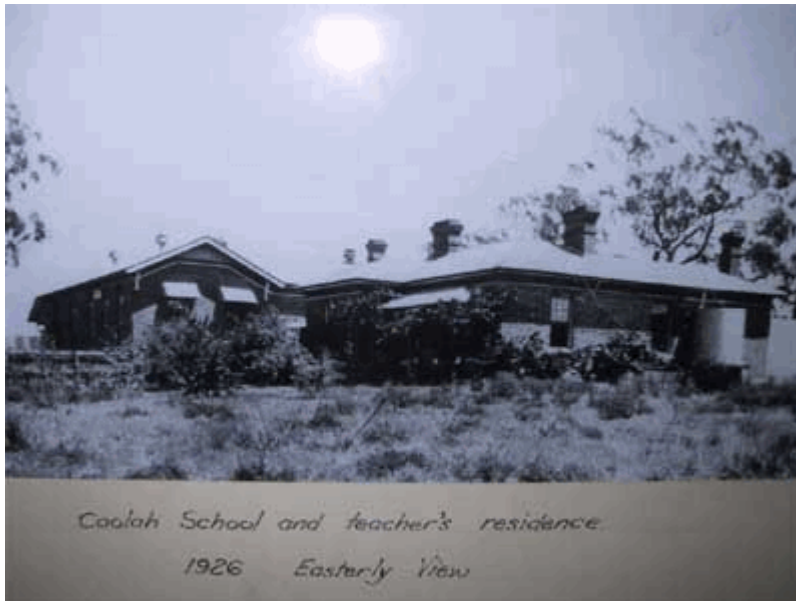
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**Caption:** 1926 photo - courtesy of Coolah School showing school and teachers house- the teachers house no longer standing.

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**Caption:** Coolah School - original classrooms.

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**Item name:** Coolah Fire Station**Location:** 33 Booyamurra Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 33 Booyamurra Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coolah**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Utilities - Fire Control**Category:** Fire Station**Owner:** State Government**Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Fire station**Former uses:** Fire station**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Coolah Fire Station is a good example of a mid Twentieth Century fire station building. It is constructed of profiled fibre cement walls with a low pitched skillion roof. Coolah Fire Brigade was established in 1946 following calls by the local community. The current building was constructed in 1968.

**Historical notes of provenance:** On December 29th, 1944 a public meeting was held in the Coolah School of Arts for the purpose on forming a fire brigade in Coolah. It was moved by Mr. H. Tucker that a fire brigade be formed and that the local shire Council be approached in connection with its formation as an official brigade. The matter of establishing a fire brigade in the town was discussed in previous decades but the Council considered the cost too high for it to bear.

Historical notes prepared by Coolah Historical Society:

The Fire Brigade in Coolah was established in 1946 and the first Station was built in Binnia Street adjacent to the former police station. The designated Station and call sign being Coolah 261. Mr Henry Tucker was the first captain, and Mr. C. B. Jackson, vice captain.

When first established, there was no reticulated water supply in town so the Brigade had to rely on private bores around the town. The main street precinct was serviced by Council keeping the town swimming pool full with a total capacity of 85,000 gallons ready for firefighting purposes.

In 1968 a new fire station was built in Booyamurra Street using a typical country fire station design that was specified for purpose by the Department of Public Works, by Coolah Shire Council. In 2018 the station is serviced by 10 men and women on a retained status and remains an operational Fire Rescue Brigade, 261.

**Themes:** **National theme**  
4. Settlement

**State theme**  
Utilities

**Local theme**

**Designer:** Department of Public Works**Builder:****Year started:****Year completed:** 1968**Circa:** No

**Item name:** Coolah Fire Station

**Location:** 33 Booyamurra Street Coolah 2843

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**Physical description:** Coolah Fire Station is a freestanding, single storey building constructed of profiled fibre cement walls with a low pitched skillion roof. Eaves are wide and lined with fibre cement sheeting with timber fascia boards. A engaged face brick pier wall is located at the eastern end of the south elevation. The engine room projects forward on the western side with the original glazed bi-folding doors. Three banks of stacked hopper windows articulate the southern elevation. Back-lit 'FIRE STATION' signs are located above the engine room doors and under the eaves.

**Physical condition level:** Excellent

**Physical condition:**

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

- The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Management category</b>	<b>Management name</b>
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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Coolah Fire Brigade was officially established in 1947 following calls by the community over a number of years. The station was located in Binnia Street before relocating to the current building in 1968.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):**  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The Coolah Fire Station is a good example of a mid Twentieth Century fire station building constructed of profile fibre cement cladding with a shallow pitched skillion roof. The building has some modest architectural styling with banks of vertical timber framed hopper windows and a contrasting brick pier wall.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):**  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** It is representative of country fire stations constructed throughout NSW during the mid Twentieth Century.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:**

**Item name:** Coolah Fire Station**Location:** 33 Booyamurra Street Coolah 2843

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References:	Author	Title	Year
	Coolah & District Historical Society	Coolah Fire Station	2018

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**Item name:** Coolah Fire Station

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**Caption:** Coolah Fire Station, view looking north east

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**Caption:** Coolah Fire Station, view looking north

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**Item name:** Coolah Hospital (Group of Older Buildings)

**Location:** 111-135 Martin Street Coolah 2843

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**Address:** 111-135 Martin Street

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Coolah

**State:** NSW

**County:** Napier

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Health Services

**Category:** Hospital

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Public Hospital

**Former uses:** Public Hospital

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** There are three historically significant buildings at Coolah Hospital: the original ward of 1909, the morgue and the isolation wing of 1913. They are attractive buildings still with many original features. Community effort was the principal contributor to the establishment of the hospital. The buildings demonstrate hospital facilities of the Federation period.

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**Location:** 111-135 Martin Street Coolah 2843

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**Historical notes of provenance:** As the population of the Coolah area grew the demand for a local hospital increased. Church of England Minister Reverend William Hotston upon his arrival Coolah in 1900, dedicated himself towards the establishment of a cottage hospital in Coolah. However, others wanted a more substantial building. By 1907 the subscribers to the Coolah Hospital Building Fund had raised several hundred pounds, and Edward James Scully, grazier and auctioneer of Coolah, had generously donated 10 acres of suitable land off upper Martin Street for the construction of the hospital.

In March 1908, the Fund Committee were informed by H. E. Horne, MLA, that the Chief Secretary had approved a contribution of 600 pounds as a special grant towards the construction of a new hospital. At the end of July, 1908, it was announced that the tender of M. H. Bennett, the well-known builder of Gulgong, in the sum of 1,030 pounds had been accepted for the work. The foundation stone was laid by Duncan McMaster, grazier of Gundare Station, Coolah.

At a meeting of the newly formed Hospital Committee on 5th March, 1909 it was decided that the date for the official opening should be the 28th April, 1909 with a grand ball to be held at night. Both functions were an unqualified success. At the opening several hundred people were present. There was keen disappointment in the Chief Secretary not being able to attend, but the Shire President John McMaster of Morven ably performed the official opening. At the conclusion of the function a collection was taken up resulting in a collection of 130 pounds being raised. 'Old Ned' writing in the Mudgee Guardian of 6th May, 1909 stated; 'They came to the opening in modern means of locomotion, to wit, up to date motor cars, motor bikes, motor sulkies, to Frank Sheppard's spanking four-in-hand, innumerable buggies and sulkies, and even the more useful, but possibly least imposing spring carts, were all in evidence. The different hostelries were taxed to find accommodation for the number of visitors.'

The hospital building when completed was a magnificent structure for its day being of brick on concrete foundations. All the outer walls are of 9 inch brick internal walls 4.5 inch brick, strengthened by two bands of cement, middle and top. The male wards are 22 feet by 21 feet, with walls 11 feet from floor to ceiling, for four beds; female wards 21 feet by 11.5 feet, two beds; two matron's rooms, 12 feet by 19.5 feet; a hall 5 feet and a corridor 4 feet. Opening off every ward is a bathroom fitted with a shower and plunge baths. At the rear of the building is a compact dispensary. The ceilings are of small corrugated iron, with centre flowers from Crane and Sons, Sydney.

There is a covered way from the kitchen wing to the main building, thereby protecting from the weather any one who has to pass from one building to the other. The kitchen wing consists of a kitchen 12 feet by 12 feet, a wardman's and cook's room, each 12 feet by 11 feet, a pantry 7 feet by 5 feet fitted with shelves and a laundry 12 feet by 10 feet, equipped with tubs, copper and related necessities. The water supply consisted of four 1000 gallon tanks, standing on a strong brick and cement foundation, connected together in pairs onto an overhead tank. Drainage is by pipes laid to a brick septic tank about 50 yards distant.

There is an entrance porch, and an 8 foot verandah runs around the three sides of the main building. Acetylene gas is laid on, and Tyree Perfection generators are used. The out-buildings, including the mortuary have been built to modern principles. Mr M. H. Bennett, of Gulgong, was the contractor, and succeeded in erecting a building that is a certainly an ornament to the town'

It appears that little provision was made for maternity cases, but one must remember that at the time at least two private maternity homes were operating in Coolah. As these private hospitals closed some of the verandah space of the main hospital wing was later converted for the use of maternity cases.

The initial staff consisted of a matron, a sister, two nurses, a cook-laundress and a handy man. The late Marjorie Bowles said in an interview that it was necessary to commence the day as cook-laundress at about 2.30 am in order to light the fire under the copper, clean part of the hospital and prepare the breakfasts. She worked six and a half days a week and on Wednesdays if she had cooked and served the dinner, washed up and set the trays for the evening meal she was allowed the remainder of the day off. The handy man was required to scrub all the wooden floors, milk the cows, attend to the fowls, and to chop all the wood used for cooking and heating. He

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**Location:** 111-135 Martin Street Coolah 2843

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also had a hospital vegetable garden he had to attend.

In 1913 this isolation ward was opened and named after the late John McMaster of Morven, Coolah. The cost was 375 pounds. Fortunately, the isolation ward served its purpose in July, 1919, when, as in other parts of the world, there was a serious outbreak of pneumonic influenza in the Coolah area. Over the years the number of infectious diseases decreased and the isolation ward was closed and later used as a maternity ward and then as a residence for the matron.

The first x-ray machine was installed in 1917 at a cost of 127 pounds, it being replaced in 1933 at a cost of 500 pounds with improvements added in 1936. In that year the Hospital Board was anticipating approval from the Hospital Commission for an operating theatre, X-ray room, and additional nurses accommodation, electric light installation and a general renovation of the whole of the buildings.

The Coolah Branch of the Country Women's Association commenced agitation for a separate maternity ward in 1932. However, it was a long wait. Twenty seven years later on 9th September, 1959 a maternity ward was erected on the northern side of the hospital. Later the maternity ward was closed and used generally for staff accommodation.

A new hospital costing approximately \$1,000,000 was opened on 20th October, 1979 by the Hon. Kevin Stewart, M. P., Minister for Health. The old hospital, which opened in 1909 was retained for community purposes.

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	9. Phases of Life	Birth and Death	
	9. Phases of Life	Birth and Death	former small hospital
	7. Governing	Welfare	

**Designer:**

**Builder:** M.H.Bennett of Gulgong for the hospital original main wing

**Year started:** 1908

**Year completed:** 1913

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** The older building group of the Coolah Hospital comprise the former main wing of the hospital, the former morgue building and a isolation ward building.

The former main wing building is now used a day care centre, with a sewing group and others using it as a meeting space. It is constructed in dark manganese face brickwork with a Dutch gabled roof clad in corrugated iron. There are still original chimneys. Generally the brickwork is in English garden wall bond but at the rear some walls are painted white. Windows are timber framed and double hung generally with sashes divided vertically into two. Inside ceiling heights are high, and there are some ripple iron ceiling linings. The decorative front windows are narrow and tall double hung windows with pairs of French doors with fan lights above. The stone at the front reads 'this stone was laid by Duncan McMaster President 5th December 1908'.

The small 'isolation ward' building is timber framed and clad in corrugated iron with a hipped roof clad in corrugated iron and a front verandah across the façade supported on 4 timber posts with federation style brackets. The ward is supported on timber stumps. Onto the front verandah open two pairs of French doors. There is also a plaque on the front wall attached to a panel of painted brickwork which is a central chimney. The plaque reads: 'John McMaster Memorial ward. This ward was erected by the people to perpetuate the memory of the late John McMaster (of) Morven 27th 09 1913'.

The morgue is constructed in manganese face brickwork with a gable roof clad in corrugated iron. Windows are timber framed double hung. There is a modern large carport to one side.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Good

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**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** The hospital was opened in 1909. The isolation ward in 1913. Both are now used for different purposes but remain part of the hospital complex. The verandah to the former main wing building has previously been infilled.

**Recommended management:** - Listing would only apply to the original 1908-9 hospital main wing building, the morgue and the 1913 isolation ward.

- Continue to maintain buildings in good order.

- The curtilage or setting of these buildings for purposes of listing where applicable, shall be taken as being only the older hospital buildings as described and an area of 20 metres around them.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** Coolah Hospital has high local historic significance as a place from where medical services have been provided to the people of Coolah and the surrounding districts from 1909 to the present day.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** Coolah Hospital has local significance as a place of significant and widespread community involvement and is associated with the former staff and committee members. Significant association is expressed on site with memorial plaques dedicated to early shire president John McMaster of Morven.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** Excellent examples of Federation style hospital buildings including the former main wing, isolation ward and morgue.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The hospital has significance for the local community, who had raised most of the funds for its establishment and continuous operation.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):**  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Coolah Hospital demonstrates the typical evolution of a country hospital as the needs of the local community changed.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Coolah District Hospital	2005



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Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Field day 2 on 21	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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Status: Completed

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Coolah Hospital former wards and now an Aged Care Facility.

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**Caption:** Former isolation ward built in 1913.

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Coolah Hospital former Morgue

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**Caption:** Plaque inside aged care facility.

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**Caption:** Former main wing, east elevation

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**Caption:** Former isolation wing, east elevation

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**Caption:** Former morgue, view looking north west

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**Item name:** Coolah Railway Yard Group

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**Address:** off Binnia Street

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Coolah

**State:** NSW

**County:** Napier

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Transport - Rail

**Category:** Railway Platform/ Station

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:**

**Former uses:**

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Coolah Railway Station was the terminus of the Coolah branch line. Although the station buildings have been removed it still provides evidence of this once important branch line of the NSW rail network.

The remaining railway tracks, former station passenger platform, name board and turntable have the ability to yield information about the infrastructure and layout of branch line terminus stations.

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**Historical notes of provenance:** The railway line from Craboon to Coolah was officially opened for public traffic on the 30th March, 1920. At the time the train to Coolah ran three times weekly to Coolah from Sydney via Mudgee and Gulgong on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, returning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

In July of that year the rail line on the Coolah branch was severely damaged due to floods and the railway yard in Coolah itself was submerged under floodwaters with the fences around the yards washed away. Much local talk at the time laid the blame at the railway surveyors who were forewarned of the bad location for the station and the line itself.

Coolah Railway Station:

Terminus Coolah at mileage 260m.27c and on altitude 1591'

The 250' platform was of timber face with earth filling, a concrete wall and a slate roof building housed the station masters office, waiting room and other necessary features as benefit a Terminus. In busy years a staff of two looked after Coolah, Terango, Girragulang and Hannah's Bridge. In the yard, storage for 78 wheel vehicles was provided, a 20 ton weighbridge, a 5 ton crane, loading bank, 30x12' goods shed and stock race.

The Turntable: 60' (18.28m) diameter turntable with 408.4m long crossing loop, near the turntable was a 203mm bore jib on a 20,000 litre tank delivered from a waterhole in the nearby Coolaburrugundy River by a Tangie pump.

The Coolah Railway Station provided a much needed freight and passenger service giving access to the larger regional centres, principally Mudgee and Dubbo, and the Port Cities of Sydney and Newcastle. During the war years of 1939 to 1945 the Coolah terminus provided an important service for the movement of the essential provisions manifested as sheep, cattle, wheat and legumes. Although passenger services were sometimes restricted in the war years, it was still the principle means of transport throughout the regions. The post war years saw a decline in the use of rail for livestock handling and an increased focus on wheat production. New Silos were built adjacent to the railway station in Coolah in the 50s and intermittent passenger services continued.

The last passenger train to leave Coolah was in 1972 and was a two car rail motor. The Craboon Coolah Railway line was officially closed in 1982.

Some of the things transported by rail services to and from Coolah:

Dairy products to the butter factory

Sheep and wool

Cattle

Superphosphate

Gypsum

General freight

Grocery and goods delivery to sidings from town business, specialist government services, such as dental, rural counselling and mobile health clinics.

Coolah, being a service town to the wider rural community, had received much benefit from the service of the Railway during the years of its operation.

**Themes:** National theme  
3. Economy

State theme  
Transport

Local theme

**Designer:**

**Builder:** NSW Department of Railways

**Year started:** 1920

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

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**Physical description:** The Coolah Railway Yard group consists of a timber faced platform located on the up side of the line. Still extant on the platform is the 'COOLAH' station name board. Further up the line is the turntable, which was a manually operated turning circle that supported an engine or carriage, and was so balanced that two men could manually turn it around. This turntable appears to be complete, with rail lines, track and turning support structure. The casting on the main structure is marked 'William Sellers & Co. Incorporated, Philadelphia 60 Ft.' The main structure consists of deep web steel beams punctuated with circles in the web. This in turn supports a full section of steel railway track on timber sleepers. This turntable is set over a shaped out dish depression in the ground and at each end a small concrete retaining wall where the moveable rails join back into the main rail lines. Nearby is the water column that once filled the steam trains.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Now abandoned, poor to fair condition.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** Where a place is described as a ruin there are no management strategies beyond minimal interference. Where possible the place should be able to deteriorate at its own natural rate.

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Management category</b>	<b>Management name</b>
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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** Opened in March, 1920 The Coolah Railway Station was the terminus on the Craboon-Coolah Branch Line and serviced the district until its closure in 1982. The last passenger train to Coolah ran in 1972.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):**  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):**  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The station complex was a hub of social and business activity in Coolah for many years. It is considered to have a moderate level of local social significance in this regard  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The remaining fabric in the Coolah Railway Yard provide rare evidence of the infrastructure and layout of a terminus station on a branch rail line in NSW.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]



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**Intactness/Integrity:** Little. Most of the structures and buildings at the Coolah railway station and yard have been removed.

**References:** Author Title Year

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 5	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Item name:** Coolah Railway Yard Group

**Location:** off Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Coolah Railway Yard Group, passenger platform and name board

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**Caption:** Coolah Railway Turntable

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**Caption:** Coolah Railway Yard Group, view of turntable looking south west

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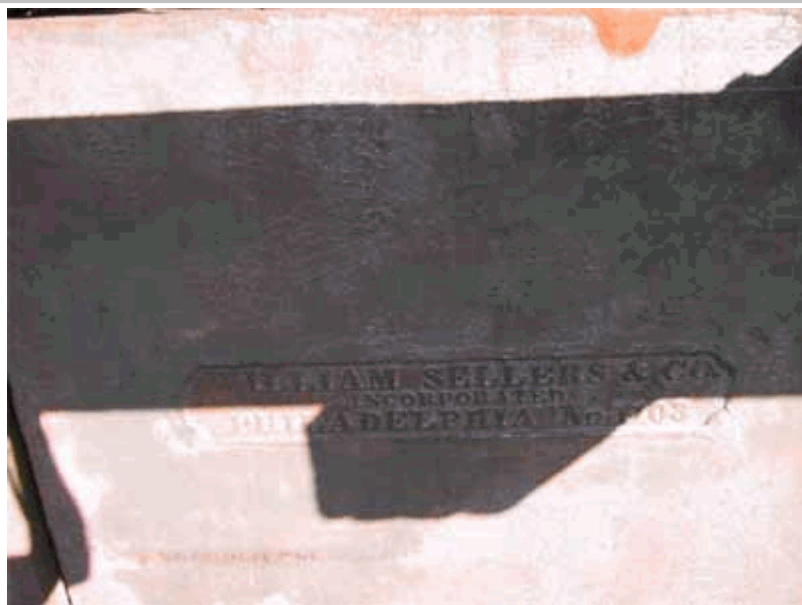
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**Caption:** Coolah Railway Yard Group, view of water column

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**Item name:** Coolah School of Arts**Location:** 89 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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**Address:** 89 Binnia Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coolah**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Community Facilities**Category:** School of Arts**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Day care centre**Former uses:** School of Arts**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:****Statement of significance:** A fine federation building that contrubutes to the main street and entry to the town of Coolah. Includes important local war memorials on the street front façade.

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**Historical notes of provenance:** Schools of Arts and Literary Institutes were set up in the early life of the Colony for the diffusion of knowledge that would be useful for the community and for the awakening a love of study by means of a library, news and reading rooms, lectures, classes for unity meetings, indoor sporting games, on terms within the reach of the less wealthy of the area. In communities where public halls did not exist these buildings catered for additional activities such as dances, balls, wedding breakfasts, flower shows, to mention a few. Where emphasis was placed upon teaching of a trade the buildings were called Mechanic institutes. Because Mechanical Institutes received more state funding their buildings were generally more grandiose. At some towns the same building served all three purposes.

The first school of arts building in Coolah was privately owned and was opened on 5th August, 1905 in lower Binnia Street. The foundation stone for the present Coolah School of Arts Soldiers Memorial was laid by J.M. Allison of Oakey Creek and Coomoo Coomoo on 26th December, 1918. He also donated the land. The building was completed by contractor W. V. Holland of Coolah on 6th January, 1921. The Mudgee Guardian newspaper of 13th January, 1921 reported:

'The School of Arts is a handsome structure; a noble edifice; it is an architectural ornament and a institutional addition of worth to the town, potentially of great value to the people of Coolah. Even more than that if is the memorial of an event which transcends its importance all other happenings in the history of our race; it is a witness to the ages of undying fame of Australia's sons in the greatest of all wars; it is a tribute of homage to the men of this district who fought and bled for the safety and freedom of our land...

First and foremost the building is a literary institute; secondly it is a social club.

There is a library and a reading room, a billiard room, a games and smoke room, and not at least a soldier's club room, which contains a billiard table, games table, gymnastics etc.

No gambling is permitted on the premises.

The building belongs to no particular type; it was designed by Mr Gildes, himself a soldier settler on the Oban Estate, who secured distinction for his plan (entered in the name of Jazz) in open competition. It consisted of five rooms and has a striking frontal appearance. This consists chiefly of a roomy portico ornamented by a marble crown and supported by tapered pillars... the interior has a bright and cheery appearance. It is well lighted and beautifully finished. The brick walls are cement plastered and the ceiling made of fibro-cement panels, whilst the windows are fashioned on approved lines and consist of white Artie glass, with shaded cathedral fanlights. The fire places and chimney breasts are checked off with tuck pointing.

On the exterior, standing between the raised letter title and the granite foundation stone is a commodious recess in the wall for the accommodation of a slab marble containing the names of district soldiers who have enlisted, in other words, the Honour Roll, which will adorn the deeds of gallantry and self-sacrifice never surpassed, if ever equalled, in the world's history.

The structure rests on a concrete foundation, built of Lithgow bricks with cavity walls containing a rough cast border beneath the eaves. The gable ends are finished off with fibro cement and provision is made for two 1000 gallon tanks...

The first entrance to the left of the portico is a billiard room 26 feet by 20 feet, with accommodation for two tables. Next to it is the office and store-room, small but apparently ample for its purpose. At the rear are the games and smokers rooms 20 feet by 18 feet. On the right of the passage or hall, 34 feet by 6 feet there are two more rooms. Facing the street is the library reading room 20 feet by 12 feet, and next is the soldiers club room being 35 feet by 25 feet.

The whole building has a frontage of 76 feet and a depth of 50 feet. The angles and window borders have alternating dark and light bricks, giving a border effect, whilst the painting on the outside is finished with cream and white and the inside woodwork stained in mission colour.'

Several years after opening a piano was purchase for musical evenings.

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The front wall contain marble plaques listing the name of local persons who from the area enlisted in the Sudan War, World War I, World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War. Crosses against name denote that these persons paid the supreme sacrifice. Names of persons who served in the Gulf War are yet to be added.

The first trustees of the new School of Arts were E.J. Scully, Alexander Stevenson and J. M. Stevenson. The building cost 700 pounds of which 500 pounds was available on the day that the foundation stone was laid, leaving only 200 pounds to be raised. It is apparent that the government did not contribute towards the capital cost of the building.

In the 1960's the Coolah School of Arts began to experience difficulties and office bearers were difficult to find. The trustees Arts Committee could not raise sufficient funds to maintain the property.

Coolah Branch of the Returned Soldiers League of NSW were contemplating their own premises. Poker machines had been installed in towns clubs, allowing them to provide improved amenities in their buildings. There was thus a move away from the use of facilities at the School of Arts. In 1968 the Coolah Pre-School had commenced to lease vacant space in the building from the Management Committee.

During the 1970's questions arose over the future of the School of Arts building. The School of Arts Management Committee was reluctant to relinquish control of the building despite the fact that income was insufficient to maintain the premises. Council was not keen in taking over control, even though the property would be passed on to them by the Department of Education without any charge. The position changed when John Polain, a Sydney dentist purchased a property nearby, and indicated he would be prepared to conduct a dental surgery in town if a suitable building could be found. The Coolah Pre-school Kindergarten committee had already indicated that it would support Council in obtaining ownership of the premises. The former Coolah Shire Council then agreed to take over ownership and control of the building and to carry out certain improvements to enable it to continue as a pre school kindergarten, with a section of premises to be used as a dental surgery.

A meeting was held in the billiard room of the School of Arts on 1st. March, 1978, at which John Polain, dentist, Shire representatives and those of the Management and Finance Committees of the Coolah Pre-School Kindergarten reached agreement as to the separate leasing of the premises. Over the years the Pre-School Kindergarten Committee have carried out considerable repairs and improvements to the premises. Initially, a new kitchen, septic toilet (later sewerage connection) complete new flooring boards in the large room, new electrical wiring, a childproof boundary fence, were carried out. A sand pit and playground equipment was provided. Further improvements and additions have taken place over the years.

In 1978 the Council converted the billiard room section into a dental surgery then occupied by dentist, Mr. John Polain. A new medical centre was constructed in Cole Street during 1988 and the dental surgery was moved into these premises. The dentist internal walls were then removed.

**Themes:** National theme

State theme

Local theme

**Designer:** J. G. Gildea

**Builder:** W. V. Holland

**Year started:** 1920

**Year completed:** 1921

**Circa:** No

**Item name:** Coolah School of Arts

**Location:** 89 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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**Physical description:** The building is constructed of face brickwork, laid in stretcher bond with a hipped roof clad in corrugated iron with various Dutch gables and a steel facing gable extending over the front entrance porch and steps. The top part of the walls are roughcast rendered. Extending above the eaves line are two rendered parapets, balanced to either side of the entrance and the date '1920' is placed on one of them. The front facade which is generally symmetrical has the entrance porch in the middle and to each side a pair of windows, with war memorials between the windows. The 1914-1918 Great War on the left and the 1939-1945 WWII to the right. Beneath the war memorial to the left is the original foundation stone reading 'this stone was laid by J.S. Alison 26th December 1918'.

The front projecting porch is supported on half height large timber square posts, in-filled with timber fretwork above and deep shaped timber brackets. Windows are generally timber framed casements with toplights above. Each sash is divided into two horizontally and the glazing facing the streets is generally textured glass. To the rear the building has a skillion roof with fibro clad additions.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:**

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

- Continue to record and research this place's history.

- The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.

**Management:** **Management category**

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Coolah School of Arts is significant for its association with the development of community facilities in Coolah. It is significant as a historical evidence of the growth of Coolah at the start of the 20th century  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** It has significance for its association with the men and women who enlisted and served in Australia's overseas wars and were memorialised on the Honour Rolls on the building.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The building is an excellent example of an Interwar period bungalow style community building which integrates two large Honour Rolls on the street front facade.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The building has social significance as a former gathering and educational space for the community in the Twentieth Century and is significant as a memorial for those who enlisted and served in Australia's overseas wars.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):**  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]



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**Criteria g):** The building is a good representative example of School of Arts buildings that were popular in the late  
**[Representative]** Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century.**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	History of Coolah Memorial School of Arts and Literary Institu	2005

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

Parcels:	Parcel code	Lot number	Section number	Plan code	Plan number
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Data updated: 10/10/2018

Status: Completed

**Item name:** Coolah School of Arts

**Location:** 89 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

**Image:**



**Caption:** Former School of Arts building in coolah

**Copy right:** B.J. Hickson

**Image by:** B.J. Hickson

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**Image:**



**Item name:** Coolah School of Arts

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**Caption:** The Plaque on the School of Arts building listing WWII personel.

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**Caption:** Coolah School of Arts, front elevation

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**Image:**

**Item name:** Coolah School of Arts

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**Caption:** Coolah School of Arts Hall and War Memorials, view looking north west

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**Image by:** Peter Duggan

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**Item name:** Coolah Shire Council Chambers (former)**Location:** 59 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 59 Binnia Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coolah**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Government and Administration **Category:** Council Chambers**Owner:** Local Government**Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Council Chambers and offices**Former uses:** Council branch offices**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The former Coolah Shire Council Chambers is a good example of a mid Twentieth Century building with some Art Deco detailing constructed of face brick walls with a hipped roof clad in concrete roof tiles that is partially concealed behind a high street front parapet. It contributes to the streetscape as a modest public building on a prominent corner site.

**Historical notes of provenance:** The shire of Coolah was declared by proclamation in the Government Gazette of 7th March, 1906. It was divided into three ridings with equal representation and a total of five temporary Councillors was established. The appointees for the Coolah Shire were Charles Frederick Dean, Andrew Fraser, John McMaster, Francis John Piper and Edward James Scully. Mr. J. McMaster was elected chairman of the Council. The first meetings of the Council were held in the Coolah Courthouse.

The first election in the Coolah Shire was held on 24th November, 1906 with J. McMaster elected as shire president.

Agitation for a suitable Council Chambers had begun in the 1930s though the depression and the Second World War held back these plans. Tenders called in 1949 for the construction of Council Chambers and offices as well as a block of four flats. Included within the proposal was an infant welfare centre and women's rest centre. This scheme was rejected as the loan required added up to 25,000 pounds. The scheme was reduced to just the chambers and offices, which amounted to 15,000 pounds.

At the foundation stone laying ceremony Mr. Stephens, long time former shire president, was presented with a silver trowel and requested to set the stone. He remarked that the present Council Chambers, then located in Cox Lane, were erected in 1910 for the sum of 300 pounds.

The building was opened to the service of the public on 24th March, 1955 by the Governor of New South Wales, Sir John Northcott.

In 2004 Coolah and Coonabarabran Shires amalgamated to form the current Warrumbungle Shire Council.

**Themes:** **National theme****State theme****Local theme**

7. Governing

Government and Administration

4. Settlement

Towns, suburbs and villages

**Designer:** J. Aubrey Kerr**Builder:** Homestead Services Pty. Ltd.



**Item name:** Coolah Shire Council Chambers (former)

**Location:** 59 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

**Year started:** 1954

**Year completed:** 1955

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** The former Coolah Shire Council Chambers is constructed of face brickwork with a hipped roof clad in concrete tiles that is partially concealed behind a high street front parapet. The eastern elevation is articulated with four engaged brick piers framing a set of timber framed double hung windows. On the left hand side of the elevation is a recessed entry alcove. Above the alcove is a concrete sun hood and the words in metal type 'WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL'. Within the alcove is a pair of timber framed entry doors with chrome push bars and a terrazzo threshold. On the right hand side is the foundation stone which reads: 'THIS STONE WAS SET ON THE 19th AUGUST 1954 BY RICHARD CECIL STEPHEN ESQ. A FORMER COUNCILLOR OF THE SHIRE OF COOLAH FOR 32 YEARS AND DURING THAT PERIOD SHIRE PRESIDENT FOR 14 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

Within the entry vestibule is a plaque with the text: 'THIS BUILDING WAS OPENED TO THE SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES LIEUT-GENERAL SIR JOHN NORTHCOTT K. C. M. G., K. C. V. O., ON 24th MARCH 1955

Extending along the northern elevation are a number of window openings, typically pairs of timber framed double hung windows. Windows to the southern elevation typically are steel framed casement windows arranged in a large window bank. Towards the rear is a concrete ramp with metal balustrade leading to a timber framed side entrance.

**Physical condition level:** Good

**Physical condition:**  
**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Rear brick addition added.

**Recommended management:** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

- The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Management category</b>	<b>Management name</b>
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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The former Coolah Shire Council Chambers, constructed 1955, has direct associations with the development of the town of Coolah.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The former Council Chambers is associated with the alderman who agitated for its construction. It is also associated with Richard Cecil Stephen who laid the foundation stone, and had served as a Councillor for 32 years, and as shire president for 14 consecutive years.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The former Council Chambers is a good example of a mid Twentieth Century building with some Art Deco detailing. It contributes to the streetscape as a modest public building on a prominent corner site.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

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**Criteria d):** The former Council Chambers has social significance to the community as the seat and administrative centre for local government in the area.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):**  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The former Council Chambers is representative of public administration buildings built within small regional centres in the mid Twentieth Century.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** High

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Cameron, R.	Around the Black Stump	1993

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

Parcels:	Parcel code	Lot number	Section number	Plan code	Plan number
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**Item name:** Coolah Shire Council Chambers (former)

**Location:** 59 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

**Image:**



**Caption:** Coolah Shire Council Chambers (former), east elevation

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**Image by:** Peter Duggan

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Club**Location:** 54 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 54 Cassilis Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coonabarabran**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Community Facilities**Category:** Community Club/ Clubhouse**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Private club**Former uses:** Private club**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Coonabarabran Club building is a physical expression of the mid twentieth century prosperity and growth of Coonabarabran. The building is an example of a Californian Bungalow style residence in Coonabarabran. The front of the building is quite intact and demonstrates many of the features of this style. It also has direct associations with the Coonabarabran Club.

The club building has a high level of local aesthetic significance and a moderate level of historical, historical association and social significance. It also has a moderate level of representativeness.

**Historical notes of provenance:** The Coonabarabran Club building in Cassilis Street was originally built as a private residence in the 1920s.

In 1951 several property owners banded together to purchase the building. When landowner families came into town for shopping days, the men would often go to the hotel for a drink at the end of the day. There was nowhere for the women to go. The original shareholders of the building formed a private club in 1951 and since then membership has expanded. The building has been extensively changed internally since the early days and now is used weekly by the local bridge players. (Coonabarabran Senior Citizens Club 2003)

**Themes:** **National theme**  
8. Culture

**State theme**  
Social institutions

**Local theme**

**Designer:** Unknown**Builder:** Unknown**Year started:****Year completed:** 1925**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** The building is a fine Californian Bungalow era house constructed in the general style known as Indian Bungalow. This style is characterised by a symmetrical façade and hipped roof. The semi-circular front porch and casemented windows are prominent features of the building front. The front wall has been covered in pebbledash render.

The building is constructed in brick with a corrugated iron roof. The brickwork has been painted and the roof is currently clad in colorbond steel.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The building is in very good condition.

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**Archaeological  
potential level:**

**Archaeological  
potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** The brickwork of the building has been painted and internal modifications have been undertaken. Substantial extensions have been added to the rear of the building. A skillion-roofed amenities wing has been constructed on the eastern side of the building.

**Recommended management:** The building should be managed in a way which ensures its ongoing structural and aesthetic integrity. The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should ideally be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

**Management:**

Management category	Management name
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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Coonabarabran Club building is a physical expression of the mid twentieth century prosperity and growth of Coonabarabran. It has a moderate level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The building has direct associations with the Coonabarabran Club and has a moderate level of local historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The building is an example of a Californian Bungalow style residence in Coonabarabran. The front of the building is quite intact and demonstrates many of the features of this style. It has a high level of local aesthetic technical significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The building has housed the activities of the Coonabarabran Club since 1951. It has a moderate level of local social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The Coonabarabran Club building has little technical/research significance.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The building considered has little significance in relation to rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Coonabarabran Club building is representative of residential buildings constructed in Coonabarabran in the Inter-War period. It is considered to have a moderate local level of representativeness.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The Coonabarabran Club building has a low level of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Coonabarabran Senior Citizens Club	Easy Walks in Coonabarabran	2003

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Ray Christison	Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study		2006
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018



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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Club

**Location:** 54 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

**Image:**



**Caption:** Coonabarabran Club, north elevation

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Club

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**Caption:** Coonabarabran Club, looking south, c.2005

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**Image by:** Ray Christison

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Masonic Lodge**Location:** 48-50 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 48-50 Cassilis Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coonabarabran**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:** Lodge Timor No. 274**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Community Facilities**Category:** Hall Masonic**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Masonic Lodge**Former uses:** Masonic Lodge**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Lodge Timor No. 274 is one manifestation of the dramatic Inter War development of Coonabarabran. It has direct associations with the community of practicing masons in the region and is an example of the Inter-War Free Classical style of architecture.

The lodge building has a moderate level of local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance. It also has a moderate level of local rarity and representativeness and a high degree of integrity.

**Historical notes of provenance:** Harold Hardwick, Architect, Mudgee called for tenders for 'the erection and completion of a Masonic Temple for Lodge Timor, Coonabarabran' in the Mudgee Guardian of January 4th, 1923, to be sent in by January 24th.

A foundation stone incorporated in the façade of the building indicates that construction commenced in March 1923.

Harold Hardwick (1866-1935), born in Rylstone, was a prominent architect who settled in Mudgee in 1898 after previously practicing in Sydney. He completed a small number of buildings within the Coolah and Coonabarabran area including the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Coolah (c.1907) and later the Coonabarabran Anglican Church (c.1937), completed after his death in 1935. He was a fine designer of churches and residences. Excellent examples of his work include St Luke's Anglican Church, Wollar (1914), St Lawrence O'Toole, Wollar (1905) and the chapel at Havilah (1906) for Hunter White.

**Themes:** National theme  
8. Culture**State theme**  
Social institutions**Local theme****Designer:** Harold Hardwick (Mudgee)**Builder:** Unknown**Year started:** 1923**Year completed:** 1923**Circa:** No

**Item name:** Coonabarabran Masonic Lodge

**Location:** 48-50 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

**Physical description:** The building is constructed in an Interwar Free Classical style. It has a symmetrical façade with a classically influenced porch at its centre. Brickwork is laid in stretcher bond and is broken by three rendered horizontal bands.

A foundation stone is set low down on the eastern side of the front wall. The inscription on the foundation stone reads:

THIS FOUNDATION STONE  
WAS LAID BY,  
RIGHT WOR BRO JOHN GOULSTON  
D,G,M, OF THE U,G,L OF N,S,W,  
17TH OF MARCH 1923

Extensions on the eastern and western sides of the original building have been constructed to complement the style of the original structure.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The building is in very good condition.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Extensions to both sides of the building, c.1960s.

**Recommended management:** The building should be managed in a way which ensures its ongoing structural and aesthetic integrity.

The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should ideally be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** Lodge Timor No. 274 is one manifestation of the dramatic Inter War development of Coonabarabran. It has a moderate level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** Lodge Timor No. 274 has direct associations with the community of practicing masons in Coonabarabran. It has a moderate level of local historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

It was designed by prominent Mudgee architect Harold Hardwick who designed a small number of ecclesiastical buildings in Coolah and Coonabarabran.

**Criteria c):** Lodge Timor No. 274 is an example of an Inter-War Free Classical style building. It has a moderate level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The lodge building has a moderate level of local social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]



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**Criteria e):** The building has little technical/research significance.  
[Research  
significance]

**Criteria f):** Lodge Timor No. 274 is one of three identified Masonic lodge buildings in the former Coonabarabran Shire. It possesses a moderate local level of rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** Lodge Timor No. 274 is representative of the Masonic lodges constructed in the region in the mid 20th century.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** Despite additions the building has a high degree of integrity.

**References:** Author Title Year

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Ray Christison	Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study		2006
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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Status: Completed

**Item name:** Coonabarabran Masonic Lodge

**Location:** 48-50 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

**Image:**



**Caption:** Coonabarabran Masonic Lodge, view looking south west

**Copy right:** Warrumbungle Shire Council

**Image by:** Peter Duggan

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Masonic Lodge

**Location:** 48-50 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

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**Caption:** Coonabarabran Masonic Lodge, detail of portico

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Post Office**Location:** 73 John Street Coonabarabran 2357

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**Address:** 73 John Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coonabarabran**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Postal and Telecommunication **Category:** Post Office**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Post office**Former uses:** Post office**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Coonabarabran Post Office has direct associations with the development of the town and community of Coonabarabran. Postal services have been provided from the same building since 1879. It is a well-maintained example of a style of building which is relatively unique in Coonabarabran. It has a high level of local historical, aesthetic and social significance. It is considered to have a moderate local level of rarity and representativeness and is moderately intact.

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**Historical notes of provenance:** In 1849 James Weston was appointed the first postmaster in the district. He conducted postal business from his inn. By 1861 David Cockburn was operating as postmaster from his house near the Castlereagh River crossing, having taken over from Campbell Pegus. Since 1856 Cockburn had operated a mail run to Wee Waa. On Cockburn's death his wife, Julia, took over the post office and a mail contract from Coonabarabran to Gulligal. Julia held this position until 1874 when she resigned after an adverse report from a postal inspector. Robert Neilson took over the postal duties until a new postmaster could be appointed. By the mid 1870s a telegraph line had been constructed from Coolah by way of Weetalibah, Box Ridge, Byrnong and Ulamabri. This line was still in use in the 1930s. In May 1875 the offices of Postmaster and Telegraph Master were combined. Fred Fowler from Coolah was appointed Telegraph Master and his wife Annie became Postmistress. At this time the post office operated from a location in John Street somewhere between Dalgarno Street and the river.

In 1861 the first courthouse and lock up were constructed in weatherboard on the site of the present post office. After construction of the new stone courthouse in 1878 the original court house was demolished and a post and telegraph office constructed in 1879. A photograph of John Street, Coonabarabran taken in the 1880s shows the post office building located beside the Coonabarabran Court House. Early photographs show the first section of the post office as a 'T' shaped building with restrained Italianate features. It was constructed for £1,200. The entrance to the post office was covered by a glazed semi-circular foyer that was constructed between two brick wings of the building. The street boundary of the site was marked with a picket fence that featured round-topped posts.

By 1879 the postal and telegraph duties had been taken over by Thomas Ryan and his wife Ellen of Coonamble. The post office building has been expanded a number of times as follows:  
Initial 'T' shaped structure built in 1879. This part of the structure can be distinguished by the style of narrow cast vents used at the top of the external walls and decorative brick arches above the double-hung windows. The entrance to the post office was accommodated in a glazed, bow-fronted section constructed between the northern and western wings of the building. The post office retained this configuration until at least 1910.

An extension undertaken between 1910 and 1919 filled in the area between the southern and western wings of the 'T'. A new entrance with a decorative gable end and round arched portico was constructed in the front of the western wing of the original structure. The original glazed, bow-fronted section was retained.

Between 1919 and 1945 the bow-fronted section was demolished and a new wing built in its place. The western windows of this section were protected by a verandah. By this time the rounded arch of the portico had been replaced by the current square arch and the original window of the southern front room was replaced with the current triple window arrangement.

Soon after 1945 a new front section was constructed in place of the verandah on the northern side of the building's front. This was identical to the southern front section and featured triple windows.

Postal services continue to be provided on the same site as that from which these services have been available since 1879.

**Themes:** National theme  
3. Economy  
4. Settlement

**State theme**  
Communication  
Towns, suburbs and villages

**Local theme**

**Designer:** Unknown

**Builder:** Various

**Year started:** 1879

**Year completed:** 1947

**Circa:** Yes

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**Physical description:** The Coonabarabran Post Office is a brick walled building with hipped corrugated iron clad roof. It appears to have been constructed in four stages.

Following various modifications the front of the Post Office presents as a restrained Inter-War Free Classical style building. This section features three separately roofed pavilions with a central parapeted gable and hipped roofs either side, as well as groups of three narrow windows on the northern and southern pavilions. It also features double cast vents that can easily be distinguished from the single vents of the earlier parts of the building. Inter-War Free classical signatures on the façade of the building include: Symmetrical façade, A triangular pediment with entablature in the centre of the façade, Free interpretation of the Palladian motif, in this case represented by division of the façade into three bays covered by separate roofs and the two groupings of three windows in the northern and southern bays. (Apperly, Irving & Reynolds, p.160)

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The property and its structures are generally in very good condition. The roof and external timberwork require painting.

The site is considered to have a moderate to high archaeological potential.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Extension of original building – circa 1910-1919  
Construction of a southern side of front section and new room on northern side – circa 1920s  
Construction of current northern front section – late 1940s  
Installation of an access ramp – 1990s

**Recommended management:** The building should be managed in a way which ensures its ongoing structural and aesthetic integrity. The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should ideally be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Coonabarabran Post Office has direct associations with the development of the town and community of Coonabarabran. Postal services have been provided from the same building since 1879. It has a high level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The Post Office is considered to have little historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The Coonabarabran Post Office is a well maintained example of an Inter-War Free Classical style of building. This style is relatively unique in Coonabarabran. It has a high level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** Coonabarabran Post Office sits on a site from which postal services have been provided in Coonabarabran since 1879. For this reason it is considered to have a high level of local social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

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**Criteria e):** The Coonabarabran Post Office is considered to have little technical/research significance.  
**[Research significance]**

**Criteria f):** The Coonabarabran Post Office is quite unique within the former Coonabarabran Shire and is considered to have a moderate local level of rarity.  
**[Rarity]**

**Criteria g):** The Coonabarabran Post Office is representative of the development of communication within the Coonabarabran district. It is considered to have a moderate level of local representativeness.  
**[Representative]**

**Intactness/Integrity:** Despite many extensions and modification the Coonabarabran Post Office is considered to have a moderate degree of integrity.

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**Caption:** Front of Coonabarabran Post Office. The northern section was constructed after 1945, c.2005

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Power House

**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Address:**

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Coonabarabran

**State:** NSW

**County:** Gowen

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Utilities - Electricity

**Category:** Electricity Generator/Power Station - c

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Storage

**Former uses:** Electricity generation

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Coonabarabran Power House is representative of the provision of electricity supply by local councils during the early 20th century. It is also a very good example of the Inter-war Art Deco style applied to an industrial building.

It possesses a high level of local historical and aesthetic significance and a high local level of representativeness, rarity and integrity at a local level.

**Item name:** Coonabarabran Power House

**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Historical notes of provenance:** In 1929 the Coonabarabran Shire Council voted an amount of £5,218/13/4 for the purchase of power generating plant, switchboards, transformers and electricity supply installations for the town of Coonabarabran. In April of that year Council had approved the resumption of Lot 2 Section 28 in the Town of Coonabarabran to site an 'electric plant'. The site was purchased for £50/-/. Construction appears to have occurred between September 1929 and April 1930 with generating plant being operational early that year.

The generators of this power house were driven by diesel engines. The first engines were English Hamworthy diesels which had been supplied by Morts Dock & Engineering Co. Ltd. It is likely that Morts Dock also supplied the generating equipment as they were responsible for initial trials of the plant. Fuel for the diesels was initially supplied by the Shell Oil Co. Coonabarabran Shire Council were required to force the contract with Morts Dock & Engineering Co. Ltd to ensure replacement of the initial unreliable Hamworthy diesel engines. Despite these early difficulties the connection of an electricity supply continued through the town of Coonabarabran.

By 1937 the Coonabarabran Shire Council electricity supply had been extended to Baradine and Binnaway. During 1936 a Ruston & Hornsby 2 cylinder diesel was installed to run a generator. This diesel was run unattended at night to provide a 24 hour electricity supply. Increasing demand, including the connection of the Binnaway Railway system led Council to approve the purchase of additional generating plant up to 80kW capacity in June 1938. In February 1939 a tender from Waugh and Josephson was approved for the supply of Crossley diesel generators. These replaced the Ruston & Hornsby units in all night running.

World War II created some interesting challenges for the Council and its Electrical Engineer. Council's decision to purchase new generating equipment in 1938 was set against the backdrop of uncertainties of supply of equipment from Europe due to the worsening political situation in that continent. The decision to buy at this time was made with the knowledge that a delay in making the decision could seriously compromise the capacity of the local electrical supply.

During the war Council resolved to release power house workers for service in the armed forces. This led to problems in staffing the plant at a time of increased demand. The power station truck and Station Engineer's car were modified to burn gassified coal and Council voted in 1942 to give permission for the use of the truck to transport men of the 6th Volunteer Defence Corps Battalion for training purposes. Council also took steps in the same year to camouflage the power house.

Council continued to expand the power station and related electricity supply network during the late 1940s. An additional 300kW Ruston & Hornsby diesel generator was purchased and installed in 1948. In preparation for the supply of this unit the original Ruston & Hornsby unit was sold to the Lachlan Shire Council and removed. Day labour was used to demolish the footings of this machine in order to prepare a bed for the new generator. The Department of Main Roads provided a jack hammer and operator to break up the concrete footing. During the absence of the Shire Electrical Engineer on holidays it was decided to undertake part of the demolition using explosives. Charges were set and the subsequent explosion threw 'large pieces of concrete through the main switchboard disorganising the whole equipment and interrupting the service'. A specialist switchboard fitter was brought in from Sydney to undertake the necessary repairs.

In the post-war years Council became increasingly overwhelmed by the clamour from outlying communities and towns in neighbouring shires for the provision of an electricity supply. Since 1943 Council had been exploring the possibility of obtaining electricity from a major coal fired power station. To facilitate the provision of a cost effective supply capable of expansion Council resolved during 1948 to support the creation of the Ulan County Council. When this organisation commenced operations on 1 January 1949 it took over all of Coonabarabran Council's electricity generation and supply assets, including the Coonabarabran Power House.

In the late 1950s Coonabarabran Shire Council sought to re-purchase the power house building from the Ulan County Council. An initial offer of £750 was not accepted. This was increased to £900.

**Item name:** Coonabarabran Power House

**Location:** Warrumbungle

**Themes: National theme**

4. Settlement

7. Governing

**State theme**

Utilities

Government and Administration

**Local theme**

**Designer:** Unknown

**Builder:** Coonabarabran Shire Council

**Year started:** 1929

**Year completed:** 1942

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** The Coonabarabran Power House consists of a gable-roofed building constructed from face brickwork laid in Colonial bond with header courses separated by five stretcher courses. The gable ridge runs east-west and the southern wall is built into a prominent symmetrical parapeted art deco façade which contains a cement rendered name board, concrete pediments and a concrete flag pole. Windows and doorways are topped with concrete lintels. A southern personnel door and window have been bricked in.

Fibro clad extensions are located on the eastern and northern sides of the building. Timber battening and steel brackets on the eastern gable end indicate the location of former high voltage electricity feeders.

**Physical condition**

**level:**

**Physical condition:** The building is generally in good condition.

**Archaeological**

**potential level:**

**Archaeological**

**potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** The power station has been decommissioned and the site turned over to other uses. The power station building appears to be used for industrial purposes. Doorways on the southern side of the building have been filled in.

**Recommended** The building should be managed in a way that ensures its ongoing structural and aesthetic integrity.

**management:** The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should ideally be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

**Management:** **Management category**

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Coonabarabran Power House has a high level of local historical significance as the first civic electricity generating facility constructed in the Warrumbungle Shire area. It is also representative of the changing role of local government in the area during the 20th century.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The power house has little historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The Coonabarabran Power House is a rare example of an art deco industrial building surviving in the area. It is relatively intact and retains its Inter-war Art Deco façade. It therefore has a high level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The power house has little social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

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**Criteria e):** As a surviving mid 20th century industrial building the power house building has moderate technical/research significance at a local level.  
**[Research significance]**

**Criteria f):** The Coonabarabran Power House is a rare example of a mid 20th century brick industrial building in the Coonabarabran district. It is also a rare surviving example of a council owned power generation facility. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.  
**[Rarity]**

**Criteria g):** The power house is representative of the provision of electricity supply by local councils during the early 20th century. It is also representative of Inter-war Art Deco design applied to industrial buildings. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.  
**[Representative]**

**Intactness/Integrity:** The exterior and structure of the building possess a high degree of integrity.

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Power House

**Location:**

Warrumbungle



**Caption:** Coonabarabran Power House, detail of addition on eastern side, c.2005

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Prisoner of War Control Centre (former)

**Location:** 42 Dalgarno Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 42 Dalgarno Street

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Coonabarabran

**State:** NSW

**County:** Gowen

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Defence

**Category:** Other - Military

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Offices

**Former uses:** Housing for Sergeant of Police, Prisoner of War Control Centre, Boarding house

**Assessed significance:** State

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** 42 Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran housed the longest operating Prisoner of War Control Centre in Australia. In this role it was an important element of the programme that allocated Italian prisoners of war to rural properties during World War II. It also has the potential to provide information on the construction of brick buildings in the second half of the 19th century.

The former Prisoner of War Control Centre in Coonabarabran has a high level of state historical significance, rarity and representativeness. It also has a high level of local aesthetic significance and a moderate level of local technical/research significance.



**Item name:** Coonabarabran Prisoner of War Control Centre (former)

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**Historical notes of provenance:** Local anecdote indicates that this building was the first police residence in Coonabarabran. The style and materials of the building suggest that it may have been built in the mid to late nineteenth century. The well-fired bricks of the building suggest a construction date no earlier than the 1880s. Pickette and Campbell note that the police sergeant's house was located immediately west of the steam flourmill constructed by Robert Neilson on the corner of John and Dalgarno Streets in the 1870s. An earlier house may have stood on this site and been occupied by the Sergeant of Police and his family. It is conceivable that the existing brick structure was built to replace an earlier residence. The house functioned for some time as Stan Harper's Boarding House.

Following the spectacular military successes of British Empire forces in North Africa in 1940 British authorities were saddled with responsibility for 130,000 Italian prisoners of war. The majority of these prisoners were transported to camps in Australia, India, South Africa and Ceylon (Sri Lanka).

Initially Italian prisoners sent to Australia were housed in large prisoner of war camps. Soldiers below the rank of officer were given farming and construction tasks in various areas. By 1943 Australia was experiencing a deteriorating supply of manpower. At this time British authorities in India requested that Australia consider taking an additional 20,000 prisoners of war to assist in overcoming this problem. The Australian government considered this matter and in April 1943 gave approval for small groups of Italian prisoners of war to be employed on individual farms. The prisoners were to be paid by the employing farmers and provided with accommodation and food.

To administer this program Prisoner of War Control Centres were established in regional centres. Each Control Centre was operated by:

... an army complement of seven whose task was to supply prisoners with their needs, maintain supervision and deal with employers' complaints and liaise with police in the event of a POW running away. Up to 200 Italians were to be placed with private employers on farms within a radius of 40 kilometres from each Control Centre. (Fitzgerald 1981:33)

Initial Prisoner of War Control Centres were established at Parkes, Coonabarabran and Orange in June 1943 with the first of these being established at Coonabarabran. The Coonabarabran Control Centre operated until January 1946. It was in operation longer than any other centre in Australia (Fitzgerald 1981:173). 42 Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran was used to house this Control Centre administering the allocation of 100 prisoners of war. These prisoners worked on farms throughout the Coonabarabran district, including the vicinities of Baradine, Bugaldie, Purlawaugh and the Timor Valley.

Long-time Coonabarabran resident Ted Morrissey remembered the Prisoner of War Control Centre in Coonabarabran as follows:

The P.O.W. Depot, as it was called, was a brick building in Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran next door to the "Times" Office and used by Mr. Ron Dive (Chartered Accountant) until this year (1980). The Officer-in-Charge in 1943 was Captain Cunningham. He was replaced in 1944 by Captain Healey who was still in command at the end of the war and remained there 'til all the P.O.W.'s were sent back to camp in October, 1945. His staff was a sergeant, an interpreter and 2 drivers. An army truck (heavy utility) would visit the P.O.W.'s working in the area on a weekly basis bringing mail, sweets, tobacco, clothing etc., the extras had to be signed for by each P.O.W. and was debited against their wages. The Army (Local Command) collected the P.O.W.'s wages each fortnight the weekly wage was £2/10/- - payable to the Australian Army. Employers had to provide all meals and accommodation, the Army supplied blankets etc. (Morrissey)

The building now operates as the offices of Peacocke Dickens and Price Solicitors.

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	4. Settlement	Accommodation	
	2. Peopling	Ethnic influences	
	7. Governing	Defence	

**Designer:** Unknown

**Item name:** Coonabarabran Prisoner of War Control Centre (former)

**Location:** 42 Dalgarno Street Coonabarabran 2357

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**Builder:** Unknown

**Year started:** 1885

**Year completed:** 1885

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** The property contains a simple colonial style cottage with a hipped roof clad in corrugated iron. The cottage has been constructed in double brick.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The property and its structures are generally in good condition.

The property is considered to have moderate to low archaeological potential.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** A brick and concrete ramp has been constructed against the front of the building.

**Recommended management:** - It is recommended that the building be included in the NSW State Heritage Register.

- The building should be managed in a way that ensures its ongoing structural and aesthetic integrity.

- The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should ideally be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

#### Further comments:

**Criteria a):** 42 Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran housed the longest operating Prisoner of War Control Centre in Australia. In this role it was an important element of the programme that allocated Italian prisoners of war to rural properties during World War II. This building has a high level of state historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** 42 Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran has little historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The building is a rare local example of a late Victorian Colonial style residence. It has a high level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The building has little social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** 42 Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran has the potential to provide information on the construction of brick buildings in the second half of the 19th century. It has a moderate level of local technical/research significance.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** 42 Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran is one of few former Prisoner of War Control Centres in New South Wales. It has a high state level of rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The former Prisoner of War Control Centre in Coonabarabran is representative of the programme through which Italian Prisoners of War were allocated to Australian farms during World War II. It has a high level of representativeness in this regard.  
[Representative]

**Item name:** Coonabarabran Prisoner of War Control Centre (former)**Location:** 42 Dalgarno Street Coonabarabran 2357

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**Intactness/Integrity:** The building has a moderate level of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Fitzgerald, A	The Italian Farming Soldiers: Prisoners of War in Australia 194	1981
	Morrissey, T.	Italian P.O.W's at Coonabarabran 1943-45	1980

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Ray Christison	Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study		2006
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Location:** 42 Dalgarno Street Coonabarabran 2357

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**Caption:** Coonabarabran Prisoner of War Control Centre (former), north elevation

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**Caption:** Coonabarabran Prisoner of War Control Centre (former), view looking south east

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**Image:**



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**Location:** 42 Dalgarno Street Coonabarabran 2357

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**Caption:** 42 Dalgarno Street, looking south, c.2005

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Public School (former)**Location:** 16-18 Robertson Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 16-18 Robertson Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coonabarabran**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:** Coonabarabran TAFE**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Education**Category:** School - State (public)**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Part of TAFE college**Former uses:** Public school**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The former Coonabarabran Public School has direct associations with the development of the town and community of Coonabarabran. It is also on the site of the first public school established in Coonabarabran. The building also has indirect associations with a number of the prominent early citizens of Coonabarabran. The Kurrajong tree located outside the school was planted by Mary Jane Cain who is recognised as a leader of the Aboriginal community who was influential in the development of the area. In addition the building is a well maintained example of a government school building constructed in the 1880s. It also has direct associations with public education in Coonabarabran dating back to 1870.

The former Public School is considered to have a high level of local historical and historical association significance, and a high level of local aesthetic and social significance. It also possesses a moderate level of rarity and representativeness and its integrity is relatively intact.

**Item name:** Coonabarabran Public School (former)

**Location:** 16-18 Robertson Street Coonabarabran 2357

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**Historical notes of provenance:** One of the first schools in Coonabarabran appears to have been a private undertaking established by Julie Cockburn, wife of David Cockburn, at her house. Some students from properties in the region boarded at the Cockburn's. As the town of Coonabarabran grew pressure mounted for the establishment of a school. One of the first suggestions for a public school came from the Reverend William Wilson, 'the Church of England Minister who visited from Cassilis'. Wilson proposed the construction of a building which could be used as a school during the week and for his services on Sundays.

The general population of the town, not all Anglicans, applied separately in 1869 for the establishment of a vested school.

This was one where the buildings were supplied by the Council of Education and which could only be used as a school. Those who wrote were Jethro White, Presbyterian storekeeper, Owen Oxley, a Wesleyan saddler and Patrick Fitzgerald, a Roman Catholic bootmaker. They agreed to raise £110 to go towards the cost of the building. They explained that there was 35 children eligible and that the nearest school was 50 miles away.

A school, consisting of a teaching room 22'6" x 16', and attached four room residence were constructed of timber by John Isaac Neate for a total cost of £400. The school was opened on 31 October 1870. Alfred Davison was the first teacher appointed to the school. By 1874 enrolment had increased to 50 pupils. Davison was replaced by Thomas Yates who was succeeded after two years by Archibald D. McKenzie. As the school grew additional facilities were required. In the late 1870s a second classroom and wet weather sheds were constructed by George Martin at a cost of £130.

By the mid 1880s 115 children were enrolled at the school and a second teacher had been engaged. The original school building was in poor condition and much concern was expressed in the community regarding its standard of maintenance. After much public pressure the Department of Instruction approved the construction of a new school building in 1889. Kennard Bros. were contracted to build the new brick building with three classrooms for £1,175. It was completed for an opening on 10 August of the same year. The original school was converted into quarters for the headmaster. At that time the master of the school was Maurice Joseph Hennessy who remained at this post until 1897. In that year he was replaced by Henry Fox.

The school continued to operate on this site until the 1930s. By 1937 it had been replaced by a new school constructed on the Oxley Highway.

At some time late in her life Mary Cain, 'Queen of the Aborigines', planted a Kurrajong tree in the grounds of the old school. This tree is still growing on the footpath outside the old school building.

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	
	6. Educating	Education	

**Designer:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

**Year started:** 1889

**Year completed:** 1889

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** The building is a double brick structure which originally contained three classrooms. It was built in a Victorian Free Classical style and includes Palladian motifs such as the arrangement of three windows at the front of the building.

A Kurrajong tree on the nature strip outside the building was planted by Mary Jane Cain, former matriarch of the Burrabeedee community and respected community leader.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The building is in very good condition and appears to be well maintained.

**Item name:** Coonabarabran Public School (former)

**Location:** 16-18 Robertson Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Comparison with photographs of the building taken in the 1890s indicate that it has changed little since that time. It has been tastefully renovated in recent years.

**Recommended management:** The building should be managed in a way that ensures its ongoing structural and aesthetic integrity.

The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that it is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should ideally be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

The Kurrajong tree, planted by Mary Cain, should be preserved. A plaque could also be placed near this tree to identify its origins and links with the school.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The former Coonabarabran Pubic School has direct associations with the development of the town and community of Coonabarabran. It is also on the site of the first public school established in Coonabarabran. It has a high level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The building has indirect associations with a number of the prominent early citizens of Coonabarabran. The Kurrajong tree located outside the school was planted by Mary Jane Cain who is recognised as a leader of the Aboriginal community who was influential in the development of the area. The former Public School is considered to have a high level of local historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The former Coonabarabran Pubic School is a well maintained example of a style of building which is relatively unique in Coonabarabran. It has a high level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The former Coonabarabran Pubic School sits on a site which has been associated with public education in Coonabarabran since 1870. For this reason it is considered to have a high level of local social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The former school is considered to have little technical/research significance.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The school is one of many buildings of its type constructed across New South Wales in the 1880s. It is quite unique within the former Coonabarabran Shire as is considered to have a moderate local level of rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The former Coonabarabran Pubic School is representative of the development of public education within the Coonabarabran district. It is considered to have a moderate level of local representativeness.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The school is considered to have a high degree of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Pickette, J. & Campbell, M.	Coonabarabran as it was in the beginning	1983

**Item name:** Coonabarabran Public School (former)**Location:** 16-18 Robertson Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Public School (former)

**Location:** 16-18 Robertson Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Railway Station Group**Location:** Warrumbungle**Address:****Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coonabarabran**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:** The listing boundary is an area around the buildings and platform at a distance of 20 metres in all directions from each structure**Item type:** Built**Group:** Transport - Rail**Category:** Railway Platform/ Station**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Abandoned**Former uses:** Railway station**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Coonabarabran Railway Station group was an important point on the Wallerawang-Gwabegar Branch Line Railway. It is one of the few remaining coherent railway groups on this line, and has a moderate level of state historical significance. The group of buildings comprising the Coonabarabran railway station represents a rare assemblage of standard railway buildings constructed on branch lines in the early 20th century. The design and construction of the remaining station buildings and their relative rarity provide the complex with the potential to yield information about the construction of railway buildings on branch lines in the same period.

The destruction of the railway station building has compromised its significance, however the group has a high level of local historical significance. The station complex was a hub of social and business activity in Coonabarabran for many years. It is considered to have a moderate level of local aesthetic, social and technical/research significance. The group also has a high level of local rarity and representativeness.

**Item name:** Coonabarabran Railway Station Group

**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Historical notes of provenance:** The branch line railway from Binnaway to Coonabarabran was opened on 11 June 1917 and the line was extended through to Gwabegar by September 1923. The railway line had reached Mudgee from Wallerawang in 1884, its construction having been foreshadowed as far back as 1873. An extension from Gulgong to Coonabarabran had been approved in August 1911 'in response to substantial representations from the citizens of the general Coonabarabran area'. The line had reached Binnaway by April 1917. An additional railway line connecting Dubbo to Werris Creek via Binnaway was opened in April 1923.

The coming of the railway had a significant impact on the economy of the Pilliga region and on the lives of the people who lived in that area. The bulk transportation capability of the railway supported the growth in the wheat industry in the area and also facilitated massive growth in the timber industry. When the timber industry was in its heyday in the 1920s and 1930s hundreds of sleeper cutters worked in the forests and in the 1950s thousands of sleepers were railed out of Gwabegar, Kenebri and Baradine each month. Max Clare, formerly of Gwabegar recalled the railway bringing the circus to towns along the line and the railmotor which, during the years of World War II, ran a special service to carry people from as far away as Gwabegar into Coonabarabran to attend the annual Masonic Ball. 'The Clares remember the rail motor, driven by well-known Binnaway driver Ben Wakeling, stopping along the line to pick up people and pick flowers alongside the line.'

Coonabarabran Railway station was a major point on the railway. It served as a staging point for trains and goods moving up the railway line and was also an important point from which produce was railed out of the area. The presence of the railway encouraged the development of ancillary industries in Coonabarabran, including a meat freezing works established to the west of the station in the 1920s and a Council owned power station in 1929. A number of fuel depots were also constructed near the railway goods yards.

Service on the railway line gradually declined from the 1960s. Rail passenger services to Coonabarabran were replaced by a road coach in 1980 and Coonabarabran and Binnaway railway stations were closed in 1990. By 1997 very little railway station infrastructure remained on the Gwabegar line beyond Binnaway. Places such as Murrawal, Deringulla, Ulamambri Yearinan, Bugaldie, Wittenbra, Baradine and Kenebri contained only remnants of their former railway installations. In 2005 the line was closed beyond Coonabarabran, the last wheat train working from Baradine being on 23 August 2005.

**Themes:** **National theme**  
3. Economy

**State theme**  
Transport

**Local theme**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:** 1917

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** The Coonabarabran Railway Station complex consists of a timber-faced platform located on the down side of the Wallerawang-Gwabegar Branch Line Railway. On this platform are a station sign and an Out-of shed. On a siding opposite the platform is a standard XX pattern railway goods shed. This shed is clad in corrugated iron and sits on a timber platform. A gantry crane is located to the west of the goods platform. A cast iron water tower lies on the platform side of the rail line to the west.

The original railway station building (type 11, constructed 1917) has been destroyed.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The buildings are in poor to fair condition.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** The original railway station building was destroyed by fire in 2000.

Goods shed - side shed with skillion roof, 30'x12' with two extensions, 1917





**Item name:** Coonabarabran Railway Station Group

**Location:** Warrumbungle

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Warrumbungle

**Image:**



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**Caption:** Coonabarabran Railway Station Group - water column and tower

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**Item name:** Coonabarabran Railway Station Group

**Location:**

Warrumbungle



**Caption:** Coonabarabran Railway Station Group- gantry crane and goods shed beyond

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**Location:**

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**Caption:** Coonabarabran Station Railway group – Goods Shed and loading gantry, looking northwest, c.2005

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**Caption:** Timber faced platform, Out-of Shed & station sign, looking south west, c.2005

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**Location:**

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**Item name:** Cunningham Camp Site and Plaque

**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Address:**

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:**

**State:** NSW

**County:**

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Landscape

**Group:** Exploration, Survey and Even

**Category:** Explorer's Campsite

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:**

**Former uses:** Surveyor and bontanist campsite.

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Commemorative historical plaque. Important location for early exploartion.

**Item name:** Cunningham Camp Site and Plaque

**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Historical notes of provenance:** The Allan Cunningham plaque is situated on the western side of the Pandora Pass Road about 2 kms north of the Coolah Creek causeway. The plaque was provided and erected by Colonel John McLean Arnott in about 1940 when he was the owner of the adjoining Coolah Creek Station. The metal plaque with raised letters reads:  
Near this spot ALLAN CUNNINGHAM Botanist and Explorer  
Pitched his camp in June, 1823  
PANDORA'S PASS  
Was discovered and named after him.

In 1927 Colonel Arnott entrusted surveyor R. D. Fitzgerald with the task of determining the exact spot Cunningham had camped on the night of 6th June, 1828. Fitzgerald established the fact that the last camp made by the explorer, just before he discovered Pandora Pass, was placed on the site of Colonel Arnott's original homestead which over the years has been much renovated and today is still occupied by the Arnott family.

The following description of the discovery appeared in the Coolah Shire Council's 1948 publication called 'Valley of the Winds' by Eve Keane with photographs by Max Dupain:  
'When Alan Cunningham, botanist to his majesty - and explorer at heart - discovered Pandora Pass 17 June, 1823, he named it so for the little whispering hope that had pricked and spurred his lagging spirit to one more effort in his search for a way over the Dividing Range to the Liverpool Plains.

Commissioned, at his own request, by Governor of the Colony to undertake the task he set out from Bathurst in April 1823 with a small party of men and pack horses and followed the ranges in a northerly direction. But many weeks of vain endeavour was to pass before his efforts were rewarded. Indeed, and with provisions short and men and horses weakened by reduced diet he had almost decided to turn his back on the ranges which had caused him to weave his arduous way back and forth, up and down, beckoning him up their heights to offer him at the end of each fresh endeavour – defeat. But to one for whom exploration was a self-chosen task defeat came not so easily.

Carefully and systematically were all his journeys carrying out and finding of routes for future highways went hand in hand with his works as a botanist – gathering, drying, labelling seeds, noting specimens of native flora, and at the same time planting on his way seeds of a gentler climate that might one day gladden the heart of another wayfarer with the remembrance of his native land.

Footsore and weary after weeks of fruitless search, Cunningham and his party pitched camp in a valley and, climbing to the top where the range opened out onto a saddle back, saw below them, stretching away to the North the long sought Liverpool Plains. Rejoiced in heart Cunningham wrote a message which he buried in a bottle beneath a tree, giving the location as latitude 32 degrees 15 minutes and 99 seconds South and longitude (presumed 149 degrees 30 minutes East, and requesting the message, if found, be carried to the settlement at Bathurst. With his usual forethought he planted peach stones on the site of his camp and also on the Liverpool Plains side of the range.

It is commonly believed that Cunningham's bottle was never found, although the Rev. George Grimm writing in 1888 said 'The bottle was found a few years ago and the explorer's direction carried out'. There seems to be no authentic record of its return.

After causing trees to be blazed on both sides of the Pass Cunningham commenced his journey back to Bathurst.

On the day of his discovery of the Pass, Cunningham was too weary to venture any further. Using what strength he had he climbed nearby Mount Direction Head and watched his men venture 15 miles into the Liverpool Plains. He returned two years later over the Pass with the hope of travelling to the Darling Downs in Queensland. However, he was thwarted near Boggabri as both Cox's Creek and the Namoi River were in flood. He made a successful exploration to the Downs in 1827, but on this occasion crossed the Liverpool Range much more to the East. Until his early death Cunningham always regarded his discovery of Pandora Pass as the most important. Although it opened up an easy access to the Liverpool Plains, it was soon superseded by an improved way being found over the Range near Murrurundi. Today the track over Pandora Pass from the Coolah Valley to Cox's Creek Valley is one not to be travelled in wet weather.

**Item name:** Cunningham Camp Site and Plaque

**Location:** Warrumbungle

In 1973, the 150th anniversary of the discovery of Pandora Pass, a local committee staged a re-enactment of Allan Cunningham's journey from Bathurst to Pandora Pass. A local man, Peter Smith, played the part of Cunningham. He was authentically dressed as the explorer wearing a stove pipe hat. A large crowd had gathered near the Cunningham's camp site to welcome the enactment party. However, the party had arrived a day early and thus had to be hidden in a local barn until the morning of their expected arrival.

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	3. Economy	Exploration	
	9. Phases of Life	Persons	

**Designer:**

**Builder:** Coolah Council plaque

**Year started:**                      **Year completed:** 1940                      **Circa:** No

**Physical description:** Near the Coolah creek on the way to Pandora Pass, a plaque fixed on a large boulder commemorates the place where the surveyor and botanist Cunningham camped. The plaque was arranged by Col. Arnott and reads 'Near this spot ALLAN CUNNINGHAM, Botanist and explorer, pitched his camp in June 1823. Pandora's Pass was discovered and named by him.' Pandora's Pass is about 3 kilometres from this place.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** good

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** Continue to maintain site in good order.

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Management category</b>	<b>Management name</b>
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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):**  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The site has associations with Allan Cunningham, botanist and explorer who discovered Pandora Pass on 9th June, 1823.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):**  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Item name:** Cunningham Camp Site and Plaque**Location:** Warrumbungle**Criteria e):**  
[Research  
significance]**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

<b>References:</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year</b>
	Roy Cameron	Cunningham Plaque - Pandora Pass	2005

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	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 7	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Item name:** Cunningham Camp Site and Plaque

**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Image:**



**Caption:** Cunningham camp site and plaque- interpretive signage

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**Item name:** Dapper Union Church

**Location:** 1104 Sandy Creek Road Dapper 2843

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 1104 Sandy Creek Road

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Dapper 2843

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Dapper

**State:** NSW

**County:** Lincoln

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Religion

**Category:** Church

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Community Church

**Former uses:** Community Church

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** This place is significant locally because it demonstrates an interesting phenomena in community church practice in small settlements where protestant denominations would co- build and share a church space. It is socially significant to the many Church of England (Anglican), Methodist and Presbyterian worshippers who have used the space since its construction in 1910. Unconnected with a Village or township it demonstrates the considerable faith of those congregations who conceived of and went to worship there unprejudiced by the sectarianism prevalent at that time.

It is a fine example of a Federation period Gothic Revival style church constructed of face brickwork with a later corrugated steel roof.

**Item name:** Dapper Union Church

**Location:** 1104 Sandy Creek Road Dapper 2843

Warrumbungle

**Historical notes of provenance:** The following is an extract from a publication printed in 1984 and called, 'Travelling Down The Gudgegong'. by G. Robinson and M. Dormer:-

'As the Europeans began to settle down in their new surroundings they missed the village church or the chapel that had been a familiar and loved part of the life from which they had come. At first services consisting of hymns and prayers were held in people's home; later small churches were built to be visited by priests and ministers from sometime quite distant parishes.

One of these was the Union Church built at Dapper, approximately 25 miles north-west of Gulgong. Dapper was never a village, rather a district in which a number of families had settled. It seems that the name 'Dapper' is an Anglicised form of an Aboriginal word meaning 'a place where red clay is found'. The word 'Dubbo' comes from the same source.

As there were Anglicans, Methodists and Presbyterians, all three denominations came to hold services in their respective Sundays in the month. These new settlers were not troubled by sectarianism many people attended all services.

It was in the home of William and Margaret Dorman that the first services were held in the Dapper area, in the 1890's. Later a building with a bark roof was erected just across Sandy Creek from the present 'Dapper'. This was used for services in the early days and as a part-time school and a dance hall. As the population increased people gathered at different family homes each Sunday evening for hymn singing because the ministers were so far away that they could only visit occasionally. At some of the residences there was an organ which added greatly to the service. One of these old organs is in perfect order at the present time.

As the years passed on and conditions improved it was decided to build the present Dapper Union church. The bricks were made and fired on the present 'Dapper' by an appropriately named, 'Mr. Church'!

Mr. Clarrie Dorman records:

'I don't know for sure who built the church, but the local people would of played a big part. I have a receipt from William Craft for seventeen pounds, nineteen shillings and nine pence. This sum was paid by my uncle, Fred Dorman, for timber to build the church, on March 15th, 1910.'

At the time Mr. Albert Dorman was the Secretary. Mr. James Dorman trustee for the Church of England, Mr. Andrew Johnson for the Presbyterians, and Mr. Nelson Wisbey for the Methodist.

Unfortunately the date of the first service is not known as a disastrous fire destroyed the home of Mr. Albert Dorman in 1914 or 1915. All the written history of the church up to that time was lost.

Mrs. Daph Hollow recalled that the 'Opening of the Door of the Church' was performed by 'Grandma Dorman'. That would of been Mrs. William Dorman.

Mr. Jack Conn was at the Opening Service and Mrs. Rindfleish was the organist who played for the services until she moved to Bondi.'

Funerals were conducted from the little church including those of Miss Wintie Rothe, Mr. Rothe (her father), Mr. John Mines.

The church was constructed on a small triangular block of land, fronting the Dapper Road and containing an area of 2 roods 6 perches. The survey of the land was carried out by Henry W. Terry in June, 1908. The land described as portion 110, Parish of Dapper was sold at Public Auction at Dubbo on 16th December, 1908. The title was issued to Nelson Wisbey, Andrew Johnson and James Dorman, as tenants in common. On 15th June 1948 the only trustee was Nelson Wisbey as the trustees Johnson and Dorman has passed on. A small plaque, containing the wording, 'These gates were erected in appreciation of the many years of service given by Jack and Ida Conn 1910-1952', is affixed to one of the entrance gate posts.

The Dunnedoo town and the Tuckland area each had a Union Church. However, these were dismantled many years ago.

**Item name:** Dapper Union Church

**Location:** 1104 Sandy Creek Road Dapper 2843

Warrumbungle

**Themes:** National theme  
8. Culture

State theme  
Religion

Local theme

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:**

**Year completed:** 1910

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** The locality and a property nearby are known as Dapper, which is where the Church takes its name from. A very substantial face brick building that was built communally with bricks from the local area. However all early records of the Union Church before the mid 1950s were destroyed in a house fire. The brickwork is constructed in a combination of garden wall English bond and Flemish Bond. The building is a standard gothic style bush church with attached buttresses down the sides and at corners. As the attached piers step out they are capped with render. The roof is a gabled roof with an additional gable over the entry porch. The Gable ends are decorated with timber fretwork over pressed metal sheeting with timber finials at the apex. The original roofing iron has been replaced with Colorbond Custom Orb profile steel, and guttering renewed in recent years. The building has steel tie rods through the nave. The entry porch is in full face brick.

The church is oriented North South, with entry via the east.

A triple window to each end are fixed lites in decorative coloured leadlight. There is a crack at the tallest of the three windows at the northern end.

The triple windows at the sanctuary end, are 'in Memoriam to William Dorman who died February 17th 1901.' The images depict an anchor and candle. At the opposite end of the church the triple window is 'Erected to the memory of the late William and Margaret Johnston, by the members of the Family'. This window has a wreath on each side and Latin words. In the centre the window depicts a diagonal cross of timber tied loosely with rope.

Side, nave, windows are gothic styled, 3 paned, in diamond pattern leadlight. The central pane is swivel operated. Windows are timber framed with heads of two rows of header brickwork.

A small rear door accesses the sanctuary area and has a metal framed modern awning over it.

Access is via the eastern porch which has a concrete floor. The entry doors into the nave are a pair of timber boarded doors in gothic shape.

Internally, the ceiling is Mansard style and lined with dressed cypress timber. The floor is timber boarding. The walls inside the nave are rendered and painted.

The Church is sited in a remnant small bushland clearing with large Eucalyptus trees and acacia around the perimeter. The church yard is fenced with a rolled top mesh fence, galvanised pipe posts and gates with the wording 'Dapper Union Church' in wrought iron, which was added at a later date to the church. The gates are a memorial and a sign on the brick pier beside the gate reads: 'these gates were erected in appreciation of many years of service given to the church by Jack and Ida Conn 1910-1952'.

The church is still a consecrated Church and is used alternately once a month by the Anglicans and the Presbyterians.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Good

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Item name:** Dapper Union Church

**Location:** 1104 Sandy Creek Road Dapper 2843

Warrumbungle

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

**management:** - Continue to record the history of this place.

- The curtilage or setting of this site that this refers to, for purposes of listing where applicable shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.

**Management:** **Management category**

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Dapper Union Church is the only surviving union church in the Dunedoo district. The church was built through the combined efforts of the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian communities of the Dapper area.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):**  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** It is a fine example of a Federation period Gothic Revival style church constructed of face brickwork with a later corrugated steel roof.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):**  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The building is a rare surviving example of a union church in the region.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** High.

References:	Author	Title	Year
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	Roy Cameron	Dapper Union Church	2004

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	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 8	2004
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**Item name:** Dapper Union Church

**Location:** 1104 Sandy Creek Road Dapper 2843

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**Location:** 1104 Sandy Creek Road Dapper 2843

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Dapper Union Church- with front gate forming entrance to church.

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**Caption:** Dapper Union Church- side elevation with window detail.

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**Caption:** Dapper Union Church- internal window with leadlight detail

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**Image:**

**Item name:** Dapper Union Church

**Location:** 1104 Sandy Creek Road Dapper 2843

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**Caption:** Dapper Union Church, view looking south west

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**Location:** 1104 Sandy Creek Road Dapper 2843

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**Caption:** Dapper Union Church, north elevation

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**Item name:** Denison Inn (Former)**Location:** 100 Black Stump Way Leadville 2831

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 100 Black Stump Way**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Leadville 2831**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Napier**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:** Denison Town**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Commercial**Category:** Inn/Tavern**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** private residence**Former uses:** Inn/Tavern**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** An archetypal country travellers inn from the 19th century. Georgian in appearance, and well maintained. Retains an exceptional bee hive water tank at the rear. Once an important mail and passenger stop in the coaching days.

**Historical notes of provenance:** A 'Denison Inn' was first constructed on the river side of the Coolah-Gulgong road by James McCubbin in about 1857. Old local identities claim it was constructed earlier and traded without a license. James McCubbin owned the Inn until 1874. John Kerr was the licensee for most of this time. The Inn was then acquired in 1874 by Seymour Denman, and closed as a hotel in 1879.

William Latimer built a new 'Denison Inn' almost opposite the old premises (the present building) In the same year, 1880, he also constructed stables, a butcher shop, bakery, blacksmith shop, post office and a dance hall.

George Seabrook was the licensee in 1889 and 1890. In 1891 eight males and ten females were residing at Latimer's premises.

The new Inn was constructed of bricks made on site, and stout ironbark timber. It is believed that the Inn was going to be constructed as a two storey structure, and the beams and joists were put in for the floor but this did not proceed.

It was not unusual for those using the Denison Inn on a long journey, to send a team of horses ahead to be spelled for a few days before their carriage arrived. The tired horses were turned out until the carriage arrived on its return journey. The same system was practiced on the coaching routes and an ostler was established at these points to take care of the horses. Coaches from Coolah, Gulgong, Merriwa and Cobbora always stopped at Denison Town.

Mr. Hookway (father of present owner) dismantled the former Kitchen wing, that was separate from the Inn, and reused the materials to construct a garage in 1948. There had also been stables that were used for Cobb & Co that were used as a changing station that have been demolished.

**Themes:** **National theme**

3. Economy

4. Settlement

8. Culture

4. Settlement

**State theme**

Communication

Towns, suburbs and villages

Leisure

Accommodation

**Local theme**

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**Designer:**

**Builder:** William Latimer

**Year started:** 1880

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** This is a well kept Victorian period inn now used as a residence. It is situated on the Coolah-Leadville road. The inn is a rendered masonry building scored to imitate ashlar blockwork with a full verandah addressing the street. A corrugated iron hipped roof with chimney at each end. The verandah is supported on timber posts. The building has been extensively repaired and restored in 1996. Windows are timber framed double hung with six panes per sash and decorative plaster heads above.

An enormous rendered brick beehive tank stands at the rear of the old Inn. Approximately 2m in height and 5m in diameter above the ground. The beehive tank covers a very deep well.

This is a landmark building well known to passers by.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Good condition

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** The beehive water tank has recently been repaired and painted.

**Recommended management:** - The curtilage or setting of this site that this refers to, for purposes of listing where applicable shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.  
- Continue to maintain building in good order.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Denison Inn is a tangible reminder of the coaching services that once connected the towns of the district in the Nineteenth Century.  
**[Historical significance]**

**Criteria b):**  
**[Historical association significance]**

**Criteria c):** The Denison Inn is a good example of a Victorian Georgian style former inn constructed c.1880.  
**[Aesthetic/Technical significance]**

**Criteria d):**  
**[Social/Cultural significance]**

**Criteria e):**  
**[Research significance]**

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**Criteria f):** The Denison Inn is one of very few surviving coaching inns in the region. It retains a rare, intact beehive water  
**[Rarity]** tank at the rear.**Criteria g):**  
**[Representative]****Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Around the Balck Stump	1992

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 10	2004
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**Caption:** Denison Inn- rear view of the former Inn with beehive tank .

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**Caption:** Denison Inn with view across the road where another Inn once stood.

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**Caption:** Denison Inn (Former), view looking south east

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**Address:** 1749 Warrumbungle Way

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Weetaliba 2395

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Lincoln

**State:** NSW

**County:** Lincoln

**Other/former names:** Old Morven

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Farming and Grazing

**Category:** Homestead Complex

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Private Homestead residence

**Former uses:** Private Homestead residence

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The original homestead, which is a beautifully presented timber framed house clad in shaped timber boards in imitation of ashlar blocks, probably dates back to the McMaster family, who were very early pastoralists of the district, when it was an enormous sized pastoral holding. The property is also associated with the Lawson family.



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**Historical notes of provenance:** Derrawee Station, formerly known as Old Morven, situated west of the village of Weetaliba and set back from the Coolah Binnaway Road section of the Warrumbungle Way. In the late 1830s its area was part of the 16,000 acres of the Honeysuckle Run held by the explorer William Lawson.

An article in the Sydney Mail of 7th. September, 1904, relates:

'Morven is at equal distances from Mudgee and Dubbo railway stations, and is the property of McMaster Brothers. It was purchased by the McMaster family, on 15th October, 1854 from the executives of the late William Lawson by whom the run was taken up. It is now managed by John McMaster, one of the partners. The country is black soil plains and open box and yarran. A large proportion is suitable for agriculture, but at present it is too far from the railway. Some of the land is also suitable for Lucerne and about 100 acres area are sown with it.

The sheep were formerly from the pure Mudgee breed or strain, bred by the late Charles Lawson, and during the last twenty years stud have been used from Tasmania's leading studs. The wool shed is fitted with shearing machines this year and shearing will start during October.

The cattle consists of a dairy herd, the progeny of Durham cows and Jersey bulls, and these are now being crossed with an Ayrshire bull. The run has two paddocks, fenced with rabbit proof netting, erected five years ago. The paddocks are well watered by wells and dams.'

The Sydney Mail shows a large photograph of the (former) Morven Homestead and of the breeding ewes and the milking cows. Charles Lawson mentioned in the article was only eight years of age when his father, William Lawson, died. He became an inspector for the Bank of New South Wales and married Mary Town, youngest daughter of William Town, who held nearby Bundella Station an the 1860's. In September, 1860 he attended the Coolah Races with his horse 'Sleight of Hand'.

John McMaster, born in 1859 as stated in the article was manager of (the former) Morven in 1904, and the son of John McMaster and his wife Christina McIntyre. His grand father was Hugh McMaster of Morven, Scotland who with his family came to Australia on the Brilliant in 1838 as Government immigrants and settled at Woodville on the Isis River on the Lower Hunter before coming to the Weetaliba area. He married Amelia Jones in Dubbo in 1887. They had one daughter Millie May born in Coonabarabran. He was President of the Coolah Shire when the Coolah Hospital was opened in 1909, and passed away one year later 1910. In 1913 the Coolah District Hospital isolation ward was opened and named after the late John McMaster of Morven, Coolah.

The Mudgee Guardian of 14th April, 1899 reported in detail the wedding at Morven, of Miss Emily McMaster to Mr. W. I. Simson of Trinkey, Liverpool Plains. The bride was given away by her brother John McMaster of Morven. The ceremony was performed in the large hall of the Morven homestead, 'which was prettily decorated with ferns and white flowers and a marriage bell, under which the bride and bridegroom stood. After the ceremony all adjourned to the spacious verandah of the Morven homestead, where the breakfast was daintily served on small tables. The guests numbered sixty persons and as was usual for the period the Guardian printed a list that included the name of each person and the presents they had given to the happy couple.

The newspapers in early 1924 advertised the 'private sale in subdivision' of Morven property, the undivided portion of the well known Weetaliba Station by order of Duncan McMaster, Esq., and the Perpetual Trustee Company Ltd who were the trustees for the Estate of the Late John McMaster. The sale notice stated that the property was 18 miles from Coolah, 14 miles from Binnaway, 5 miles from Piambra Siding and 2 miles from Ulinda Siding. The total area of the Morven subdivision was 12,340 acres (4996 ha.), allowing for the provision of 14 lots ranging in area from 599 acres to 1800 acres. Morven, totalling an area of about 12340 acres(4996h). The blocks were all on the south side of the Coolah-Binnaway Road.

The Morven homestead block was to contain an area of 1134 acres. The survey plan showed the position of the homestead, its enclosed paddock and fenced drive way. Terms of sale allowed for 15% on the signing of the contract with no further payments for two years, the balance to be in nine equal annual successive instalments, interest 7% per annum. A purchaser if he desired could take advantage of the special arrangements made with the

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Government Savings Bank to grant to the purchaser a ban for the balance of purchase.

The second longest owner of the station was Alexander Ainslie Brown, who changed the name of the Station from 'Morven' to 'Derrawee'. It is unknown what the reason for the change of name as Mr. Brown was a Scotsman and 'Derrawee' appears to be Irish for in Ireland there is a locality in Galway, Ireland called 'Derrawee'. When the name was changed the name 'Morven' was transferred to a McMaster property running off Locknaw Road, not a great distance from Derrawee. The 1936 publication 'Pioneers of Australia' has a photograph of Mr. Brown in military uniform and the following article:

Councillor Alexander Ainslie Brown, J P, grazier, of 'Derrawee'. 18 miles north-west of Coolah, N.S.W. on the Binnaway Road, is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, being born there in the year 1893. He is the son of the late Robert Ainslie Brown, and completed his education at the Edinburgh Institute. In 1912 he came to Australia, where he first gained colonial experience at 'Glen Lea' Station, Currabubula, NSW, the property of his uncle, Mr Alexander Brown. After spending 18 months at 'Glen Lea' he removed to Jerilderie, NSW., and assimilated further practical knowledge on the 'Wunnamurra' estate.

He first commenced grazing pursuits landed interests in Mudgee, NSW district. This property was later disposed of and in 1928 he acquired his present fine holding. Brown is actively identified with public life in the district and at the present time represents 'A' Riding on the Coolah Shire. He is also a member of the Coonabarabran Pastures Protection Board, and is likewise an officer of the Coolah Lodge of Freemasons No. 578, N. S.W.C.

Mr Brown married in 1922, Cecilia May, daughter of Mr. J. T. Mackie, 'Wunnamurra Station' Jerilderie, NSW, and has a family of two sons, Alexander and Robert. Mr. Brown was a councillor of the former Coolah Shire from 1935 to until 1950. Upon his retirement from 'Derrawee' he purchased E. R. Weaver's cottage at the corner of Martin and Cole Street, Coolah. He passed away on 17th January, 1960 age 69 years. Sixteen years later on 8th March, 1976 his son Alexander James Ainslie passed away, followed by his wife, Cecilia May, on 5th October, 1995 and his son Robert on 15th March, 1997. All are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Coolah.

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	3. Economy	Pastoralism	
	4. Settlement	Accommodation	
	9. Phases of Life	Persons	

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:**

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** A restored Victorian homestead. The main section of the homestead has a series of corrugated iron clad hipped roofs joined together by box gutters, a wide verandah around three sides, which is bull-nosed iron and supported on new steel cast posts. The casting was designed to resemble the original timber posts in style and proportion. The house walls are unusual in the area being timber framed and clad with timber boards in imitation of ashlar blocks. The chimneys are stone, generally rendered internally. Ceilings are approximately 4.5 metres, with beaded timber lining boards. The rear additions to the house were designed by Lithgow architect Graham Johnson.

There is a very large concrete capped beehive style water tank near the former kitchen wing. This has been restored as a guest wing. It is constructed of timber frame with vertical board and batten lining with a hipped roof. The stone chimney and fireplace to the kitchen wing still stands and has been restored. Windows are double hung. Internally the roof space is exposed, showing the early craftsmanship in the framing. An addition at the rear, with board and batten lining accommodates car ports.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Excellent

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**Archaeological  
potential level:**

**Archaeological  
potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Additions were added c.2000s, designed by Architect Graham Johnson.

**Recommended** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

**management:** - Record, photograph, research any changes to the place.

- The curtilage or setting of this place shall be taken as being the place as described and an area of 30 metres around it.

**Management:** **Management category**

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):**

[Historical  
significance]

**Criteria b):** Important association with pastoralists: William Lawson, the McMaster family and Alexander Ainslie Brown.

[Historical  
association  
significance]

**Criteria c):** Outstanding Victorian period homestead constructed . The buildings represent agricultural building styles and types of the late Nineteenth to early Twentieth Century.

[Aesthetic/  
Technical  
significance]

**Criteria d):**

[Social/Cultural  
significance]

**Criteria e):**

[Research  
significance]

**Criteria f):**

[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** Derrawee is representative of the grander homestead complexes of the late Nineteenth to early Twentieth

[Representative] Century.

**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Morven Station (Derrawee) Weetaliba	2005

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 10	2004
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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead - copy of homestead dated 1917

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead - old kitchen wing now restored as guest accommodation.

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead - view for former Kitchen

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead 1917- children playing outside the old kitchen wing. The central child is Jessie McMaster and Nim McMaster on the RHS>

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead- circa 1917 'Muster' Men: J. Stafford, R. McPherson, Colin Vern, J. Fraser.

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead - Chinese hawker at Derrawee 1917

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead - side view

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**Item name:** Digilah Station Shearing Shed**Location:** 1799 Digilah Road Dunedoo 2844

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**Address:** 1799 Digilah Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Dunedoo 2844**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Merrygoen**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Farming and Grazing**Category:** Woolshed/Shearing Shed**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Shearing shed**Former uses:** Shearing shed**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:****Statement of significance:** The shearing shed at Digilah is a fine example of a late Nineteenth Century vernacular shearing shed of timber slab construction. It is constructed of Ironbark posts and slabs and Cypress 'bush pole' rafters.

The property is associated with Harry Albatross Patrick, who presided over the courts of Leadville and Cobbora for a number of years and served as a Councillor for the former Cobbora Shire Council. The shearing shed also has an association with the Governor Bros who, it is believed, assisted in its construction.

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As far as can be ascertained the Patrick land was formerly a part of a run selected in 1854 by Robert Richardson who transferred it to Alexander Richardson. He married a Mary Patrick in 1855. Alexander died young in 1888 at the age of 36 years through an accident loading wool. When her husband died Mary had four young children to care for. She did well, acquiring land in the Gulargambone area. Her death certificate in 1905 recorded her occupation as grazier.

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In 1878 Harry Albatross Patrick was sued by Thomas Hanson, builder and carpenter, for the price of building a woolshed and attached skillion. The woolshed was described as '40 feet long, 20 feet wide, one skillion 40 feet long, 7 feet wide.' During the work the original plans were found to be defective and Harry cut down the uprights, the builder then refusing to continue erecting it. The jury found in favour of Thomas Hanson who was awarded damages of 48 pounds. (Sydney Morning Herald, 27 February, 1978, p.7) It is unknown if this is the extant woolshed on the property. The width of the skillions and main span match the description, leaving an assumption that the woolshed may have been added onto at a later time to achieve its current length.

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Henry Albatross Patrick sold 'Digilah' in 1914 to Messrs. E. J. and E. E. Lowe. At the time it held 36,030 acres freehold and leasehold. The sale included some 9,400 sheep and cattle and horses. In 1917 the land north, east and west of Digilah station homestead had been subdivided by the State Government to be made available to returned soldiers as homestead farm grants. A total of 6 lots were allocated of an average area of 1,500 acres. The allottees were William Straten (two lots), Thomas Quirk (two lots), Noel Ainslie Paton (two lots) and Thomas Cole (one lot).

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'Digilah' is situated in a picturesque valley, with historical buildings including a barn and stables and a renowned slab woodshed.

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	3. Economy	Pastoralism	
	5. Working	Labour	
	4. Settlement	Land tenure	

**Designer:**

**Builder:** Thomas Hanson

**Year started:** 1875

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** The Shearing shed is constructed of timber log posts infill clad with vertical timber slabs both above and below floor level with a wide, hipped and gabled roof clad in corrugated iron with timber lined and ventilated Dutch gables.

Sheep yards at the rear of the shed are enclosed with a split timber palisade fence with posts and top rail over.

Near by the homestead is a very tall old yellow box Eucalyptus, called 'Patrick's tree' after the original owner, located on the side of the old roadway to Mendooran is reputed to be a convict tree. It was also a special landmark tree for travellers to find their way.

There are many stories connected with it.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Shearing shed - very good  
Sheep yard fences - fair

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

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**Recommended** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

**management:** - The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the place as described, including the sheep yards, and an area of 30 metres around it.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** Digilah is an important element of the pastoral and agricultural heritage of the Dunedoo district and was improved and expanded upon by members of the Patrick family from 1862. The property remained in the ownership of the Harry Albatross Patrick until 1914.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** Digilah shearing shed has associations with pastoralists and owners the Patrick family who first purchased Digilah in the 1860s. Harry Albatross Patrick held the property until 1914.  
[Historical association significance] The shearing shed also has an association with the Governor Bros who, it is believed, assisted in its construction.

**Criteria c):** Digilah shearing shed has high local significance as a fine example of a vernacular timber slab shearing shed.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]

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[Research significance]

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[Rarity]

**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The shearing shed and sheep yard have a high degree of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Digilah Station Dunedoo	2005

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 10	2004
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**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Dunedoo 2844

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Merrygoen

**State:** NSW

**County:** Napier

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Farming and Grazing

**Category:** Barn

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** private barn

**Former uses:** private barn

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** An exceptional timber structure for its time: its longevity a testament to the thoughtful engineering that went into its design. Its massive timber sizes would have required great construction skills. Part of the 'Digilah' holding that was an immense sized early pastoral run in the district. The barn probably dates back to the Richardsons ownership in the mid Nineteenth Century.

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Thomas Cole worked his grant with his two brothers. In early 1920 they were unfortunate for their house built mainly of pine bunt to the ground whilst they were working in the fields. Everything they possessed, including a

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<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	3. Economy	Pastoralism	
	5. Working	Labour	

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:**

**Year completed:** 1870

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** An unusual 'American' style tall timber barn with central high gable roofed hay barn, with dual skillion roofs extending to either side to accommodate stables and smaller storage area. Construction is timber post and beam with timber log posts and infill slabs. Internal walls between the hay barn and side rooms is clad in horizontal drop slabs held in place by timber battens. The inner wall height are approx. 6 to 7 metres high. The roof frame is in round timbers, cross braced with remarkably long saplings. External walls are generally vertical slabs with some horizontal infills. A feature of the barn are the large floor beams, flat topped and approx 400mm wide, set flush with the ground, at approximately 1.5metre centres, and running length wise through the hay barn. Their ends are dovetailed into the outer base wall plates, presumably to stop spreading of the barn structure. The stables and saddlery area are paved in close packed round timber stumps. The buildings frame is generally round and lightly adzed timbers, with some of the bracing timbers as long as 9 metres.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Well maintained by present owners.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** - Continue to record and research this place's history.

- Continue to maintain building in good order.

- The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the barn as described and an area of 20 metres around it.

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Management category</b>	<b>Management name</b>
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**Further comments:**

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**[Historical significance]**

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[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** Digilah timber barn has high local significance as a fine example of a vernacular timber slab building.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The timber barn has the potential to provide information on the construction of rural buildings in the mid Nineteenth Century.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The timber barn is a rare local example of a Nineteenth Century barn/stables building that is intact and highly maintained.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The timber barn has a high degree of integrity.

<b>References:</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year</b>
	Roy Cameron	Digilah Station, Dunedoo	2005

<b>Studies:</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Year</b>
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 10	2004
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**Caption:** Digilah Station Timber Barn - floor of the stables area with sawn timber in the round paving blocks.

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**Caption:** Floor beams dove tailed to outer base plate, assisting in keeping the barn frame plumb and true.

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**Item name:** Digilah Station Timber Barn

**Location:** 1799 Digilah Road Dunedoo 2844

Warrumbungle



**Caption:** Digilah Station Timber Barn, view looking north west

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**Caption:** Digilah Station Timber Barn, view looking south east

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**Item name:** Duke of Wellington Inn (former)**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Address:****Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Bugaldie 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Bugaldie**State:** NSW**County:** Baradine**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Commercial**Category:** Inn/Tavern**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Private residence**Former uses:** Inn**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Duke of Wellington is one of very few surviving coaching inns in the region. It is a tangible reminder of the coaching services that once connected the towns of the district. It has a high level of local historical significance, rarity and representativeness. It also has a moderate level of local aesthetic significance.

**Historical notes of provenance:** Coach services were developed in the Coonabarabran region from the 1870s. A weekly mail service from Coonabarabran to Mendooran was established in 1875 by Thomas Cheshire. Cobb & Co. bought out Cheshire's mail contract in 1876. (Pickette & Campbell 1983:101) Robert Nowland commenced a coach service to Gunnedah and also conducted coach services to Pilliga (Pickette & Campbell 1983:117). Other coach routes provided services between towns north of Coonabarabran. Duke Tritton recorded a time around 1907 when he worked briefly as relief driver on the mail coach running between Gulargambone and Baradine.

'The coach was one of the famous Cobb & Co. coaches. ... I picked up the mail at Gular at three in the afternoon and came back to Box Ridge, stayed the night, left for Baradine at eight, dropping mail at about twenty four roadside mail boxes, changed horses at Goorianawa, then on to Bugaldi and Baradine, reaching there around four. The trip was just seventy miles. I did a round trip twice a week and found it somewhat boring unless I had passengers to yarn away the time.' (Tritton 1964:96-97)

Coach services through Bugaldie continued until at least the 1920s when rail passenger services commenced from Coonabarabran to Baradine and Gwabegar.

The Duke of Wellington was presumably constructed some time after the establishment of Robert Nowland's coach runs in the late 1870s and possibly operated until the 1920s.

**Themes:** National theme

State theme

Local theme

3. Economy

Transport

3. Economy

Commerce

**Designer:** Unknown**Builder:** Unknown**Year started:** 1870**Year completed:****Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** The Duke of Wellington consists of a number of buildings as follows: A Victorian era inn constructed with vertical slab walls battened to seal gaps. The inn has a large steep pitched, hipped roof clad in corrugated galvanised iron. The building is surrounded by a skillion-roofed verandah and has a tall brick chimney. Various outbuildings constructed with hardwood slabs.



**Item name:** Duke of Wellington Inn (former)

**Location:** Warrumbungle

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The property and its structures are generally in good condition.

The property has moderate archaeological potential.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Modification of interior – 1920s to 1990s

Reconstruction of western end of inn, including reconstruction of walls and floors, demolition of fireplace and chimney and installation of fuel stove and flue – 1990s.

Reconstruction of verandah – 1990s to 2002

**Recommended management:** The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that the building is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Duke of Wellington is a tangible reminder of the coaching services that once connected the towns of the district. It has a high level of historical significance at a local level.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The Duke of Wellington has little historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The Duke of Wellington is one of very few surviving coaching inns in the region. Its design and construction reflect the style of these types of buildings. The former inn has a moderate level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The Duke of Wellington has little social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The Duke of Wellington is heavily modified and has little technical/research significance.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The Duke of Wellington is one of few surviving inns in the Coonabarabran region and has a high level of rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Duke of Wellington is representative of the inns that once existed along the roads of the district. It is also representative of the style of inns constructed across New South Wales in the 19th century. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The Duke of Wellington has been heavily modified and has little to moderate integrity.

**Item name:** Duke of Wellington Inn (former)**Location:** Warrumbungle

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Pickette, J. & Campbell, M.	Coonabarabran as it Was in the Beginning	1983
	Triton, H. P. (Duke)	Time Means Tucker	1964

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Ray Christison	Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study		2006
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Item name:** Duke of Wellington Inn (former)

**Location:**

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Duke of Wellington Inn, view from Baradine Road

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**Caption:** The northern and western sides of The Duke of Wellington Inn, c.2006

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**Item name:** Duke of Wellington Inn (former)

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**Caption:** Duke of Wellington Inn, viewed from the south, c.2006

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**Item name:** Dunedoo General Cemetery**Location:** Avonside Road Dunedoo 2844

Warrumbungle

**Address:** Avonside Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Dunedoo 2844**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Bolaro**State:** NSW**County:** Lincoln**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Landscape**Group:** Cemeteries and Burial Sites**Category:** Cemetery/Graveyard/Burial Ground**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Public cemetery**Former uses:** Public cemetery**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Dunedoo General Cemetery is an important element of the early development of the town of Dunedoo. It is tangible evidence of the early settlement following the coming of the railway in 1910. The cemetery is a noteworthy element of Dunedoo and set close by a remnant vegetation reserve. There is a range of monuments spanning more than a century of settlement .

**Historical notes of provenance:** The present site of the town of Dunedoo was on the Bolaro run held in the 1840s by the brothers Robert Lowe Jr. and William Willard Lowe. As the number of settlers in the area increased, the settlement at Dunedoo, then called Redbank, also grew. In 1867 local representations were made to the State Government for an official township at Dunedoo. Surveyor William Jacomb Conder completed the survey for the township of Dunedoo in October 1868, siting it closer to the Talbragar River than the present location. Streets running north and south were called boys names whilst the streets running east and west were given girls names. The first lots were put up for auction on 30th May, 1870.

To avoid the proposed railway line running through the middle of the settlement the town area was redesigned in 1908. The northern boundary of the town was moved further back from the Talbragar River and fresh names given to the town streets. The coming of the railway to Dunedoo on the 26th November, 1910 gave impetus to the growth of the town. The fact that the Government had found it necessary to survey another 168 blocks gives some idea of the marvellous progress that was made in the town.

The Dunedoo General Cemetery was notified on 7th July, 1909.

**Themes:** National theme  
9. Phases of Life**State theme**  
Birth and Death**Local theme****Designer:****Builder:****Year started:** 1909**Year completed:****Circa:** No

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**Location:** Avonside Road Dunedoo 2844

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**Physical description:** The cemetery is set in an open clearing in bushland a couple of kilometres from the town. There are some special plantings along the perimeter, casuarinas and flowering Eucalyptus.

There is a central avenue with Eucalyptus trees each side. This is a relatively modern cemetery and so most headstones and ledgers reflect this. Large monuments of the 'Victorian' style are rare. One large and decorative monument, close by the entrance in the Catholic Section, is the headstone of Andrew Frances, and nearby Eugene Sullivan also a tall monument surmounted by a cross. In the far corner is the Presbyterian section and that includes a primitive grave surrounded by a mesh fence.

One of the most elaborate monuments is a small statue of Jesus, devoted to members of the Sullivan family. Overall a cemetery dominated by the 'bed style' ledgers and monuments.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** good

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** - The curtilage or setting of this site that this refers to, for purposes of listing where applicable shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.

- Encourage active recording of information for cemeteries and isolated graves.

**Management:** Management category

Management name

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Dunedoo General Cemetery is an important element of the early development of the town of Dunedoo. It has a high level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The cemetery has numerous associations with persons who played a role in the development of Dunedoo. It has a high level of local historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):**  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):**  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

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**Criteria g):** The cemetery is representative of places developed in the 19th century to bury the dead. It is has a high level of local significance in this regard.  
**[Representative]**

**Intactness/Integrity:****References:**

Author	Title	Year
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Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Item name:** Dunedoo General Cemetery

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Gates and Dunedoo cemetery beyond.

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**Item name:** Dunedoo General Cemetery

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**Caption:** General view of dunedoo cemetery showing the many ledgers of similar era and style.

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**Caption:** Dunedoo General Cemetery, view looking south east

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**Item name:** Dunedoo General Cemetery

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**Caption:** Dunedoo General Cemetery, entry gates and central avenue

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**Item name:** Dunedoo Post Office

**Location:** 68 Bolaro Street Dunedoo 2844

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**Address:** 68 Bolaro Street

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Dunedoo 2844

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Bolaro

**State:** NSW

**County:** Lincoln

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:** Dunedoo Main Street Group

**Group ID:** 1391105

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Commercial

**Category:** Other - Commercial

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Post office

**Former uses:** Post office

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** An important and contributing building in the main street of Dunedoo. It is a modest example of an Interwar period Stripped Classical style building with fine brick and rendered detailing. The Post Office is also representative of the development of Dunedoo in the early 20th century.

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**Historical notes of provenance:** The present site of the town of Dunedoo was on the Bolaro run held in the 1840s by the brothers Robert Lowe Jnr. and William Willard Lowe. As the number of settlers in the area increased, the settlement at Dunedoo, then called Redbank, also grew. In 1867 local representations were made to the State Government for an official township at Dunedoo. Surveyor William Jacomb Conder completed the survey for the township of Dunedoo in October 1868, siting it closer to the Talbragar River than the present location. Streets running north and south were called boys names whilst the streets running east and west were given girls names: The first lots were put up for auction on 30th May, 1870.

To avoid the railway line running through the middle of the settlement the town area was redesigned in 1908. The northern boundary of the town was moved further back from the Talbragar River and fresh names given to the town streets.

Agitation for a post office at 'Redbank' began on 28th June 1876 when Kenneth Cameron of Denison Town submitted a petition on behalf of residents who had to travel to Cobbora or Denison Town for their mail.

The Dunedoo Post Office began as a non-official Receiving Office, called 'Bolaro' on 1st November 1876, with John McCubbin in charge, at an allowance of £5 per annum. He was appointed at the request of local residents. Jane McCubbin took charge on 17th January 1877. On her recommendation Henry John Cadien was appointed from 1st January 1880. He died on 30th September of the same year and Hugh Cameron became Receiving Office Keeper from 1st October 1880.

There were frequent changes in control of the Bolaro Receiving Office and as far as records are available appointees were: Charles New, 1884; Mrs Mary Johnston, 1889; George William New, 1891; John H. Seabrook, 1894; Mrs E. M. Little, 1895; Miss Ellen Seabrook, 1896; Miss Ada Seabrook, 1899; Mrs Mary Johnston, 1900; Miss Elizabeth Johnston, 1901; Mr L. W. Best, 1912; P. Haynes, 1917; S. O. Blyton, 1942; D. J. Isbester, 1952; R. D. Bareham, 1958; H. O'Neill, 1960; M. R. Morris, 1971; R. L. Winter, 1974.

The Receiving Office was raised, on 10th June 1901, to a non-official Post Office and Miss E. Johnston remained in charge on an increased salary, from £5 to £10 per annum. The name of the office was changed from Bolaro to Dunedoo on 15th November 1909. Two months earlier it had been moved to allow for the construction of the railway line.

It also became a Telephone Office from 10th August 1910. Until private telephones were installed, the telephone would have been used primarily for receiving or sending telegrams. The first switchboard operator was Miss Maggie Britten. This office was in Mrs Johnston's shop. The Mudgee Guardian mentions a complaint about the first public telephone being on the shop counter where all could hear. The office was later relocated.

Dunedoo became a new official Post Office from 27th November 1912, when Mr P. R. Drinkwater was appointed Postmaster. Moore's Country Directory shows that Mr P. Haynes was postmaster from at least 1917 to 1933 with Mr E. R. W. Smyth holding the position from 1934 to 1941. Mr Haynes spent 46 years in the postal service, beginning his career as a telegraph assistant at Liverpool, N.S.W. and in 1896 becoming the Post Master at Leadville, a position he held for 18 years before being transferred to Merriwa.

In 1934 the telephone staff at Dunedoo were F. A. Morris, Grade 2 mechanic; G. A. Lane, Senior Linesman; V. J. McCarthy, Linesman; Annie R. Smith and Betty E. Cullivers, telephonists. In the same year John L. Archer conveyed the mail from Dunedoo to Cobbora by horse and sulky.

Tenders were called for a new post office, residence and outbuildings at Dunedoo in June 1924. A separate counter for savings bank transactions was installed in 1935. The post office was painted and renovated in 1937.

**Themes:** National theme  
3. Economy

**State theme**  
Communication

**Local theme**

**Designer:** Australia post

**Builder:**

**Year started:** 1924

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** Yes



**Item name:** Dunedoo Post Office

**Location:** 68 Bolaro Street Dunedoo 2844

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**Physical description:** This single storey brick building is constructed of face brickwork. It has a rendered base course and a rendered frieze above the window level. Windows are timber framed double hung with top sashes divided into six panes. It has a hipped roof clad in corrugated steel. It retains its original face brick chimneys. At the front of the building are a group of three windows with the words 'Dunedoo Post Office 2844' within the frieze above. Between each window is an attached pier with a moulded base and capital. To the left and right of the bay window are flat roofed covered entry porches.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Very Good

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

- Continue to record and research this place's history.

- The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.

**Management:** **Management category** **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Dunedoo Post Office has direct associations with the development of the town and community of Dunedoo.  
[Historical significance] Postal services have been provided from the same building since 1924.

**Criteria b):**  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** Dunedoo Post Office is a modest example of an Interwar period Stripped Classical style building with fine brick and rendered detailing.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):**  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** Dunedoo Post Office is representative of post offices built in country towns in the early Twentieth Century.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:**

**Item name:** Dunedoo Post Office**Location:** 68 Bolaro Street Dunedoo 2844

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References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Around the Black Stump	1992

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	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Day 3 22nd sep	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Location:** 68 Bolaro Street Dunedoo 2844

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Front view of the Post Office at Dunedoo.

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**Location:** 68 Bolaro Street Dunedoo 2844

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**Caption:** Dunedoo Post Office, detail of north elevation

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**Item name:** Dunedoo Presbyterian Church**Location:** 58-60 Cobbora Street Dunedoo 2844

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 58-60 Cobbora Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Dunedoo 2844**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Bolaro**State:** NSW**County:** Lincoln**Other/former names:** Saint David's Presbyterian Church**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Religion**Category:** Church**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Church**Former uses:** Church**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Dunedoo Presbyterian Church is a fine example of a Interwar period Gothic style church building constructed of face brickwork with a gabled roof clad in corrugated steel. It was developed through community effort and represents the aspirations of the Presbyterian community of Dunedoo.

**Historical notes of provenance:** Historical notes from 'Around the Black Stump' by Cameron, R.

St David's was officially opened and dedicated on 10th May, 1924, the Rev. Professor McIntyre, O.B.E., M.A., D.D., after consecration on 1st December, 1923 by the Rev. G. Nelson Bensley. The builder was M. H. Bennett of Gulgong, assisted by Fred Leary of Dunedoo, with the brickwork.

The Mudgee Guardian of 22nd May, 1924 described the church as a 'well proportioned brick edifice, which has seating accommodation for approximately 200 people... The interior finishings and fittings are in keeping with the attractive exterior. There are eight beautiful leadlight windows, exquisitely wrought and of delicate colourings, every one of which is a memorial window...'

The official sermon on its opening day was preached by Professor McIntyre, which was followed by a banquet and then a concert and social evening until midnight. Rev. G. Nelson Bensley was acknowledged for his foresight, energy and pluck which had brought the church to completion.

**Themes:** National theme

State theme

Local theme

**Designer:** M. H. Bennett**Builder:** M. H. Bennett**Year started:****Year completed:** 1924**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** St David's Presbyterian Church is located on a hill overlooking Dunedoo and the Talbragar River valley. The church is constructed of face brickwork laid in Flemish bond with attached brick buttresses with rendered and painted capping. The roof is gabled with Gothic styled timber fretwork to the gable ends. Smaller gables project forward on both the northern side forming the entrance vestibule and at the southern end of the eastern elevation providing access to the vestry. The gable roofs are clad in corrugated steel with three ventilator cowls to the main roof. Timber finials complete the gable ends to the main roof and vestry roof. Windows are gothic in style with coloured leadlighting. Towards the apex of the northern wall is a hexafoil window with coloured leadlight glazing in a circular double row of tuck pointed header bricks. Doorways are typically timber boarded doors with a gothic arched head.

**Item name:** Dunedoo Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 58-60 Cobbora Street Dunedoo 2844

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**Physical condition** Excellent  
**level:**

**Physical condition:**  
**Archaeological**  
**potential level:**

**Archaeological**  
**potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended** - Consider making available publicly interpretive information that will enable visitors to appreciate the site.

**management:** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

- The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.

**Management:** **Management category**

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):**  
[Historical  
significance]

**Criteria b):** The church has associations with many Dunedoo district families who helped raise funds for its construction, including the Bowman, Johnston and Paterson families and with H. A. Patrick of 'Digilah' who, it is believed, donated the land and the bricks for the church.  
[Historical  
association  
significance]

**Criteria c):** It is a fine example of a Interwar period Gothic style church constructed of face brickwork with a corrugated steel roof and sited on an prominent hill side location.  
[Aesthetic/  
Technical  
significance]

**Criteria d):** The church has a high level of social significance at a local level. It was developed through community effort and represents the aspirations of the Presbyterian community of Dunedoo.  
[Social/Cultural  
significance]

**Criteria e):**  
[Research  
significance]

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Dunedoo Presbyterian Church is representative of gothic style country churches built in the early 20th century.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:**

**References:** **Author**  
Cameron, R.

**Title**  
Around the Black Stump

**Year**  
1993

**Item name:** Dunedoo Presbyterian Church**Location:** 58-60 Cobbora Street Dunedoo 2844

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<b>Studies:</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Year</b>
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Item name:** Dunedoo Stationmaster's Residence (former)

**Location:** 142 Whiteley Street Dunedoo 2844

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 142 Whiteley Street

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Dunedoo 2844

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Bolaro

**State:** NSW

**County:** Lincoln

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Transport - Rail

**Category:** Railway Residence/Quarters

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Private residence

**Former uses:** Stationmaster's residence

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Dunedoo Stationmaster's Residence is a modest example of a vernacular Federation period stationmasters residence constructed of timber weatherboard walls with a gable roof clad in corrugated steel. It is significant as evidence of the workings of the Dunedoo railway station which included providing accommodation for the stationmaster. The building retains much of its original features and contributes to the character of the streetscape.

**Historical notes of provenance:** The railway came to Dunedoo in 1910 being opened officially on the 26th November by Mr. Arthur Griffith, Minister for Public Works. The opening of the railway gave great impetus to the growth of the town, which had been earlier resurveyed in 1908 to accommodate the rail line.

At the opening of the line four little girls; Daisy Weis, Ruby Thompson, Eva Yeo and Jean New held the blue ribbon across the platform to the goods shed until the heavily garlanded and decorated train broke through. Mrs Vic Campbell (nee Edith New) had the honour of purchasing the first ticket issued for the new line at Sydney Central. It is numbered 000, dated 25th November 1910, and is still kept amongst the treasures of the New family.

The station buildings were constructed in 1909.

Station Masters at Dunedoo were: William Cornwell Ashbury, 1911; Herbert M. Walkom, 1914; Arthur W. Thomson, 1917; John A. Connor, 1920; Graham E. Moore, 1926; A. Humphrey's, 1926; E. Temby, 1935; George Wallace, 1935; C. Weekes, 1947; J. McPhillips, 1948; R. Nicholls, 1955.

**Themes:** National theme

State theme

Local theme

3. Economy

Transport

4. Settlement

Accommodation

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:**

**Year completed:** 1909

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** Freestanding, single storey residence constructed of timber weatherboard walls with a gable roof clad in corrugated iron. The roof breaks into a shallower skillion verandah roof that is supported on timber posts on the eastern side of the building. Three painted brick chimneys extend above the roof. A services wing clad in timber weatherboard and fibre cement sheeting is located to the rear. Windows are typically timber framed double hung with each sash divided into two panes. The front door is a half glazed timber panel door with fanlight over.

**Item name:** Dunedoo Stationmaster's Residence (former)

**Location:** 142 Whiteley Street Dunedoo 2844

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**Physical condition** Good  
**level:**

**Physical condition:**  
**Archaeological**  
**potential level:**

**Archaeological**  
**potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended** - Continue to maintain building in good order.

**management:** - Continue to record and research this place's history.

- The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the title of the Lot of land that it stands on.

**Management:** **Management category**

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** Dunedoo railway station and its associated yard buildings was opened on 26th November, 1910. It was a great impetus to the development of the town.  
**[Historical significance]**

**Criteria b):**  
**[Historical association significance]**

**Criteria c):** The former stationmaster's residence is a modest but good example of a vernacular Federation period stationmaster's residence constructed of timber weatherboard walls with a gable roof clad in corrugated steel.  
**[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]** The building retains much of its original features and contributes to the character of the streetscape.

**Criteria d):**  
**[Social/Cultural significance]**

**Criteria e):** It is significant as evidence of the workings of the Dunedoo railway station which included providing accommodation for the stationmaster.  
**[Research significance]**

**Criteria f):**  
**[Rarity]**

**Criteria g):** The former Dunedoo Stationmaster's Residence is representative of the type of accommodation provided to railway staff based at small country stations during the Federation period.  
**[Representative]**

**Intactness/Integrity:**

**References:** **Author**  
Cameron, R.

**Title**  
Around the Black Stump

**Year**  
1993

**Item name:** Dunedoo Stationmaster's Residence (former)**Location:** 142 Whiteley Street Dunedoo 2844

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Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
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**Location:** 142 Whiteley Street Dunedoo 2844

Warrumbungle

**Image:**



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**Item name:** Dunedoo Woodland Reserve**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Address:****Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Dunedoo 2844**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Bolaro**State:** NSW**County:** Lincoln**Other/former names:** TSR 1693**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Landscape**Group:** Parks, Gardens and Trees**Category:** Reserve**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Natural Reserve & Learning centre**Former uses:** Travelling Stock Route**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Dunedoo Woodland Reserve is an important area of land containing grassy box woodland remnants that wasn't cleared for pastures, demonstrating the original type of woodland and landscape that generally existed west of the Dividing Range before settlement.

**Historical notes of provenance:** In August 1999, the Dunedoo Community realised the importance of protecting an area of Grassy Box Woodland on the south-western area of the town of Dunedoo, an ecosystem that is poorly represented throughout the Central Western agriculture area. The remnant is a 33 hectare, a portion of Traveling Stock Route (TSR) that was managed by the Rural Lands Protection Board. The TSR 61006 which is on the eastern side of the Golden Highway, was officially gazetted an 11th August, 1884 containing at that time about 300 acres. TSR 1693 -on the opposite side of the Highway containing an area in the vicinity of 150 acres, with a frontage to the Talbragar River, was gazetted an the same date, but at present does not form part of the Dunedoo Woodland Learning Centre.

On 6th April, 2000 the Dunedoo District Development Group entered into a 15 years agreement with the Dubbo Rural Lands Protection Board, for a 15 years lease and containing an area of approximately 25 hectares, being part of Traveling Stock Reserve No. 61006, Parish of Bolaro, County of Lincoln. A working party from the Dunedoo District Development Group was appointed to take control of the project and they determined that in addition to preserving the valuable and threatened ecosystem, an educational centre should be established upon the land. This would provide a place for students, adult groups and others to learn about the local environment and ways of working and living more with our surrounds.

In 1972, Mrs, Beryl Bowman, of 'Wargundy', Craboon, on behalf of the Dunedoo Tourist Committee submitted to the Lands Department a proposal for the establishment of an 'Animal Park' on TSR 61006 and adjoining land. In a letter to the Lands Board Office at Orange, Mrs. Bowman stated that it was intended to fence the whole area, establish a large dam, erect an entrance building and kiosk. The area was to be established as an animal park, with the animals completely loose and free in an endeavour to save some of the species that are rapidly dying out in the region such as the red tail wallaby, wallaroos and koalas. At a later date an Aboriginal Artefact Museum would be added.

The proposal was approved by both the Coolah Shire Council and the Land Board Office. Whilst the Committee was investigating methods of funding the capital cost and meeting annual running expenses, the State Government announced its intent to build an Animal Zoo at Dubbo. The Dunedoo proposal was thus abandoned as no government funds would be made available for the Dunedoo Animal Park. Today part of the TSR is assisting in the preservation of both flora and fauna.

**Item name:** Dunedoo Woodland Reserve**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Themes:** National theme  
1. Environment**State theme**  
Environment - naturally evolved**Local theme****Designer:****Builder:****Year started:** 2000**Year completed:****Circa:** No

**Physical description:** Situated beside the Dunedoo cemetery, the Dunedoo Woodland reserve is an area of land set aside for grassy box woodland remnants. A natural woodland with an interpretive sign describing the area. This represents a small area that wasn't cleared for pastures, so it shows the original type of woodland and landscape that generally existed west of the Dividing Range before settlement. This land is joined by a TSR to two other grassy woodland remnants.

A substantial information sign has been erected near the eastern boundary to the 'Woodlands'. This sign reads in part:

DUNEDOO WOODLAND LEARNING CENTRE.

Grassy Box Woodland Remnant

Grassy Box Woodlands were once the predominate vegetation on the good soils of the slopes and plains west of the Great Dividing Range, including the Dunedoo Region, but have largely been cleared for crops and pastures. These ecosystems are now endangered with approximately 0.05% remaining. Early in the 20th Century, the site was set aside as a Travelling Stock Reserve, and so escaped extensive agricultural use. With a history of only intermittent grazing by sheep and cattle, it retains good tree cover and has become a refuge for many of the original woodland plant species. The trees, including Yellow Box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*), White Box (*E. albens*), Grey Box (*E. macrocarpa*), Blakely's Red Gum (*E. blakelyi*), and Rough Apple Bark (*Angophora floribunda*), provide an important habitat for native animals and birds and trees which can live up to 400 years.

At ground level most of the plant species are found, native grasses form the dominant ground cover, and a wide variety of wildflowers grow between the grass tussocks. In spring, Chocolate Lilies (can fill the air with a Chocolate aroma,) or the beautiful Golden Everlasting Daisies, Bluebells or Scrambled Eggs abound.

Many of the native wild flowers have underground tubers that allow them to survive extreme conditions like drought and bush fire. In summer, many of them die back to ground level, so can't be seen. At various times of the year, you are likely to notice these finds of seasonal change in the woodlands. This site is now part of the Grassy Box Woodland Conservation Management Network, that helps to protect the important remnants like this one across NSW.

Management of this site has been made possible through the involvement of many groups and individuals, including the Dunedoo Community, Dunedoo District Development Group Inc., Dubbo Rural Lands Protection Board, and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Grassy Box Woodlands Conservation Management Network, Greening Australia, (former) Coolah Shire Council, Dunedoo Branch Country Women's Association of Australia, Conservation Volunteers, Department of Lands and Water Conservation, Stipa Native Grasses Association, Lynne Heywood who is an ornithologist. The Natural Heritage Trust assisted project.

**Physical condition level:****Physical condition: Archaeological potential level:****Archaeological potential Detail:****Modification dates:** First proposed as a animal park in 1972. Leased in 2000 as a natural Woodland learning centre on a 15 year lease.

**Item name:** Dunedoo Woodland Reserve

**Location:** Warrumbungle

**Recommended management:** Continue to manage as open space.

**Management:**      **Management category**    **Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** Dunedoo Woodland Reserve is important in demonstrating the original type of woodland and landscape that generally existed west of the Dividing Range before settlement.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):**  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** Dunedoo Bushland Reserve is a large, relatively undisturbed area of bush which provides a contrast to the highly altered pastoral environment that surrounds it.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):**  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Dunedoo Bushland reserve is representative of grassy box woodland vegetation communities that existed prior to European settlement.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Dunedoo Woodland Learning centre (notes)	2004
	Sue Stoddart	Notes to Barbara Hickson	2004
		Notice board at the Woodland Learning centre	2000

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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**Location:**

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Interpretive sign at the Woodland Reserve Dunedoo

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**Location:**

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**Location:**

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**Caption:** Dunedoo Woodland Reserve, walking track

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