



Baradine Memorial Hall

**Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study
2018
Volume 3: Heritage Inventory Sheets**

Part 4 – M to O

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Item name: Martin's House

Location: Birrewa Street Cobbora 2843

Warrumbungle

Address: Birrewa 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: Wiradjuri

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Farming and Grazing

Category: Stockman's Hut

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Abandoned settler's house

Former uses: Settler's House

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: An important relic that stands for a very significant early settler family. In particular Mrs (Mary) Robert Cooper Martin, the mother and grandmother of many in the district, and who was a pioneer when she came to the Cobborah district. The cottage is now almost a ruin, but demonstrates the hard life of pioneers and the simple life style they endured.

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Historical notes of provenance: Cobbora has often been referred to as 'Martin Town' because of the number of people there bearing the Martin name. When Mrs (Mary) Robert Cooper Martin died on the 7th September 1913, aged 84 years, she left 41 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren to mourn the loss of one courageous pioneer in the Cobborah district. She was a native of Richmond and moved to Cobbora in about 1849 when she was 20 years of age.

The Rouse brothers, John, Richard and Edwin were probably grazing stock in the Cobbora district in the early 1820's. They had taken up Guntawang Run on the Cudgegong near Gulgong and the Mendooran run on the Castlereagh near Mendooran. The first person interested in acquiring land at Cobbora was Robert Martin who chose 1,280 acres at Cobrow (Cobbora) on the southern side of the Talbragar River. Richard Rouse later procured 640 acres on the western boundary of Martin's selection. The first map that used the name 'Cobborah' was prepared by Assistant Surveyor Lewis in 1832, when he surveyed the Talbragar River from Merutherer (Merotherie) to Cobborah. The word 'Cobborah', on the map, is close to the Talbragar, near where Martin had his homestead and 'Martin's Inn' was later constructed.

Robert Martin Snr (1768-1846)

Robert Martin Snr was born in the north of England in 1768. He was a tailor and prior to coming free to the Colony in 1804 on the 'Experiment', lived at 46 York Street, Westminster. He came out with his first wife Mary (nee Cooper), and their children, Martha (15 years), Robert Jnr (5 years) and Caroline (1 year).

Robert Snr did not stay long at his trade and by 1809 had a land grant at Green Hills. He could not read or write but had a 'canny' ability to expand his land empire. Mary Martin died in 1828 and in 1842 he married spinster Margaret Henderson in Richmond. They had one child, Johanna Henderson Martin, born in 1846.

Robert Martin Jnr married Mary Elizabeth Merrick (1795-1855) at Richmond in 1822. She was the daughter of Edward Merrick, who came to the Colony in the 'Surprize' in 1790 and was one of the first blacksmiths in Australia and the first police constable at Richmond where a street is named after him. Their children were Robert Cooper (1822-1884), Caroline (1824-1878), Martha (1826-1901), John Harden (1829-1881), William Martin (1832-1871), Henry Martin (1834-1835). Robert Martin Jnr remarried in 1861 at Richmond to Mary Oliver Peny (1812-1873). He died on 11th September 1872, aged 75 years and is also buried at St. Peter's, Richmond.

Robert Cooper Martin (1822-1884)

Robert Cooper, son of Robert Jnr was the member of the family most connected with Cobbora. He married Martha Price (1829-1913) at Windsor when he was 25 years of age. Their children were Henry Cooper (1848-1933, born Cobbora), Robert William (1850-1931, died at Mendooran), Mary Elizabeth (1851-1852, born Cobbora), Mary (1852-1923, died Tallawang), Edward John (1854-1954, born Gulgong), Caroline Ann (1856-1945, born Cobbora) and Thomas (1856-1887, born Cobbora).

Robert Cooper Martin died on 17th October 1884, aged 62 years: he fell from a horse with his foot caught in the stirrup. His widow passed away on 7th September 1913, aged 84 years. Both are buried in the Cobbora cemetery.

Themes: **National theme**
9. Phases of Life
8. Culture
4. Settlement

State theme
Persons
Domestic life
Accommodation

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1860

Year completed:

Circa: Yes

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Physical description: A small early settler's house with hipped corrugated iron roof and skillion to the rear and front verandah. Constructed in vertical timber Board and batten, the timbers are exceedingly dry and many battens are now displaced leaving only the slabs. The front verandah wall is lined in horizontal timber planks. Inside the house was once 'papered' against the weather. Two sheet metal chimneys sit at the side.

Part of the verandah at the front is filled in. The house appears to be set on timbers on the ground. Two doors lead to the front verandah and there appears to be no conventional windows. The front verandah iron roof is self supporting from the wall to the verandah beam and posts are rough hewn.

Physical condition level: Poor

Physical condition: Now almost a ruin, In need of some urgent work if it is to remain standing.

Archaeological potential level: Moderate

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: - Continue to maintain

- 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): Martin's House is important as a rare surviving structure from the settlement of Cobbora, first settled in the 1830s and which prospered as an important staging post junction.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): Martin's House has direct association with the Martin family, after whom Cobbora was often referred to as 'Martin Town' in its early period.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): Martin's House is able to demonstrate the construction methods of mid Nineteenth Century pioneer's cottages.
[Research significance]

Criteria f): Martin's House is rare in the area as a relatively intact mid Nineteenth Century pioneer's cottage.
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

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Intactness/Integrity:

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

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	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 validity:

Spatial accuracy:

Map name:

Map scale:

AMG zone:

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Northing:

Listing: Name

Title
Heritage study

Number

ListingDate
08/09/2005

Data entry: Data first entered: 30/11/2004

Data updated: 24/10/2018

Status: Completed

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Image:



Caption: Martin's House - front view

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Caption: Martin's House- rear view

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Caption: Martin's House- internal view of timber lining.

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Caption: Martin's House

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Caption: Martin's House, north elevation

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Address: 36-38 John Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coonabarabran 2357

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Coonabarabran

State: NSW

County: Gowen

Other/former names: Prezzies and Chalkies

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Retail and Wholesale

Category: Department Store

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Retail

Former uses: Retail

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: The former McDonagh Coonabarabran Ltd store is a strong physical expression of the mid twentieth century prosperity and growth of Coonabarabran. The building is also an expression of changing trends in retail in Coonabarabran. The store is an interesting example of the Inter-War trend to upgrade existing buildings to create a 'modern' face for retail businesses. The building also retains a rare intact Art Deco shopfront, featuring a large vitrolite name board.

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

Historical notes of provenance: It appears that the McDonagh Coonabarabran Ltd store was constructed in 1911. A photograph in the possession of the current owner of the building shows the building in the early 1930s. The façade visible in this photograph is topped with a Federation style pediment. The date in the tympanum of this pediment is 1911. The store is fronted by the existing large verandah. The upper storey of this verandah features a Federation Filigree style timber railing and is shaded by roll-down canvas blinds.

The store appears to have been extended with the addition of a new wing on its southern side in the late 1920s. At this time the façade was modified by the addition of a new cement-rendered façade with Art Deco style parallel line detailing.

At its meeting of 3 December 1937 Coonabarabran Shire Council considered a matter of urgency raised by McDonagh Bros. who had notified their intention to erect business premises on Timor Lane 'at the rear of their present main store'. The firm intended to construct these premises using galvanised iron. Council resolved to inform the company that it would not object:

... to the Coonabarabran Urban Committee approving of the proposal to build upon the alignment of the lane but that the proposed building must have a concrete floor and a fabric steel frame. (Coonabarabran Shire Council 1937)

This building was used as a storage facility by the store. A motor garage also traded from the gable-roofed building at the rear of the block.

The building is currently leased to three separate retail businesses.

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Themes: National theme

3. Economy

4. Settlement

State theme

Commerce

Towns, suburbs and villages

Local theme

Designer: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Year started: 1911

Year completed: 1937

Circa: No

Physical description: The McDonagh Coonabarabran Ltd store appears to have built in three stages:

A retail establishment with residence above constructed in 1911. This building was constructed in face brick laid in colonial bond and features a two-storey verandah.

An attached single storey retail space constructed in the late 1920s with a cantilevered awning featuring geometric Art Deco pressed metal lining. The interior features a large lantern skylight and ceilings finished with sheets and battens.

Art Deco detailed cement-rendered façade featuring a banded line motif. This façade was originally finished with weathered cement, a treatment common on mid 20th century buildings. The southern end of the façade has been painted.

To the rear lies a storage facility constructed in corrugated galvanised iron, added in 1937.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: The building is well maintained and is in very good condition.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Extension of original building – circa late 1920s.
Modification of façade to include Art Deco detailing – circa late 1920s.
Modification of verandah with addition of board and batten valance and Art Deco leadlights – circa late 1920s.
Construction of corrugated iron clad extensions to rear – 1937
Separation of store into two retail spaces – circa 1980s
Painting of southern end of façade – circa 1990s

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.

Management: Management category

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a): The former McDonagh Coonabarabran Ltd store is a strong physical expression of the mid twentieth century prosperity and growth of Coonabarabran. The building is also an expression of changing trends in retail in [Historical significance] Coonabarabran. It has a high level of local historical significance.

Criteria b): The building has direct associations with the McDonagh department store that traded on the site for most of the 20th century. It has a high level of local historical association significance. [Historical association significance]

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Criteria c): The store is an interesting example of the Inter-War trend to upgrade existing buildings to create a 'modern' face for retail businesses. The building also retains a rare intact Art Deco shopfront, featuring a large vitrolite name board. It has a strong presence in the John Street streetscape and is considered to have a high level of local aesthetic significance.

Criteria d): As an expression of the commercial development of Coonabarabran in the mid 20th century the store has a moderate level of local social significance.

Criteria e): The store is an interesting example of a building originally constructed in the early 20th century and modernised during the Inter-War period. It is considered to have a high level of local technical/research significance.

Criteria f): The building is considered to have a high local level of rarity.

Criteria g): The former McDonagh store is representative of the locally owned department stores which once operated in most regional centres. It is considered to have a high level of representativeness.

Intactness/Integrity: The former McDonagh store has a high level of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Coonabarabran Shire Council	Minutes of Special Meeting 3 December 1937	1937

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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Image:



Caption: McDonagh Merchant Store, view looking north west

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Caption: Pressed metal Art Deco detailing of the awning to the 1920s retail extension, c.2005

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Caption: McDonagh Merchant Store, corrugated iron clad additions at the rear, c.2005

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Caption: The former McDonagh Coonabarabran Ltd store, looking west, c.2005

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Caption: McDonagh Merchant Store, east elevation of 1920s extension, c.2005

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Caption: Underside of the verandah of the original McDonagh store, c.2005

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Caption: McDonagh Merchant Store, northern end of verandah, c.2005

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Caption: Lantern skylight of the 1920s addition, c.2005

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Caption: McDonagh Merchant Store, additions to the rear, view looking south east from Timor Lane, c.2005

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Caption: McDonagh Merchant Store, part of north elevation to Timor Lane, c.2005

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Caption: McDonagh's sign on the eastern façade showing the vitrolite glass display panel, c.2005

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Caption: The former McDonagh Coonabarabran Ltd store showing the Timor Lane side of the building, c.2005

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Caption: McDonagh Merchant Store, east elevation of original building, c.2005

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Item name: Mendooran CWA Hospital (former)

Location: 25 Abbott Street Mendooran 2842

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Address: 25 Abbott Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Mendooran 2842

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Mendooran

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Wiradjuri

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Health Services

Category: Hospital

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: private residence

Former uses: Hospital

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: A modest example of an Interwar period Californian Bungalow style cottage hospital, created solely by community effort in a residential setting. Now a private dwelling.

Historical notes of provenance: When the Mendooran Branch of the Country Women's Association was formed in 1926, one of the first objectives was to provide a hospital for the Mendooran district. Although there was a resident doctor in Mendooran, Dr. G. Archibald, it was many miles to the nearest hospital.

A block of land was purchased in Abbott Street, Mendooran for 37 pounds. Such was the support and enthusiasm that the CWA hospital was a reality by 1932. It was opened on the 16th of July of that year by the CWA State President Mrs. Matt Sawyer. The cost of the building was 618 pounds. The building was leased to Sister Dorothy Shea who remained Matron until 1950. The first birth was recorded in August, of Edna Stitt who later became Mrs. Trevor Yeo. The local council's historical archives contains a photo taken in about 1935 of Matron Shea, Nurse Mary Nott and Olga Quinton each holding in their arms a baby that had recently been born at the hospital.

Additions including a theatre were made to the hospital in the early 1940s and dedicated to the memory of Dr. Lillian McCremmin, who passed way in the hospital in 1935, age 53 years. Dr. McCremmin was born in Melbourne and left a husband, three daughters and a son.

The mid 1950s saw the struggle to keep the hospital staffed and functioning. Difficulties were being experienced in obtaining qualified staff. Deputations met with representatives of the Hospital Commission in a vain endeavour to have the hospital taken over as an annex of the Coonabarabran District Hospital, but the era of the small hospital had passed; and the Mendooran Hospital closed its doors in 1961. The building was sold in 1964 together with a block of land in the main street, purchased in 1948, as the proposed site for a baby health centre.

A long serving medical practitioner in Mendooran was Dr. Theodore Daniel Depratt who came to Mendooran in 1946 and was the local doctor when the hospital closed in 1961. Prior to becoming a doctor he was a professional engineer. He was the son of Guillaume Daniel Depratt (1850-1937) Manager of Broken Hill Proprietary Company from 1898 to 1921. His mother was the daughter of Julian Ashton, founder of the Sydney Art School. Dr. Depratt's sister married Sir Douglas Mawson, the polar explorer. His son became the principal of the Julian Ashton Art School in Sydney - founded by his great grandfather.

Themes: **National theme**

9. Phases of Life

3. Economy

State theme

Birth and Death

Health

Local theme

Designer: unknown

Item name: Mendooran CWA Hospital (former)

Location: 25 Abbott Street Mendooran 2842

Warrumbungle

Builder:

Year started: 1926

Year completed: 1932

Circa: No

Physical description: A Californian bungalow style building with wide spreading gables facing the street and a verandah on two sides. The gables are clad in fibre cement with painted vertical batten covers. The walls below are similarly lined. Windows are casements in pairs with three panes per sash. Doors are generally pairs of French Doors, each leaf divided into eight panes. The verandah is supported on timber posts. Some internal walls have been removed and adapted to residential living, but original floor boards, fireplaces and some decorative plaster ceiling mouldings are still intact.

A small garage style building at the rear of the site was the hospital morgue. It has a sliding door to the rear side, and a hinged door to the front. It is timber framed with gable ends, lined in fibre cement sheet.

Physical condition level: Good

Physical condition:

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Additional facilities added in the 1940s. Closed as a hospital in 1961. Became a residence in circa 1964.

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.

Management: Management category

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): The former CWA hospital has associations with the former nurses who worked there and with the women of the Mendooran CWA who worked tirelessly in raising funds for its establishment.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): The building is an interesting example of a Californian Bungalow style cottage hospital building constructed during the Interwar period.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f): The former CWA hospital has significance as a rare local example of a cottage hospital established and run by a local branch of the Country Womens Association to provide medical services in a small rural community.
[Rarity]

Item name: Mendooran CWA Hospital (former)**Location:** 25 Abbott Street Mendooran 2842

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Criteria g):
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron and Kathielyn Job	Around the Black Stump	1992

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 9	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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08/09/2005**Data entry:** Data first entered: 07/12/2004

Data updated: 24/10/2018

Status: Completed

Item name: Mendooran CWA Hospital (former)

Location: 25 Abbott Street Mendooran 2842

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Caption: Mendooran CWA Hospital (former) front view.

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Caption: Mendooran CWA Hospital (former) - the former morgue.

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Caption: Mendooran CWA Hospital (former) - Original ceiling plaster work.

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Caption: Mendooran CWA Hospital (former)- Fireplace

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Item name: Mendooran CWA Hospital (former)

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Caption: Mendooran CWA Hospital (Former), view looking west

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Item name: Mendooran General Cemetery**Location:** corner Mendooran Road and Denmire Road Mendooran 2842

Warrumbungle

Address: corner Mendooran Road and Denmire Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Mendooran 2842**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Richardson**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:** General Cemetery**Former uses:** General Cemetery**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: Mendooran General Cemetery is a very picturesque cemetery which has village and district significance being an important element of Mendooran. There is a range of monuments spanning more than a century of settlement and including well executed and substantial examples. The village's historical significance includes its importance as a place on the coaching routes of the district, and is well represented here for the late Victorian period. The grave of a man of considerable local importance is also included here: Thomas Pericles Manus

Historical notes of provenance: With the rapid take up of runs on the Castlereagh River it was obvious that a settlement would eventually take place at Mendooran. Many squatters had drifted down the Castlereagh River looking for good pasture and among the early men who took up pasture licenses about Mendooran was Richard Rouse who was officially granted the Mendooran Run in 1837. Soon afterwards he was granted licenses for nearby Mangranby, Bourbeen and Breelong runs.

James Walker was granted licenses for Biamble, Yarragrin and others. Andrew Brown was issued with a license for Caigan Station in 1837. This Station is said to be stocked, like others, before licenses were issued. Prior to 1847, R. Hassall's head pastoral station was situated on the Castlereagh River adjacent to the present site of Mendooran. He also held Benewa up-river and Mongrambil and Bandalla down-river, all within a few kilometres radius of Mendooran.

At the request of the Governor, the Surveyor General T. L. Mitchell arranged for the setting out of the town of Mendooran. Surveyor G. B. White laid out sections 1, 2 and 3 comprising 20 allotments in each. The names adopted for the streets were those of existing pastoral stations in the district. Mendooran was gazetted as a town on 22nd May, 1852 and the first public auction of land took place on 9th February, 1853. The town grew in the late 19th Century and in 1891 had a population of 185; then by 1921 the population was 462. It remained about this size until well into the 20th century and it is from this period (1890s to 1950s) that most of the graves belong to. The cemetery was dedicated 16th January, 1880.

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

9. Phases of Life

Birth and Death

9. Phases of Life

Persons

Designer:**Builder:****Year started:** 1880**Year completed:****Circa:** Yes

Item name: Mendooran General Cemetery

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Physical description: Quite a large cemetery in an open field beside the road to Dubbo. It has a sparse spread of trees throughout the cemetery mainly casuarinas, which are one of the dominant species in the area. Many wildflowers bloom amongst the grasses. The entrance gates have a plaque devoting the gates by the RSL to soldiers. Just inside the gate is a black polished marble obelisk memorial which says 'Erected by the RSL to perpetuate the memory of all service personnel buried in this cemetery'.

The history of Mendooran, being the oldest town on the Castleraegh River, is reflected in its substantial cemetery. Many important names in the district are represented here such as Greenhalgh, Yeo and Monk. Included amongst the headstones is that of Thomas Pericles Manusu, which reads 'born 1st October 1864 and died 10th August 1915.' The Manusu family was very significant in the development of Mendooran. Some of the early gravestones reflect the towns original spelling Mendooran. Another interesting and early memorial is a cast iron stele cast by the Etna foundry to Owen O'Brien who died in 1905.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended - Continue to maintain.

management: - The National Trust guidelines for the management of historic cemeteries should be used as a guide to managing the place.

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

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d): The Mendooran General Cemetery is an important element of the story of Mendooran. It contains the remains of and memorials to generations of residents of the district. The place has a high level of local social significance.
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

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Criteria f):**[Rarity]****Criteria g):** The cemetery is representative of places developed in the 19th century to bury the dead. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Thematic History Coolah	1992

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: Mendooran General Cemetery

Location: corner Mendooran Road and Denmire Road Mendooran 2842

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Image:



Caption: The view of the Mendooran General Cemetery

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Caption: Headstones/Graves at the Mendooran General cemetery

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Caption: Caste Iron etna in the Mendorran General Cemetery

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Caption: Mendooran General Cemetery, view looking east at entrance gates

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Caption: Mendooran General Cemetery, view looking south east

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Item name: Mendooran Hotel (former)**Location:** 75 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

Warrumbungle

Address: 75 Bandulla Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Mendooran 2842**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Mendooran**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:** Billabong Hotel**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Commercial**Category:** Hotel**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Vacant**Former uses:** Hotel, Bed and Breakfast**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:****Statement of significance:** This substantial, two storeyed former country hotel makes a good contribution to the streetscape. It is a good example of an Interwar period hotel constructed of face brickwork with some modest Art Deco detailing.**Historical notes of provenance:** As far as is known a hotel existed in the Mendooran settlement as early as 1854. Robert More Richardson of 'Murragon' (Old Merrygoen) recorded in his diary of 18th December, 1854, that he went to 'Mendooran's.... Public House'.

Tom and John Marchant, after arriving in Mendooran in 1886 constructed a flour mill on the southern side of Bandulla Street. They then erected and conducted the original Mendooran Hotel, a single storey timber framed building. The building was later owned and conducted by Peter Luckie from 1891 for many years and then leased by W. H. Byrne for some time.

In April 1926 Peter Luckie came before the licencing court in Dubbo seeking approval to alter his plans for the rebuilding of his hotel, intending to only spend 4000 - 5000 pounds for the new building instead of the planned 6000 pounds. The hotel was opened on 18th December, 1926. The licensee was W. H. Byrnes. The building was furnished internally by Messrs. J. Loneragan of Gulgong.

The hotel was renamed the Billabong Hotel in the 1960s and is believed to have been closed down as a hotel in 1964. In recent years it functioned as a bed and breakfast.

Themes: National theme

State theme

Local theme

8. Culture

Leisure

4. Settlement

Accommodation

Designer:**Builder:** Mr. Palmer**Year started:****Year completed:** 1927**Circa:** No

Item name: Mendooran Hotel (former)

Location: 75 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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Physical description: The former Mendooran Hotel is a two storeyed Interwar period building constructed of face brickwork with a timber framed two storeyed verandah along the length of the façade. Above the verandah is a decorative gable facing the street with the words 'Hotel Mendooran'. The verandah is supported on large pairs of square timber posts with the upper balustrade consisting of a top and bottom rail and vertical batten balusters of varying widths. On both floors there are a number of French doors with fanlights over. Pairs of windows on the ground floor are timber framed double hung sashes with the top sash divided into nine panes. The walls are decorated with rendered bands along the heads of the windows at ground and upper floor. The base 10 courses of brickwork is paint finished. The roof is hipped and clad with corrugated iron with vented Dutch gables at each end and a small decorative gable at the front. It retains a number of face brick chimneys.

Internally the building is highly intact, retaining original timber joinery, fireplaces and painted pressed metal ceilings and cornices. It consisted of 3 parlours and 14 bedrooms during its time as a hotel.

Physical condition level: Good

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.

Management: Management category

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a): The hotel stands as a marker of the development of the town in the early Twentieth Century.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): The former Mendooran Hotel is a good example of a Interwar period hotel building with a strong prominence at the eastern end of the commercial centre of the main street.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

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Criteria g): The former Mendooran Hotel is representative of Interwar period country hotels.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	History notes on Mendooran Royal Hotel	2004

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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Caption: Former Mendooran Hotel

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Caption: The former Mendooran Hotel building.

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Caption: Mendooran Hotel (former), view looking north west

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Caption: Mendooran Hotel (former), view looking north

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Item name: Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall**Location:** 53 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

Warrumbungle

Address: 53 Bandulla Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Mendooran 2842**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Mendooran**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:** Mendooran Hall**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Community Facilities**Category:** Mechanics' Institute**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Public Hall**Former uses:** Mechanics Institute**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: An outstanding Mechanics Institute hall that testifies to the commitment of the community in its establishment and particularly to the contributions made by Ferdinand Pericles Manusu. This interesting Spanish Mission style building is well executed and makes a significant contribution to the streetscape. The hall has been a centre for community celebration and activity in Mendooran from its construction in 1935 to the present day.

Historical notes of provenance: The Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall was erected in 1935 for 2,100 pounds following fundraising by the Committee and the Mendooran community for a number of years. Significant contributions were made by prominent citizen Ferdinand Pericles Manusu. William Innes Kerr of Rawson Place, Sydney was the architect.

A timber weatherboard Mechanics' Institute c.1903 existed on the site but was deemed inadequate for its purpose in the growing town. It was relocated further back on the site and reused as the supper room to serve the new hall. This building was later demolished in 1987.

The Major, the Hon. J. B. Shand lay the foundation stone for the hall on October 2nd, 1935 with more than 400 people present. The speakers at the ceremony said it was one of Mendooran's greatest days. The erection of the hall was quick and the Hon. J. B. Shand was invited back to perform the opening ceremony on Wednesday, December 18th.

Following its opening the hall was leased by Fred Jones for the showing of films, which were held on Saturdays. Harry Weekes already ran picture shows in the previous mechanics institute hall on the site and sold the business to Frederick George Jones in 1935 who ran the films until 1945. The projectors were last used 40 years ago.

Themes: National theme

State theme

Local theme

8. Culture

Leisure

8. Culture

Social institutions

9. Phases of Life

Birth and Death

9. Phases of Life

Persons

Designer: Architect W. Innes Kerr**Builder:****Year started:** 1935**Year completed:** 1935**Circa:** No

Item name: Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall

Location: 53 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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Physical description: A large Interwar period Spanish Mission style building constructed of rendered brickwork with a gabled roof clad in corrugated iron. The façade has a tall, shaped parapet in roughcast render with a scalloped top edge, a central narrow vent and below that a window and pseudo balcony. The front porch is recessed and is accessed through three archways and to each side of this is a timber framed double hung window, each sash divided into six panes, with a half round arched recess above which is finished in coloured tile. Other Spanish motifs on the front are short sections of Spanish tiles above the Archways. The interior has a large hall space with a Mansard style ceiling with an entrance vestibule, male and female toilets and projector room above at the southern end and a stage and dressing rooms at the northern end. The internal walls are plastered and the ceiling is lined in fibrous cement sheets with timber cover battens. Along the centre of the ceiling are vents, which are screened in lattice. Along the side external walls is a dado rail and 4 timber framed double hung windows with each sash divided into 9 panes with a third fixed sash at the top. There is an ornate Art Deco style plaster proscenium arch to the stage opening and the original stage curtains. Art Deco style wrought iron balustrades lead up the stage on either side. In the lobby the original ticket booth stands. An open timber riser stair leads to the upper floor projection box. A doorway on the eastern wall leads to a later kitchen addition. On the walls in the hall there are some memorials. One memorial reads:
'This plaque has been placed here the follow members of the Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Mendooran, to perpetuate the name of F. Pericles Manusu Esqu. as a tribute to his enthusiastic and untiring efforts in accomplishing the work of having this magnificent hall erected for the benefit of its citizens of the district. 18th /12/1935'.

The original plans of the hall hang nearby. They were produced by the architect W. Innes Kerr, Rawson Place, Sydney.

An honour roll also hangs on the wall that commemorates men from the Mendooran and Merygoen district 'who volunteered for the service of the empire in the great European War of 1914 to 1916.' There are 46 names on the Roll.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: fair to good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Kitchen addition c.1998.

Recommended - Continue to maintain building in good order.

management: - Movable heritage items such as the original architectural plans, projectors and the stage curtains and mechanism should be retained and preserved.

- Record, photograph, research any changes to the place.

- Continue to record the history of the place.

- 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: High level of integrity

Criteria a):

[Historical significance]

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Criteria b): The Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall has direct associations with the Mendooran community who participated in raising funds for its construction including the Lions Club who helped pay for the film projector and bathroom fixtures. Ferdinand Pericles Manus, a prominent citizen of Mendooran contributed substantial funds for the building and a plaque is dedicated to him within the hall.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): The Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall is an outstanding example of an Interwar period Spanish Mission style building. It is an import example of the work of the architect William Innes Kerr. The original architectural plans have been framed and are displayed within the hall.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d): The Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall has been the focus of community activity and entertainment for the past 80 years and has hosted numerous community celebrations.
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f): The Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall is a locally rare example of a Spanish Mission style building. It has a rare intact Art Deco style proscenium which retains its original colour scheme.
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity: The Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall retains a high degree of integrity.

References:	Author Barbara Hickson	Title information obtained on site.	Year
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Studies:	Author Hickson & Cameron Peter Duggan	Title Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Number Year 2004 2018
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Item name: Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall

Location: 53 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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Caption: Mendooran Hall (former Mechanics Institute)

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Caption: Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall, view looking north

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Item name: Mendooran War Memorials

Location: 62 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

Warrumbungle

Address: 62 Bandulla Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Mendooran 2842

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Mendooran

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Wiradjuri

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Monuments and Memorials

Category: Memorials

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: War memorials

Former uses: War memorials

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: Important memorial to the local men who died serving in World Wars I and II. Also a memorial to the Kookaburra March of 1916, a recruiting march for boosting enlistment numbers during WWI that passed through Mendooran.

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

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

The marchers after two days out from Tooraweenah reached Mendooran. Several days prior to their arrival at Mendooran a public farewell had been given to those local Kookaburra volunteers, James Cameron, William Grosbie, Charles East, Glaude Richard Meers, and George Hugh Morrison These marchers at Mendooran were joined by George L Fernnamore, William Robert Goldfinch, Vivian Ernest Meers, Edward Monk, George Andrew Snodgrass and M. J. Walsh, making a total of eleven volunteers from Mendooran. One of the marchers from Tooraweenah recorded in his diary;

'Mendooran residents turned out to give us a great welcome, and the mounted police escorted the Kookaburras into town for a couple of miles. We met the medical officer here, and he passed 37 men, with only 3 rejects. We had a fine concert that night, and several recruiting speeches'.

A re-enactment of the March from Tooraweenah to Bathurst, organised by Brian Bywater, of Gueire and later of Gilgandra took place in January 1996 on the 80th anniversary of the March. An attempt was made to replicate as closely as possible the original march. Therefore a concert was held in Mendooran on the night the re-enactment marchers reached Mendooran. The concert was attended by several hundred people as James Morrison, the noted trumpeter and his brother John a drummer, volunteered their services and performed in the Mendooran-Merrygoen Services Club Hall. James and John's great uncle was George Hugh Morrison who joined the Kookaburra Marchers at Mendooran. George was killed in action in France on 10th October 1917, as was another Mendooran enrolee, William Robert Goldfinch.

The commemorative plaque outside the front of the Mendooran-Merrygoen Services Club was provided by the local branch of the Returned Services League. Brian Bywater, the organiser, was assisted by Local Kookaburra March Re-enactment Committees formed at Tooraweenah, Mendooran and Dunedoo.

The war memorial cenotaph was organised by the Mendooran War Memorial Committee and was constructed in 1954. The ex-servicemen's club donated 500 pounds to the committee for the work.

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	9. Phases of Life	Birth and Death	
	7. Governing	Defence	

Designer: Mr. Wallace, architect

Builder: F. C. Harrod

Year started: 1954

Year completed: 1996

Circa: No

Physical description: The War Memorials are in the grounds of the Mendooran and Merrygoes Soldiers Club. One memorial is a low brick wall in a half circle, approx. 1.2 metres high, constructed of red textured bricks. There are two plaques on the ends of the walls: the plaque on the left lists the local men who died in World War I, 1914-1918 and the other to the men who died in World War II, 1939-1945. Around the wall are metal letters forming the words: '1914-1918 to our beloved dead 1939-1945.' In the centre of the circle is a bronze sun dial atop a small brick pillar.

The other memorial is a rock memorial with a bronze plaque which commemorates the 23 men from Mendooran, Yarragrinn and Boomley who joined the Kookaburra March. The plaque inscription states: '14-1-1916 - 3-2-1916 Tooraweenah to Bathurst. Re-enactment arrived Mendooran 15-1-1996'.

Physical condition level:

Item name: Mendooran War Memorials

Location: 62 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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Physical condition: Good

**Archaeological
potential level:**

**Archaeological
potential Detail:**

Modification dates:

**Recommended
management:** 1. Continue to maintain.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a): The Mendooran War Memorials have direct associations with the First and Second World Wars in commemorating the local men who paid the ultimate sacrifice in both World Wars and also the men who took part in the Kookaburra March that passed through Mendooran on Friday 14th January, 1916 on the way from Tooraweena to Bathurst .
**[Historical
significance]**

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

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

Criteria d): The Mendooran War Memorials have special significance to the families of the memorialised local men.
**[Social/Cultural
significance]**

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

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g): The Mendooran War Memorials are representative of monuments erected across New South Wales to memorialise those who enlisted and served in World Wars I and II and other campaigns.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Kookaburra March Memorial at Mendooran	2004

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 4	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018
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Location: 62 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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Parcels: Parcel code Lot number Section number Plan code Plan number

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Status: Completed

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Caption: War Memorial Mendooran

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Caption: WWI Memorial Mendooran

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Caption: WWII Memorial Mendooran

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Caption: Kookaburra March Memorial

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Caption: Mendooran War Memorials, view looking south

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Item name: Merrygoen Anglican Church (former)

Location: 32 Denman Street Merrygoen 2831

Warrumbungle

Address: 32 Denman Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Merrygoen 2831

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Mendooran

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names: St Mary the Virgin

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area:

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Religion

Category: Church

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Private residence

Former uses: Anglican Church

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: Important socially and spiritually to the community of Merrygoen. Aesthetically outstanding and a rare country village example in a timber framed construction of the work of architect Louis R. Williams, a key practitioner of the Interwar Gothic style.

Item name: Merrygoen Anglican Church (former)

Location: 32 Denman Street Merrygoen 2831

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Historical notes of provenance: In the 1880's Anglicans in the Merrygoen area were given church services by a minister driving a horse and buggy from distant Cassilis and later Coolah, which was then in the Diocese of Newcastle. The church parish of Coolah was formed in the year 1890 to serve Coolah, Dunedoo, Cobbora, Redbank, Turee, Leadville, Mendooran, Elong Elong, Denison Town, Binnaway and Merrygoen. Six years later the Coolah parish was transferred from the Diocese of Newcastle to the Diocese of Bathurst.

The early services were held in private homes and later in the Merrygoen Public Hall, as were services of other denominations. On 24th August, 1924 the Rev. Wallace J. Conran, who was parish rector from 1922 to 1926, conducted the first service of Holy Communion in the Merrygoen Hall, there being eleven communicants. In that year at Merrygoen he conducted 13 Sunday services, held 3 baptisms, 2 confirmations and 47 acts of communion. The Rev. Conran gave some 'straight talk' in the 'Diocese of Bathurst Church News' early in 1924. He said that the Merrygoen Anglicans needed to pull themselves together as services could be given elsewhere if they were not appreciated. He concluded by saying that Merrygoen 'started well, and then had grown tired.'

The Rev. Clement Henry Searle commenced his ministry in the Coolah parish in 1926 and in the late 1920s recognised the need for the construction of an Anglican Church at Merrygoen. On 1st October 1933, he wrote 'It is plain that this centre will do its bit for the Parish and be encouraged to go forward with plans for a church building in the near future'. His successor Rev. John Stafford Frederick Farrer supported the move for a new church and set up a finance raising committee. Land for the new church was donated by Mrs. George Milling (nee Johnstone), and the foundation stone was laid by Rt. Rev. Dr. Crotty, Lord Bishop of Bathurst on 11th October, 1934.

As it was depression years, the whole of the funds for the building of the church could not be raised by donations, so it was necessary to borrow the balance from the Bank of New South Wales at Mendooran. The financial burden was lightened due to the fact that the Bishop, Dr. Grotty, would not approve of a brick building insisting it be constructed of timber. The Bishop had experienced difficulties through out the West with brick building foundations sinking due to the black soil on which they were situated.

The design for the proposed church building was prepared by Louis R. Williams, who was a well-known ecclesiastical architect. He was noted for the quality of brickwork on his jobs, and examples of his brilliant applications of this modest material can be found in many churches and cathedrals in the eastern states of Australia. Louis Williams also designed a stage of construction for the Cathedral at Bathurst. This makes the 'St Mary the Virgin' Anglican Church at Merrygoen unique as it is one of the few weatherboard clad country churches designed by a noted architect.

The builder of the church was Mr. J. Greenaway of Mendooran, who had donated the foundation stone. Other donations were the organ, altar rails, Bishop's chair, altar cloths, kneelers etc. The construction of the church was completed in early 1935. On 1st May, 1935 during the feast of Saints Phillip and James, the new church was opened and dedicated to the Glory of God in honour of St. Mary the Virgin, by the Rt. Rev. A. L. Wylde, Bishop Coadjutor, of the Diocese of Bathurst. People travelled many miles to be present on such a momentous occasion for the Merrygoen area and the church was crowded to capacity when the Bishop, vested in Cope and Mitre, knocked on the west door.

The actual consecration of the church did not take place until 27th October 1946 when the church was free of debt. The first marriage in the church was Raymond Clifford McKenna to Stella Rosetta Martin on 27th July 1935. Four persons were confirmed by Bishop Wylde on 3rd June 1935, one being Charles Edward Gendecourt Nott, who was president of the Coolah Shire Council from 1969 to 1987, and recipient of the Order of Australia Medal awarded for services to the community.

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	8. Culture	Religion	
	8. Culture	Creative endeavour	
	9. Phases of Life	Persons	

Designer: Louis Williams

Item name: Merrygoen Anglican Church (former)

Location: 32 Denman Street Merrygoen 2831

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Builder: J. Greenaway

Year started:

Year completed: 1935

Circa: No

Physical description: This church was devoted to 'Saint Mary the Virgin' in 1934. It was designed by Architect Louis Williams. The commemorative stone on the base of the church reads 'AMDC This stone was laid by the Rev. Dr. Crotty; Lord Bishop of Bathurst, 11th October 1934'.

A timber framed and weatherboard clad church building is aesthetically interesting with its side entry porch, a bay-shaped sanctuary area and a high pitched Mansard style ceiling. At one end of the building the roof finishes in a gambrel style small hip, originally surmounted by a wooden cross, since removed. A pair of windows sit high within the gambrel end. Two roof hips extend out over the entry porch and the vestry. The porch is partially enclosed with a weatherboard clad balustrade. Here an unusual pair of doors leads into the Church nave. They are timber panelled with slots of glazing.

Internally the building is also very interesting because of its use of natural materials: the walls are lined up to the dado rail in timber lining boards, and Canite with expressed cover battens above. Windows in the sanctuary area are tall and slender, in diamond pattern leadlights in obscure white glass, with rose coloured obscure glass at the top. The timber casement sashes have shaped gothic arched heads. The doors are beautifully crafted timber framed ledged and braced doors.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Fair to good.

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 place as described and an area of 10 metres around it.

Management: **Management category**

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): The church is associated with Louis Reginald Williams (1890-1960), a noted ecclesiastical architect of the period.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): It is a fine example of a Interwar period Gothic style church constructed of timber weatherboard walls with a corrugated iron roof.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Item name: Merrygoen Anglican Church (former)

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Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f): Merrygoen Anglican Church is a rare example of a timber weatherboard church by Louis Reginald Williams in the region.
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

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	Roy Cameron	Merrygoen Anglican Church	2005

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Caption: Merrygoen Anglican Church (former), view looking north east

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Caption: Merrygoen Anglican Church- front view

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Caption: Merrygoen Anglican Church- Rear view

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Caption: Merrygoen Anglican Church- Front porch

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Caption: Merrygoen Anglican Church- Gable end

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Caption: Merrygoen Anglican Church- Front doors

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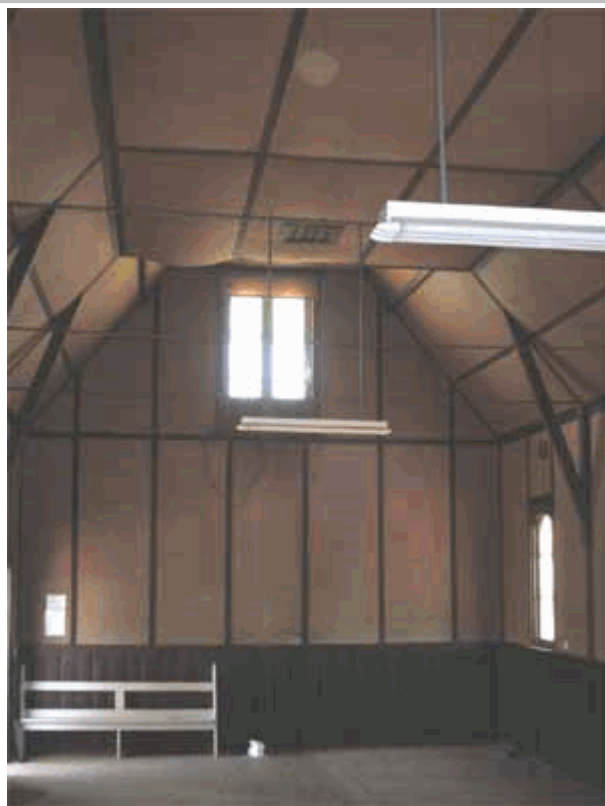
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Caption: Merrygoen Anglican Church- Internal view.

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Caption: Merrygoen Anglican Church- Internal view

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Caption: Merrygoen Anglican Church - Foundation Stone

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Item name: Merrygoen Railway Turntable and Ash Pit**Location:** Warrumbungle**Address:****Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Merrygoen 2831**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Mendooran**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:****Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Transport - Rail**Category:****Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Not in use.**Former uses:** Railway turntable.**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: The Merrygoen railway turntable and locomotive ash pit are significant remaining elements of railway infrastructure dating from a prosperous rail period in Merrygoen. The turntable is a cone roller race type turntable of the Newcastle type.

Historical notes of provenance: 'The railway reached the town in 1917 and by 1950s passenger services were provided by locomotive hauled Mudgee Mail or rail motors and rail cars, sometimes both in the same day. In 1974 passenger train operations ceased in the area.' (Byways of Steam, R. D. Lowe)

Notes by Wal Jenkins who worked at Merrygoen railway:

'By the 1950s, yard facilities at Merrygoen included a five ton gantry crane; a 20 ton cart weighbridge; a goods shed (30' x 15' wide) and a wheat silo, with a capacity of 90000 bushels. The crossing loop is 1407 feet long.

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In 1977, tenders were called for the demolition of the crew barracks.

Themes: **National theme**

3. Economy

3. Economy

State theme

Transport

Transport

Local theme**Designer:** NSW Dept of Railways**Builder:** NSW Dept of Railways

Item name: Merrygoen Railway Turntable and Ash Pit

Location: Warrumbungle

Year started: 1920

Year completed:

Circa: No

Physical description: 60 foot Cone roller race, Newcastle type, number 1647. The turntable is fabricated from steel and is located in a concrete lined pit with a ring rail to the periphery.

There are now no tracks leading to or from this all steel railway turntable. It sits on a slight rise in the land amongst white cypress regrowth trees. It has been welded fixed for safety.

The former brick lined ash pit is located nearby to the west of the turntable.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Fixed shut, railway turntable, otherwise in very good 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.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a): The Merrygoen railway turntable and ash pit are significant remaining elements of railway infrastructure dating from a prosperous rail period in Merrygoen.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f): The turntable and locomotive ash pit are rare surviving elements of railway infrastructure that serviced steam locomotives in the early to mid Twentieth Century.
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Item name: Merrygoen Railway Turntable and Ash Pit**Location:** Warrumbungle**Intactness/Integrity:**

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

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Item name: Merrygoen Railway Turntable and Ash Pit

Location:

Warrumbungle

Image:



Caption: Merrygoen Railway Turntable

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Warrumbungle



Caption: Merrygoen Railway Turntable, view looking west

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Caption: Merrygoen Railway Turntable, view looking south east

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Caption: Locomotive ash pit, located to the west of the turntable

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Item name: Merrygoen Railway Water Tanks

Location: Denman Street Merrygoen 2831

Warrumbungle

Address: Denman Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Merrygoen 2831

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Mendooran

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex: Merrygoen railway group

Group ID: 1391107

Aboriginal area:

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Transport - Rail

Category: Railway Water Tower/ Tank

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Water supply for village of Merrygoen

Former uses: Water supply for Steam Trains

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: The Merrygoen Railway Water Tanks are a significant remaining element of the infrastructure that serviced steam locomotives in the early to mid Twentieth Century, which also went on to provide a much needed water supply for the village. They are a visual icon of the importance of rail in the story of Merrygoen and help to define the character of the village.

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Continuing from pp 6. R. D.Lowe.

'The railway reached the town in 1917 and by the 1950s passenger services were provided by locomotive hauled Mudgee Mail or rail motors and rail cars, sometimes both in the same day. In 1974 passenger train operations ceased in the area.'

J.S. Galstonbury:

By the 1950s and 1960s the 32 class as well as the 30 class tender engines worked most of the trains in the Mudgee, Merrygoen and Binnaway areas of the state.

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Themes: National theme

3. Economy

4. Settlement

State theme

Transport

Towns, suburbs and villages

Local theme

Designer: Design Office, NSW Department of Railways

Builder: Perway Shop, Newcastle

Year started:

Year completed: 1926

Circa: Yes

Item name: Merrygoen Railway Water Tanks

Location: Denman Street Merrygoen 2831

Warrumbungle

Physical description: A pair of steel railway tanks, each on steel tank stands, near the banks of a creek. The water is drawn to the tanks from the Beni Crossing on the Castlereagh River. The tanks have been built at slightly different times. The larger of the two is supported on steel stanchions that extend to the ground, cross braced with steel, with tension rings at the centres, and set on concrete pads. It was made by 'Perway Shop Newcastle 1924.' This tank is approximately 7 metres square.

The other tank is also supported on steel stanchions, but these are in turn supported on tall concrete piers. This was probably because of potential river flooding. It was made by 'Perway Shop Newcastle 1921.' This tank is approximately 6 metres square.

The tanks stand approximately 10 metres above the ground, and are approximately 2.5 metres high.

500 metres away to the west stands the former timber water tower stand of the village, originally installed in 1917, now without its water tank.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: In 1974 passenger train operations ceased in the area.

Recommended management: Continue to maintain.

Management: Management category

Management name

Further comments: Rail water tanks still used for village supply .

Criteria a): The Merrygoen Railway Water Tanks are a significant remaining element of the infrastructure that serviced steam locomotives in the early to mid Twentieth Century, which also went on to provide a much needed water supply for the village
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): They are a visual icon of the importance of rail in the story of Merrygoen and help to define the character of the village.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Item name: Merrygoen Railway Water Tanks**Location:** Denman Street Merrygoen 2831

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Criteria f):**[Rarity]****Criteria g):** The Merrygoen railway water tanks are representative of the type of railway infrastructure installed to service steam locomotives throughout NSW.
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
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Item name: Merrygoen Railway Water Tanks

Location: Denman Street Merrygoen 2831

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Caption: Merrygoen Railway Water Tanks, view looking south

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Item name: Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing**Location:**

Warrumbungle

Address:**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Merrygoen 2831**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Mendooran**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:****Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Utilities - Water**Category:** Water Pump House/Pumping Station**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Water supply for village of Merrygoen**Former uses:** Railway Water Supply Pump and Housing**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:****Statement of significance:** An important public utility as water supply system, formerly for the railway steam engines, and latterly for the village of Merygoen. Includes significant moveable heritage of oil fired water pump. Setting of pump houses by river side very picturesque and isolated. Former popular swimming spot.**Historical notes of provenance:** Notes by Wal Jenkins From Byways of Steam, Eveleigh Press p 21 'Merrygoen was a watering station for all steam trains, with the water being pumped from the Castlereagh River, about 6 miles distant. The large holding tank (still standing) was located at the rear of the station and sat on steel piles 20 or more feet above the ground. The tank held 20,000 gallons and from its height pressure was provided to allow water to flow to water columns (one still stands) along side the main rail line where the locomotives were watered. A pumper was provided by the Railways and it was his job to travel the six miles to the pump house when required to start up the Tangye Oil engine and get the water flowing. An ash pit was also located at the site where the engines stopped allowing the fire man to get beneath the loco to rake out the ashes. The 'pumper' would check the ash pit each day, and if ashes were there, he would remove them by shovelling them to a heap alongside the track. On very hot days, we (the rail workers) occasionally swam in the overhead tank with the water reaching to the chin level. The only access to the tank was by means of a vertical iron ladder and if you were afraid of heights it was better to stay on the ground and sweat. If a person was lucky enough to get a lift to the river he could really enjoy himself as the sand on the banks was similar to that on the beaches of Sydney.'**Themes:** **National theme**

3. Economy

4. Settlement

8. Culture

State theme

Transport

Towns, suburbs and villages

Sport

Local theme

Swimming place

Designer: NSW Dept of Railways**Builder:** NSW Dept of Railways**Year started:** 1917**Year completed:****Circa:** No

Item name: Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing

Location:

Warrumbungle

Physical description: The original Railway water pump, and the present Merrygoen village water pump, are located beside the Castlereagh river near the Beni Crossing in two small sheds. Each shed is timber framed with gable ended roofs, and each entirely clad in corrugated iron. The sheds are unlined. One is approximately 5 x 5 metres square, the other 6 x 6 metres square on plan. One has a timber vented gable end. Windows are timber framed casements. Concrete slab floors, with indication that the floors have been inundated a number of times with dried out mud on the floor.

The river crossing has been used since early settlement. There was an earlier timber bridge built in the 1870, and replaced in concrete in the last decade.

The water pump still in use was made in Birmingham, TANGYE model 8671. The large pump in the second shed, that is no longer used, has the name: Dalgetty, Co Ltd, machinery Merchants, Mining and Engineering, Sydney NSW. The motor is Southern Cross a Diesel engine no 28229, made in Toowoomba Qld. It is 20 break horsepower.

Beside the two sheds is a small raised timber platform containing the switchboard for the present electrical supply.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Both in poor condition with most glass broken, gutters corroded, downpipes broken, and refixing of wall and roof cladding needed.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: - Continue to maintain.

- The curtilage or setting of this site shall be taken as being the pump house buildings as described and an area of 20 metres around them.

Management: **Management category**

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a): The Merrygoen Water Supply Pump is one remaining element of the extensive infrastructure installed to service the needs of steam locomotives in the early to mid 20th century.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Item name: Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing

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Criteria e): The supply pump has the ability to demonstrate the types of infrastructure necessary to support the operation of the railway system used throughout NSW in the early to mid 20th century.
[Research significance]

Criteria f): The Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and housing has a high level of local significance in this respect.
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
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Item name: Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing

Location:

Warrumbungle

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Caption: Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing- shed near Beni crossing

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Item name: Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing

Location:

Warrumbungle



Caption: Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing area with view towards the pump shed from across Beni Crossing.

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Location:

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Caption: Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing- old water supply pump for Merrygoen.

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Location:

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Caption: Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing, view looking south east

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Caption: Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing, north west elevation

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Item name: Monte Sant Angelo - Former Catholic Church**Location:** 52-58 Tucklan Street Dunedoo 2844

Warrumbungle

Address: 52-58 Tucklan 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:** Religion**Category:** Church**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** School Hall**Former uses:** Catholic Church**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: Important early church in Dunedoo that has remained relevant through change of use. Simple in style yet contributes well to a religious precinct at the top of Tucklan Street. Important spiritual and educational influence for local residents.

Historical notes of provenance: When Dunedoo was known as Redbank, Roman Catholic Church services were held at the Redbank Hotel, situated near the present hospital, at Granny Johnstone's near the railway station, and at Rosedale, the property of Herbert and Margaret Nott. At the time Redbank, later known as Dunedoo, was situated in the church parish of Gulgong which had been established in 1889. The northern mass centres of the Gulgong parish were Uarbry, Leadville, Cainbil, Birriwa, Tallawang, Cobbora, Elong and Dunedoo.

The coming of the railway to the town of Dunedoo caused rapid growth so the move for a Roman Catholic Church building was mooted, and a committee of locals was formed. When sufficient funds had been raised land was purchased from William and Harry Albatross Patrick for the sum of twenty one pounds. The Bishop of Bathurst, Dr. Dunn laid the foundation stone for the Catholic Church early in October 1911. This was the first time that this new town had been honoured by a visit from a Bishop.

The Mudgee Guardian for February 1912 reported upon a meeting held by the Catholic New Church Committee, stating that a further one hundred pounds had been added to the building fund against an estimated cost of four hundred and thirty pounds. Also the bricks were under manufactured and some were already baked. No records have been traced to date as to when the Church was completed, However, in the Gulgong Marriage Register there is an entry for 4th February, 1915, where a Joseph Henry Taylor and Grace Lamont were married by Father O'Donnell at the Dunedoo Roman Catholic Church. So it appears that the Church had been partially or fully completed in 1915. Charlie Craft, a well known identity, and one responsible for the construction of several buildings in Dunedoo is given the credit for having constructed the Church.

In 1922 Dunedoo was established as the Parish of 'Monte Saint Angelo', the name taken by the Church. (information for the above article was extracted from the booklet, 'St. Michael's Parish Story' compiled and written by Joan New, Therese Patterson and Anne Reilly-1996.)

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

8. Culture

Religion

6. Educating

Education

Designer:**Builder:** Charlie Craft

Item name: Monte Sant Angelo - Former Catholic Church

Location: 52-58 Tucklan Street Dunedoo 2844

Warrumbungle

Year started: 1911

Year completed: 1915

Circa: No

Physical description: A small Catholic Church, now used as a hall, was built in 1911. Its construction is of face brick and it is a typical Gothic style country church with a high pitched corrugated iron roof and a decorative gable facing the street. The gable has a cross set into the front wall and another cross forming a finial at the apex of the roof. A central door with a gothic arch is flanked each side with a timber framed gothic arched window. Similar windows are down each side. They contain a large casements sash in obscure glass and small highlight windows in four, coloured glass panes above. The heads of the windows are tuck-pointed and the head over the entry door is similar. One side of the church is render finished. The side walls have attached brick buttresses which step out down the wall. At the rear is a door that once led to the sacristy. At the rear of the church the colour of the brickwork changes indicated that it has been built in stages. Inside the church has a Mansard style roof in pressed metal and the walls are rendered and lined to imitate ashlar block work. The ceiling also has metal roses which now accommodate the position of the ceiling fans. A feature around the top of the walls is a top plate, or cornice, with the regular cut-outs in the shape of crosses. The small church is now used as a function room and theatre for the St Michael's primary school.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Covered porch and disabled access ramp and stairs added c.2010s.

Recommended - Continue to maintain.

management: - The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the place as described and an area of 10 metres around it.

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

Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): Mont Sant Angelo is a modest example of a Federation period Gothic style church building.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d): It was developed through community action and represents the aspirations of the Catholic community of Dunedoo.
[Social/Cultural significance]

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Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g): Monte Sant Angelo is representative of churches built in the early Twentieth Century.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Former Catholic Church Dunedoo	2004
	Joan New, Therese Patterson, Anne Re	St Michael's Parish Story	1996

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

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Caption: Mount Sant Angelo - former Catholic church and now a school hall and theatre for St. Michael's school - Dunedoo.

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Caption: Side view of former church taken from the bak yard of the convent.

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Caption: Internal view of window in the former Church.

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Caption: Monte Sant Angelo - Former Catholic Church, north elevation

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Address: 13374 Golden Highway

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Leadville 2831

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Bowman

State: NSW

County: Bligh

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: Private cemetery

Former uses: Private Cemetery

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: This place is historically significant locally because it demonstrates a long history of pastoralism in the area prior to the establishment of towns and public cemeteries. It includes an interesting grave stone of an emancipated convict, William Waterford, who went on to be a successful station manager and owner. Another grave is that of war hero Hon. Brigadier Maurice Alfred Fergusson who purchased the property in 1949 and was laid to rest here in 1975.

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Historical notes of provenance: There are six memorials or headstones in this grave yard. The oldest headstone was relocated here. It is probably the headstone of two children 'Elizabeth' and 'Mary', daughters of James and Catherine Campbell, (According to Birth records the birth of Mary Campbell, daughter to James and Catherine was registered at Cassilis in 1867 and she died that same year. Elizabeth Campbell was born in the year before 1866 and she also died within the year, in 1866. James and Catherine Campbell were married at Cassilis in 1865. Another child William was born to them in 1868) The name Campbell is the namesakes of the paddock in which the graves are located.

William Waterford's marble headstone was crafted by D. B. Acton of Mudgee. William was an emancipated convict who worked for the Bowman family at Merotherie and other properties before taking up Moreton Bay. He died 17th November 1876 aged 76. The headstone was erected by his son Hugh James Waterford whose initials are written across the base of the stone.

The four other memorials are of the Fergusson family including: Brigadier Maurice Alfred Fergusson. The history of Maurice Alfred Fergusson as compiled by J. B. Hopley in the Australian Dictionary of Biography:

'FERGUSSON, MAURICE ALFRED (1895-1975), army officer and grazier, was born on 5 December, 1895 at Caulfield, Melbourne, third son of Ernest Fairchild Fergusson, a bank manager from Mauritius, and his Victorian-born wife Alfritha Elizabeth, nee Turner. Educated at University High School, Maurice worked as a jackeroo and completed compulsory military training before enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force on 24 August 1914. He sailed for Egypt in October as a gunner in the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, was promoted bombardier in March 1915 and landed at Gallipoli on 25 April. While recovering from a bullet-wound, he developed enteric fever and was hospitalized in England from September.

In July 1916 Fergusson was sent to the Western Front and joined the 10th F.A.B. next month. Six feet (183 cm) tall and weighing 13 stone 4lb. (84 kg), he was commissioned in December and promoted lieutenant in May 1917. He was wounded at Messines, Belgium on 7 June and mentioned in dispatches. On 8 August 1918 near Cerisy-Gailly, France, he saved his battery's guns and the lives of many of his men; he was awarded the Military Cross. For his actions throughout the period February to August, he won a Bar to his M. C. In the latter month he was accidentally injured and transferred to hospital in England. He was to be granted a disability pension for the injury, but voluntarily surrendered it in 1922.

On 6 January 1916 at the Church of St Edward the Confessor, Hound, Southampton, Fergusson had married Effie Hazel Skinner who accompanied him to Australia where his A. L. F. appointment terminated on 25 March 1919. After working in the country in New South Wales and Victoria, he bought a dairy farm at Whittlesea in 1927 and was a member of the local shire council from 1930 to 1934 (president 1931-32). As an Independent United Australia Party candidate, in 1932 he unsuccessfully contested the Legislative Assembly seat of Evelyn. In 1934-39 he managed branches of a pastoral company in New South Wales and Victoria.

Serving in the Militia in 1926-32 and again from 1936, Fergusson was given command of the 8th (Indi) Light Horse Regiment and promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1939. He was seconded to the A.I.F. And took command of the 6th Divisional Reconnaissance (later Cavalry) Regiment on 13 October. 'A man who spoke only when necessary, and then forcefully', he was nicknamed 'Ruthless' after telling his troops that he would be ruthless with any soldier who appeared incorrectly dressed. He was firm and austere, trained the unit well, and set high standards of personal conduct and technical efficiency. The regiment reached the Middle East in February 1940. On 9 March 1941 Fergusson was seriously wounded in the siege of the Italian stronghold of Giarabub, Libya, and was repatriated in June. For his services in Cyrenaica, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and mentioned in dispatches.

Fergusson returned to the Middle East in November. He commanded the 2nd/17th Battalion in January-February 1942 in Syria and embarked for Australia in March. Promoted temporary brigadier next month, in 1942-44 he successively led the 1st and 2nd Armoured and the 2nd Infantry brigades. In New Guinea, from August 1944, he commanded the 8th Infantry Brigade in operations around Madding and Wewak, and was once more mentioned in dispatches. Back home, on 16 October 1945 he transferred to the Reserve of Officers as honorary brigadier. In 1946 Fergusson stood as a Liberal Party. Candidate for the Senate, but was defeated. That year he bought

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Corio station near Inverell, New South Wales; in 1949 he moved to Moreton Bay, a farming and grazing property near Leadville. He maintained his political interests, holding executive positions in the party, and enjoyed shooting, golf, tennis and billiards. Retiring to Sydney in 1966, he gave generously of his time to Legacy, the Big Brother Movement and the Girl Guides' Association. Fergusson died on 27 September 1975 at Dunedoo and was buried at Moreton Bay. His wife survived him, as did four of their six sons; three had served in the A.L.F. including Terence who was killed in action in 1942 in Papua.'

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	2. Peopling	Convict	
	7. Governing	Defence	
	9. Phases of Life	Birth and Death	

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1866

Year completed: 1987

Circa: No

Physical description: The private graveyard on 'Moreton Bay' is located in the Shearer's hut Paddock, near the Shearing Shed and quarters. There are six memorials or headstones in this grave yard. The oldest headstone was relocated here from Campbell's paddock some 8 kilometres away, and is now almost indecipherable. It appears to be the headstone of children 'Elizabeth' and 'Mary', daughters of James and Catherine Campbell. The Campbell's are the namesakes of the paddock in which the graves were located.

William Waterford's marble headstone originally had a wrought iron rail fence around it, which is no longer standing. The headstone was crafted by D. B. Acton of Mudgee. The headstone was erected by his son Hugh James Waterford whose initials are written across the base of the stone.

The four other memorials are of the Fergusson family. Brigadier Maurice Alfred Fergusson, a soldier who served in the two World Wars, and who died on the 27th /9/1975. He was decorated with the DSO twice. Beside him, his wife Effie Hazel Fergusson whose life spanned from 10th/8/1892 to 3 /12 /1977.

Also monuments to Maurice Frederick Fergus 'Paddy' Fergusson, born 26/6/1927 and who died on the 15/5/2000 (son of Brig. Fergusson) and Olive Norma Fergusson (Sister to Brig. Fergusson, and also known as Aunt Babe) 1899 to 1987.

The grave site is now open in the paddock. It had been fenced with timber posts and wire mesh to protect it from livestock. The fence was destroyed in the Sir Ivan fire of February 2017. The graves were previously beneath a large White Cedar Tree (*Melia Azedarach*), which has since been cut down due to uplifting and damaging the graves.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good to fair condition. William Waterford's grave stone has been dislodged from its base.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: - Continue to maintain monuments in good condition.

management: - The curtilage or setting of this site shall be taken as being the grave site as described and an area of 5 metres around it.

Management: **Management category**

Management name

Further comments:

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Criteria a):
[Historical
significance]

Criteria b): Local associative significance for its connection with William Waterford who was an early and successful settler in the district and with the Fergusson family.
[Historical
association
significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural
significance]

Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	NSW Registry of Birth and death records	Birth and Death records	
	J.B.Hopley	'Fergusson, Maurice Alfred' in Australian Dictionary of Biography	1996

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 5	2004
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Caption: Private cemetery in the distance under the Cedar Tree on the RHS of image.

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Caption: Moreton Bay Private Graves - Grave of William Waterford an emancipated convict.

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Caption: Moreton Bay Private Graves - Gravestone of two of the Campbell children

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Caption: Moreton Bay Private Graves, detail of William Waterford's grave stone

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Caption: Moreton Bay Private Graves, view looking north at Fergusson family graves

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Location: 13374 Golden Highway Moreton Bay Pastoral Station

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Address: 13374 Golden Highway

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Moreton Bay Pastoral Station

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Bowman

State: NSW

County: Bligh

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Farming and Grazing

Category: Other - Farming & Grazing

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Shearer's quarters no longer used, Wool shed: casually used.

Former uses: Shearers quarters and wool shed

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: The Shearing shed and quarters are significant in illustrating the evolution of shearing technology and practices of the mid Nineteenth to early Twentieth Centuries starting with the very early slab shed of the mid 19th Century and the later substantial 1930s addition. The property has historical connection to emancipated convict William Waterford with the first section of the shearing shed probably constructed in his son William's time there. The property is also association with the Bowman and Fergusson families, who are important early settlers in the district.

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Historical notes of provenance: William Waterford was born in Godstone, Surrey, England on the 1st November, 1800. He was a groom and ploughman when on 19th March, 1821 he was sentenced at the Kent Assizes to transportation for 14 years penal servitude. His crime is not on record but 14 years was the original sentence for a petty crime. Life was for more serious cases. He arrived in Sydney on the ship 'Minerva' on 16th December, 1824 which was soon after his 21st birthday. He was one of 178 convicts on the ship on a journey of 179 days.

Waterford was luckier than many other convicts. On his arrival he was assigned as a servant to George Bowman, a farmer and a grazier, of considerable means who lived at Richmond on the Hawkesbury River. He remained in Bowman's employ long after he received his freedom.

In 1836-37 William went north to an area now known as Terry Hie Hie in the Warialda district and is said to have been with the explorer Oxley on some of his expeditions into the area. He was certainly one of the first white men in the district and is reputed to have given an Aboriginal five pounds to show him around the locality.

In the area around Warialda, William took up a large acreage for George Bowman - an area shown on the map as waste land. In 1871 a big law case was held in Sydney to decide the ownership of 40,000 acres of this land. William accompanied by his son William went to Sydney to give evidence in the case. Mr. Macanash, the owner of Gurley Station, a large adjoining owner, was the plaintiff. The case dragged on for years and Bowman lost it.

In 1840 William took up a holding called Bannockburn in the Inverell district for himself. This was to be the first home of William and his wife Elizabeth and the first time that he had land in his name. He must have worked hard to develop it for some time before he sold the property to James Hale. The reputed price was thirty thousand pounds. After selling Bannockburn William was granted a publican's licence under the sign 'The Farmer's Arms' at Murrurundi on 5th September, 1854 and then the 'Chain of Ponds' near Singleton.

A few years later his wife Elizabeth was killed in a buggy accident. They had no children and had been married for 22 years. His previous wives had died in child birth or soon after.

After Elizabeth's death William sold all his property and, now a well-respected man of considerable means for those times, he sailed for Ireland to visit his late wife's relatives. He was now 56 years old and had led an arduous life in the 35 years he had spent in Australia. Whether he was looking for any event he soon found one. On the ship he met another Elizabeth, who was returning to Ireland. She had gone to America to be married but the arrangements had gone awry and she was returning home a disappointed woman.

Eliza was 26 and from her photos a comely lass. They were married soon after arriving in Ireland. Their first child William was born at Rathcormac, Cork on 27th June, 1859.

It is said that William spent his money very openhandedly in Ireland. He paid high wages to his workmen, thus a demand for higher wages all round. With such lavishness, the money started to run out so William and his family returned to Australia. His son was one year of age. Again after joining up with Bowman, William managed Merotherie, a property between Leadville and Birriwa. At the same time he took up land for himself in the same district and called the property Moreton Bay. This was to be the home of William and Eliza until William's death in 1876. The original home, roofed with shingles, stood for many years. Two more children were born there, Hugh James in 1851 and Ellen Belle in 1863. Part of the property was in the names of his children so he had to build huts on their blocks and have them spend some time there to conform with the conditions of settlement.

The sons, William and Hugh, commenced school at St. Stanislaus College at Bathurst in 1874 thereby starting a tradition that continued through four generations. William Snr. was killed when he fell from a horse on 17th November, 1876. He is buried on Moreton Bay station where his grave and headstone are well maintained. His wife Eliza survived him by 30 years. She died on 14th October, 1906.

The elder son of William and Eliza, William worked the property Moreton Bay. At the age of 27 years William Jnr. married Catherine Mary Carney, of Mudgee on 4th August, 1886. The couple had about 13 years of living at Moreton Bay. Then because of the low wool prices and the failure of some of the banks in the depression they

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sold their property to James Bowman of nearby Merotherie Station. They then moved with their children to Mudgee.

James Bowman bought Moreton Bay station from William Waterford Jnr. towards the end of the 19th Century. In 1928 Leslie Bowman acquired Moreton Bay. He was the fourth son of James and Alice Clara Bowman of Jerrys Plains. He started his pastoral career at Jerrys Plains and in 1898 when his father died Leslie and his older brother then went to live at Merotherie. After his marriage in 1918 he became manager of 'Myall Plains', Mendooran, a property of about 10,000 acres that was leased by the Bowman Brothers partnership. In 1928 Leslie took over the northern portion of Merotherie, containing 3946 acres, which was originally named Moreton Bay. He sold this property in 1949 to Maurice Alfred Fergusson, and went to live in Singleton. The property then consisted of 4,000 acres of fertile grazing country, and has continued pastoral operations there ever since.

A 1938 publication, 'Pioneers of Australia' relates that the Moreton Bay property is one of the notable properties in the district and is pastured with an abundance of natural grasses, ideally adapted to wool growing and stock fattening. Ample watering facilities are provided by wells, bores and dams. In addition to the annual shearing, which is approximately 4,000 Merino sheep of pure Tasmanian blood, about 200 head of cattle are grazed.

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	2. Peopling	Convict	
	5. Working	Labour	
	3. Economy	Pastoralism	
	9. Phases of Life	Persons	

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1870

Year completed:

Circa: Yes

Physical description: The shearing shed has been built in two main stages. Clad mostly in corrugated iron walls and roof, the oldest section of the shed has two walls of slab construction. The roof of this section, which is high pitched gable ended and low slung, was originally timber shingled, but was later replaced with corrugated iron in the days when the Bowman's owned it.

The floor of the newer section of the shed is raised to a higher level, with sheep pens below, and has a gable ended roof. A smaller roof skillion on one side slopes down over an additional room. Both sections of the shed are timber framed, usually with timbers in the round. The oldest timber joints were fixed in place with timber dowels. The sheep chutes leading to the ground pens are metal lined with awnings over.

The sheep pens are fenced with split timber railings and posts with timber palisades wired together. More modern fences have also been added over time including the construction of a round race in square sawn timbers. The machinery of the shearing shed is still driven by the original engine installed in the circa 1930s when the shed was extended.

Nearby stands the former shearers' quarters, used for storage today. It is a simple rectangular building clad with corrugated iron walls and gable roof. Internally there are six rooms. One would have been the accommodation for the head shearer or overseer, and the others would have accommodated two or three shearers each. Timber framed and lined inside with wide cypress boards.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Shearing shed - good
Shearers quarters - fair

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Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: The curtilage or setting of this site shall be taken as being the shearing shed, timber palisade sheep pens and the shearer's quarters as described and an area of 10 metres around them.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): The Moreton Bay shearing shed has associations with ex-convict and pastoralist William Waterford who first took up Moreton Bay in the 1860s. The property was later held by the Bowman and then the Fergusson families.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): The Moreton Bay shearing shed is significant as a largely intact mid Nineteenth Century shearing shed with substantial alterations carried out c.1930s. It demonstrates the changing technology in the wool industry and the changes in shearing methods from the Nineteenth to Twentieth centuries.
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): The Moreton Bay Shearers' Quarters demonstrates the agricultural practices of the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries, notably the temporary housing of paid labour.
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g): The shearing shed is a rare local example of a Nineteenth Century shearing shed with substantial c.1930s additions that is intact and well maintained.
[Representative]

The shearers' quarters are representative of the various functional structures to be found on pastoral properties of the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries.

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Moreton bay Station	2005

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 5	2004
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Caption: Morton Bay shearing shed

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Caption: Eastern end of Morton Bay shearing shed. This section dates back to the end of the 19th century.

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Item name: Moreton Bay Shearing Shed and Shearers' Quarters

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Warrumbungle



Caption: Shearer's quarters with grave sight to the LHS of image under the Cedar tree (since cut down)

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Caption: Moreton Bay Wool Shed, view looking south west

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Caption: Moreton Bay Wool Shed, view looking south east

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Caption: Moreton Bay Wool Shed, internal view looking west

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Address: 1100 Gundare Road

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Gundare

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

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: Residence

Former uses: Residence

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: A residence that has developed over many periods of use, with an interesting and varied number of owners. Original early settlers residence contained in its core.

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Historical notes of provenance: The land on which the Mount Oeba homestead is situated is now known as portion 48 in the Parish of Gundare, County of Napier. Prior to the land in this area being subdivided by the Crown it would have been in the area of the Gundare Run and later in the Gundare Holding. In 1873 a large area was excised out of the Holding for the provision of a water reserve. The south-western corner of the water reserve was situated near where the Mount Oeba homestead stands today. The foregoing information is gleaned from an 1882 issue of the map of the Parish of Gundare which also shows that Duncan McRae held land much further up Gundare Creek, a 40 acre block which appeared to be well placed for a source of water. Perhaps, at one stage McRae may have held a run or a holding lease over the adjoining area. He did have freehold land closer to Gundare station and within Queensborough.

It is surmised that the first crown subdivision in the Gundare Holding provided for an area which, more or less in later years, was to become the Mount Oeba property. The name of the person who was granted the first crown lease, in 1877, is not known, but evidently he was a hard worker for within 29 years he had completely enclosed the lease with 10.8 miles of fencing and cleared 1600 acres. A plan prepared by surveyor Finn in 1898 and approved by the Lands Office in 1899, shows the boundaries of portion 29, containing an area of 2128 acres, portion 29 of 1264 acres, and portion 48 of 710 acres, making a total of 4,102 acres.

In 1901 a conditional lease was granted to William James Gilmore over portion 19 and portion 48 totalling 2828 acres. Robert Henry Gilmore, the father of William, was born in New York State, USA, in 1836. He came to the gold fields of Mudgee, moved north to Coolah, as a blacksmith in about 1860. William their first son was the original selector of Mount Oeba station near Coolah. He had played a part in the development of Coolah which resulted in a street named after the family.

In 1910 Gilmore's conditional purchase was taken over by Colin Bowman Cameron who held it for three years. Then it was transferred to Osborne Johnstone Jenkins. On 7th September 1914, in the Mudgee Guardian, E.J. Scully and Co. Ltd., stock and station agents of Coolah, stated that they had received instructions to sell the Mount Oeba property by public auction. This land was situated eight miles from Coolah, and contained 2837 acres, and the title of settlement lease had 15 years to run with another 12 years continuance. The agents pointed out that Mount Oeba was well watered by Gundare Creek and numerous springs, which was a never failing supply.

Erected on the property was an eight room weatherboard cottage, with nearby necessary outbuildings and sheep yards etc. The whole boundary of the property had been wire netted, with four sheep and one horse paddock and two Lucerne paddocks comprising about 20 acres. There was a splendid orchard of young fruit trees all in full bearing.

The country was composed of basaltic hills, well covered with the best of wool producing grasses, free from burrs. The agent added, that the hilly nature of Mount Oeba, endows it with drought resisting qualities. The country was timbered with box, apple tree, stringy bark and kurrajong. The place was practically free from rabbits and was capable of carrying a sheep to the acre.

The successful bidder was Richard Cecil Stephen (1857-1962) who was to remain on Mount Oeba for a period of 40 years from 1914 to 1954. Richard was born in Petersham, the son of Cecil B. and Alice J. Stephen. He held for a short period of time an interest in the 640 acres of portion 46, Parish at Gundare, which later became part of the property known as the Bowery, one owner being Ruth Vida and Herbert Greaves Wright. Richard or 'Dick' as he was known locally was born into a well known legal family, who had connections with solicitors Stephen and Jacques. He married May Lang Campbell in 1913 and brought his young wife to live on Mount Oeba. May died in 1935, and he married the widow of Leslie McMaster (nee Kath Eaton) in 1946. His only son, Campbell, a Flight Sergeant in the RAAF air crew (459 Squadron) was killed in the Middle East in 1942, age 21 years. 'Dick' was a member of the Coolah Shire Council for 26 years from 1923 to 1949, holding the position of President for 14 consecutive years. He instigated many improvements whilst a councillor including the planting of the avenue of poplar trees along the old section of the Cassilis Road which once led into Coolah downstream from the present bridge. In recognition of his service to the community he was invited by the Coolah Shire on the 19th August, 1954 to officially open the new Shire Council Chambers at Coolah. He retired to Bowral and passed

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away on 24th August, 1962.

The 1915 Pastoral Directory disclosed that at his property, Mount Oeba, R.C. Stephen was running 7 cattle and 1779 sheep, whilst his neighbours, namely E.S.Colley of The Bowery, had 9 cattle and 1705 sheep; P.R. Schiemer of Mount Angle had 23 cattle and 2549 sheep, and W.T. Wesley of Gundare Station had 8 cattle and 1500 sheep.

Mount Oeba was purchased by Reginald Charles Barlow in September 1954. Reg was the owner of Pine Ridge Station, Leadville, from early 1951 until late 1953. He then lived on George Nott's small property West End, near Mount Mill, until he occupied Mount Oeba. He held Mount Oeba for ten years until September, 1964 when it was acquired by Sidney Eric and Patricia Esdaile, of 'Merrdgal', Collie.

Sid was a descendant of Edward William Esdaile who came to Australia in 1883, as a skilled instrument maker. In 1895 Edward William went into business on his own manufacturing optical, and mathematical implements. The firm of Edward Esdaile and Sons was regarded as the leader in this highly specialised field for many years and during the Second World War was the major supplier of navigation equipment to the Royal Australian Navy. Sid Esdaile was a councillor of the Coolah Shire Council from 1972 until 1977.

Mount Oeba property today consists of 2835 acres and is owned by Benevu Pty. Ltd. (George A. Esdaile).

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	3. Economy	Pastoralism	
	4. Settlement	Accommodation	
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Designer: unknown

Builder:

Year started: 1877

Year completed:

Circa: Yes

Physical description: The homestead displays a combination of many extensions with hipped and gable ended roofs, and cladding of corrugated iron and weatherboards. The house has evolved over many years and in many periods with the strongest influence the 1920s era with Federation style brackets and posts, casement windows and gable ends. An attractive porch leads to the garden where once the visitors approached the house. At the core of the house is an original shepherds house, set on timber bearers close to the ground. Its walls are slab timber and it contains the original fireplace.

Part of the house group is a lighting shed, where power was generated by diesel power and connected to a Quirk mill, before the house was connected to mains power.

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 research the history of the place.

- The curtilage or setting of this place shall be taken as being the homestead and the former lighting shed as described and an area of 10 metres around.

Management: **Management category**

Management name

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Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical
significance]

Criteria b): Mount Oeba has local associative significance for its connection with a number of prominent local citizens who owned the property from the late Nineteenth through the Twentieth Century.
[Historical
association
significance]

Criteria c): Mount Oeba is an attractive late Nineteenth Century homestead with a long history of alterations with the strongest influential period in the 1920s.
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural
significance]

Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Around the Black Stump	1993

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 11	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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Longitude: 149.805053

Location validity:

Spatial accuracy:

Map name:

Map scale:

AMG zone:

Easting:

Northing:

Listing: Name

Title
Heritage study

Number

ListingDate
08/09/2005

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Data entry: Data first entered: 21/12/2004

Data updated: 11/10/2018

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Caption: Mount Oeba Homestead - approx photo taken 1970.

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Caption: Mount Oeba Homestead- formerly the front steps.

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Caption: Mount Oeba Homestead- lighting and power shed.

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Caption: Old power switchboard at Mount Oeba

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Item name: Nandi Hill Bora Ground**Location:**

Warrumbungle

Address:**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Nandi**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Archaeological-Terrestrial**Group:** Aboriginal**Category:** Ceremonial site**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Vacant**Former uses:** Ceremonial site**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: The bora ground adjacent to Nandi Hill has been identified by the Aboriginal people of Coonabarabran as a place of importance to the community as a link to past cultural practices. The bora ground has associations with the long story of the Gamilaraay people of the Coonabarabran district and is an important element of the cultural history of the area. It is an important physical component of the Aboriginal heritage of the Coonabarabran district and has the potential to contribute to an understanding of the cultural history of the region.

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

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Historical notes of provenance: According to Mulvaney and Kamminga ceremonial rock arrangements are found all over Australia but are most common in the eastern parts of the continent. 'Over 1,000 are known from New South Wales and Queensland alone.' (Mulvaney & Kamminga, p.25)

Many features of earth or piled stones are identified as bora rings because of historical accounts of 'bora' ceremonies (initiation of boys) at such sites. Sixty-two bora rings have been identified in the region around Brisbane alone, and many others found widely in eastern New South Wales. (Mulvaney & Kamminga, p.26)

The general characteristics of bora ring arrangements as described by Mulvaney and Kamminga are:

- Stone-lined paths and concentric rings of earth or stones, requiring considerable labour to construct,
- Circles linked by linear earthworks or pathways,
- Many ring arrangements are located on high places. (Mulvaney & Kamminga, p.26)

Bora grounds appear to have been more commonly constructed in elevated places. According to Flood:

... high country may have been of religious importance, associated with the belief in a sky god –Daramulan or Baiami – which was widespread in eastern Australia. Elevated, remote sites were preferred for ceremonies, particularly ceremonies such as initiation of the young men, from which women and children were excluded. (Flood, p.238-239)

The location and alignment of the Nandi Hill bora ground are consistent with the above observations. The pathways of the site appear to follow the lowest contours of the saddle between two mountains towards the skyline of a connecting ridge. It is possible that young men participating in ceremonies here would have progressed from the lowest point of the saddle to the top of the ridge.

According to Bill Robinson of the Burrabeedee Elders Group the bora ground adjacent to Nandi Hill would have consisted of three stone rings connected by pathways marked with stones. The pathways represented the journey of a boy from childhood to adulthood. The significance of the rings was as follows:

- First ring – the boy as a child with his family
- Second ring – adolescence
- Third ring – adulthood

After reaching the third ring in the ceremony the young man would have been taken to nearby caves to learn the stories of the group presented through artworks. (Bill Robinson, 2006)

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	2. Peopling	Aboriginal cultures and interactions with c	
	9. Phases of Life	Events	

Designer: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Year started:

Year completed:

Circa: No

Physical description: The site of the bora ground is a natural amphitheatre located between Nandi Hill and an adjoining hill. A low saddle between the two hills forms the northern boundary of the site. The ground slopes from this saddle towards the Castlereagh River in a south-westerly direction.

The remains of the bora ground consist of a marked pathway following in the slope of the ground up through a natural trough created by the two hills and saddle and some remnant rings. The boundaries of the path are defined by rocks set vertically in the ground in two parallel lines. Groups of rocks mark one possible ring. Two fallen trees identify one section of the path which leads to a large circular dish-shaped earthwork set into the saddle between the two hills.

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Location: Warrumbungle

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: The site has been heavily disturbed by stock, rabbits and machinery. A contour drain has been cut through the lower part of the ground.

The site is considered to have moderate archaeological potential.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Partial destruction of the bora ground – circa 1860s to present.

Recommended management: Preserve the site as an open site.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a): The bora ground adjacent to Nandi Hill has associations with the long story of the Gamilaraay people of the Coonabarabran district and is an important element of the cultural history of the area. It is considered to have a high level of local historical significance.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): The bora ground has associations with the Gamilaraay people and has a high level of local historical association significance.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): The bora ground and its location have a high level of aesthetic significance. The remaining features of the site demonstrate a high degree of creative achievement. Accordingly the site has a high level of local aesthetic significance.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d): The bora ground has been identified by the Aboriginal people of Coonabarabran as a place of importance to the community as a link to past cultural practices. It has a high level of local social significance.
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): The bora ground is an important physical component of the Aboriginal heritage of the Coonabarabran district. The site has the potential to contribute to an understanding of the cultural history of the region and has a high level of technical/research significance.
[Research significance]

Criteria f): The site is one of a few ceremonial grounds identified within the Coonabarabran area and has a moderate local level of rarity.
[Rarity]

Criteria g): The bora ground is representative of Aboriginal ceremonial places within the Warrumbungle Shire.
[Representative]

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

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References:	Author	Title	Year
	Flood, J.	Archaeology of the Dreamtime	1995
	Mulvaney, J. & Kamminga, J.	Prehistory of Australia	1999
	Robinson, W.	Information on initiation ceremonies	2006

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

Parcels:	Parcel code	Lot number	Section number	Plan code	Plan number
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Heritage study**Number****ListingDate****Data entry:** Data first entered: 14/09/2007

Data updated: 07/12/2018

Status: Completed

Item name: Nandi Hill Bora Ground

Location:

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Image:



Caption: Nandi Hill Bora Ground, c.2006

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Caption: The bora ground looking uphill along the line of the identified marked pathway, c.2006

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Caption: Section of marked pathway more than a metre wide, visible beyond the fallen logs, c.2006

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Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

Warrumbungle

Address: Narrawa Road

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Cobborah 2844

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Boston

State: NSW

County: Lincoln

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Wiradjuri

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Landscape

Group: Aboriginal

Category: Rock Engraving

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: nil

Former uses: Aboriginal Stone sharpening rock

Assessed significance: State

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: Excellent example of significant stone sharpening grooves; numerous and well defined, on sandstone boulder at the creek's edge.

Historical notes of provenance: NPWS 'Aboriginal sites of NSW' states: 'The rate at which sandstone weathers is unknown so the exact age of the grinding grooves cannot be established. The shallowest, worn examples are likely to be the oldest and the deeper. The more clearly defined ones are probably the youngest.'

A guide to the age of the axegrinding grooves is provided by the age of deposits on which edge-ground axes are found in south eastern Australia. Edgeground axes have been excavated, dating to no more than 2,000-3000 years ago, although in the north, edge-ground axes have been recovered from sites dating to about 18,000 years.'

Themes: **National theme**

2. Peopling

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Local theme

Designer:

Builder: Aboriginal

Year started:

Year completed:

Circa: No

Physical description: On the edge of the Wild Cat Creek is a large natural rock that has been used in the past as an Aboriginal stone axe or spear sharpening rock. Many grooves are cut deep into its surface, measuring roughly 200mm long and 50mm wide, which are evidence of the use of grinding to fashion stone tools. These may be very ancient markings as Stone grinding has been used by Aboriginals for up to 20,000 years. The edges of stone artefacts were sometimes finished by grinding, gradually smoothing and levelling the face worked upon. Water was sometimes used in this process which enhanced the abrading action, hence the location beside a stream or water hole was preferred. (ref 'Tools weapons and culture' in a series produced by ATSIC on 'Indigenous Australia' 1992)

The name Narrawa was an aboriginal word meaning 'kangaroo's retreat'. The NSW NPWS in a publication called 'Aboriginal sites of NSW' state that 'Axe grinding grooves are a type of Aboriginal site formed as a result of the shaping and sharpening of stone implements called edge-ground axes or hatchets. These were made of hard volcanic stone and fastened to a wooden handle for use.

Axe grinding groove sites can consist of a single groove although the majority have more than one (in this case there are more than 20). Sites with twenty to sixty individual grooves are not uncommon. Experiments suggest that approximately six hours of rubbing are required to produce each groove. The deeper grooves are thought to be the result of spears or some other thin implement being ground, or possibly, of the edge of the axe being cut back to provide a new surface for working to an edge.'

Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

Warrumbungle

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: Preserve the site as an open site.

Management: **Management category**

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): Narrawa stone sharpening rock has associations with the lives of the Wiradjuri people and has a high level of local historical association significance.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): The site has the potential to contribute to an understanding of the cultural history of the region and has a high level of technical/research significance.
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g): Narrawa stone sharpening rock is representative of Aboriginal occupation and food gathering sites within the Warrumbungle Shire.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	NPWS (NSW)	Aboriginal sites of NSW	1988
	ATSIC	Indigenous Australia: 'Tools, weapons and Utensils'	1992

Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

Warrumbungle

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 8	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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Spatial accuracy:

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ListingDate
08/09/2005

Data entry: Data first entered: 30/11/2004

Data updated: 09/10/2018

Status: Completed

Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

Warrumbungle

Image:



Caption: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock - former owner Barry Evans stands atop of the sharpening rock.

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Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

Warrumbungle



Caption: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock - detail of many grooves made by spear sharpening.

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Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

Warrumbungle



Caption: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

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Item name: Neilrex Hall

Location:

Warrumbungle

Address:

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Neilrex 2831

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: Community Facilities

Category: Hall Public

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Vacant

Former uses: Community hall

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: A culturally significant item that was once the communities focus for all manner of celebrations, dances and anniversaries.

Item name: Neilrex Hall

Location:

Warrumbungle

Historical notes of provenance: Neilrex the name was the result of a tussle between local settlers and the Dept of Railways. The name is derived from an honoured local resident Mr. Rex McNeil.

Richard Stephen (known as 'Rex') and John Joseph McNeil were born at Gordon, Victoria, in 1877 and 1876 respectively. They were two of six children born to Stephen Michael and Mary Ann McNeil (nee Shannon). Stephen Michael McNeil came from Nova Scotia in 1864 and worked as a miner at Dolby's Creek, Moorabool, Victoria. He married Mary Ann Shannon at Geelong on 25th January, 1871 and on 8th April 1880 he died leaving her with five children and another expected. Around that time Mary Ann McNeil's parents, Michael and Alice Shannon owned property at Yallakool, near Deniliquin. Sometime after 1886 and before his death in 1896, Michael Shannon purchased 'Biambil' ('Biamble') Station near Neilrex. 'Biambil' afterwards passed onto Richard Shannon.

Rex and John McNeil came to the Biamble area with their grandparents, uncles and aunts. They were nephews of Richard and Alexander (Sandy) Shannon of Cobbora, Miss Ann Shannon of 'Kia-Ora', Gladstone Street, Mudgee, Elizabeth Loneragan, wife of James Thomas Loneragan of Portland, and Michael Shannon of 'Belindervale', Tucklan. All of whom, with the exception of Elizabeth Loneragan, are buried at Cobbora. Both Rex and John ran a property near 'Biamble' called 'Lochneil'. In 1988 there was still a property near Neilrex called 'Lochneil', owned by Mr G. G. and Mrs S. A. Mitchell. An old parish map shows that in 1910 John Loneragan held portion 15, in the Parish of Biamble of 66 acres.

It is not known when Rex and John McNeil came to 'Biamble', but they were certainly there on 1st October 1908, for on that day the Mudgee Guardian records:

On Tuesday afternoon 22nd September, 1908 Mr John McNeil, Mr Rex McNeil and a companion were returning home to Biamble, after being to a show, when an unfortunate accident occurred to the former. They were rattling along, when a calf ran in front of the horses, and brought Mr John McNeil's mount down, throwing the rider heavily and rolling on him. He sustained severe injuries - concussion of the brain and a broken nose, besides being severely bruised Dr McCreadie, of Gulgong, was summoned, but owing to a mishap to his motor car he did not reach the sufferer until Wednesday morning. The doctor stayed until Thursday. Mr McNeil's many friends will be pleased to hear that at latest report he was progressing favourably.

It is unknown when the Neilrex Hall was constructed. Approval was received for the appointment of Messrs. L. B. Webb and A. E. Smith to the Neilrex Hall committee in August 1924. In this period the hall was used for local Catholic church services and for numerous dances and social events held over the following years variously in aid of the Roman Catholic church, annual school prizes, protestant church funds, or to raise funds for the hall itself. The hall was free of debt by December 1928.

Themes: National theme
8. Culture

State theme
Leisure

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Year started:

Year completed: 1924

Circa: Yes

Physical description: A typical large country hall building which was substantially extended at some stage. Set in a paddock with white Box trees around it. It is rectangular in plan with a skillion to one side, formerly the supper room. At the entry end of the hall is a double door. The first section of the hall contained a central side door and window each side. The rear addition contains another window and a shutter on the north eastern elevation. The building is timber framed and clad in timber weatherboards with a gable roof clad in corrugated iron. The building is set on timber stumps and at the centre it appears to be collapsing on its foundations. Windows are generally timber framed double hung with two panes per sash. At the back there are separate 'outhouses' for men and women. The building is no longer in use and the Honour Roll has been moved to the Mendooran Services Club.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Very Poor; downpipes missing, weatherboard cladding missing in parts, glazing missing, some floor collapse.

Item name: Neilrex Hall

Location: Warrumbungle

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: - With assistance from council and conservation advice carry out urgent repairs to this item.

management: - Continue to maintain.

- The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the place as described and an area of 10 metres around it.

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

Further comments:

Criteria a):

[Historical significance]

Criteria b):

[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): The Neilrex Hall is an example of an early Twentieth Century vernacular style public hall building constructed of timber weatherboard clad walls with a prominent gabled roof.

[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d): The Neilrex hall has a high level of social significance. It had been the focus of activity for the Neilrex community for much of the Twentieth Century and hosted numerous community celebrations.

[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):

[Research significance]

Criteria f):

[Rarity]

Criteria g): The Neilrex Hall is representative of country halls in small villages built during the early Twentieth Century.

[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Around the Black Stump	1993

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 9	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

Item name: Neilrex Hall

Location: Warrumbungle

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Item name: Neilrex Hall

Location:

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Image:



Caption: Neilrex Hall

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Item name: Neilrex Hall

Location:

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Caption: Neilrex Hall - end view

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Caption: Neilrex Hall, view looking west

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Item name: Neilrex Hall

Location:

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Caption: Neilrex Hall, south eastern elevation

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Item name: Neilrex Hall

Location:

Warrumbungle



Caption: Neilrex Hall, interior

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Item name: Neilson Park**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:** Landscape**Group:** Parks, Gardens and Trees**Category:** Urban Park**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Public Park**Former uses:** Public Park**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: The site of Neilson Park has been associated with the development of Coonabarabran since the establishment of George and Henry Cox's Coolabarbyan run in 1836. It was also part of James Weston's original wheat fields that were planted in the 1840s. The park includes a well sunk by Alfred Croxon to provide water to his house he built nearby. It is also associated with the ongoing civic improvement of the town that has occurred since the 1920s. The park also has strong associations with James Weston and Alfred Croxon who were leading figures in the development of Coonabarabran. It has also been named to commemorate the life and civic service of Robert Neilson. It has a high level of local historical and historical association significance.

The park has a strong presence as part of the northern approaches to the Coonabarabran central business district and is considered to have a high level of local aesthetic significance and a high level of local social significance. It is also considered to have a high local level of rarity and moderate level of representativeness.

Item name: Neilson Park

Location:

Warrumbungle

Historical notes of provenance: George and Henry Cox, sons of colonial road builder William Cox, took up a number of runs in the Coonabarabran district in the 1830s. One of these runs named Coolabarabyan was established on the banks of the Castlereagh River in 1836. This run included the site of the present town of Coonabarabran.

James Weston is credited as being the first agriculturalist in the Coonabarabran district. Weston was an ex-convict who had worked as a ploughman in England. He was assigned to Alexander Busby who held land at Cassilis. Weston and his wife Lucy lived in the Coolah/Cassilis area. Some time after being granted his freedom in 1843 he took over the Coolabarabyan run and began to undertake improvements. Among other things he started cultivating 20 acres of wheat on the southern bank of the Castlereagh River in the area now that now includes Neilson Park. Weston also constructed a water driven flourmill and established the Castlereagh Inn that is credited with being the first building in Coonabarabran. It was located on a site that later became part of Dalgarno Street. In 1856 Weston sold his property to Alfred Croxon who constructed a house on the site of the present Neilson Park and dug a well to supply water to the house.

Robert Neilson moved to Coonabarabran in 1870. In partnership with Thomas Cadell he purchased the Castlereagh Inn. Neilson demolished the inn and established a general merchandise store that traded as Robert Neilson & Co. Neilson also constructed a steam flourmill on the corner of John and Dalgarno Streets. Robert Neilson & Co. grew to become one of the major business houses of Coonabarabran. Neilson became an active leader of the Coonabarabran community in the late nineteenth century. He was a member of the school board and trustee of the Presbyterian Church.

Development of a park commenced on the present site by the Coonabarabran Shire Council in June 1928. Originally called River Park its name had been changed by 1935 to Neilson Park in honour of the role of Robert Neilson in developing the town.

To mark its 50th anniversary in 1999 the Coonabarabran Rotary Club erected a stone well head over the shaft of Croxon's well. The club also installed a plaque that included a brief history of the site.

Themes: **National theme** **State theme** **Local theme**
4. Settlement Towns, suburbs and villages

Designer: Unknown

Builder: Various

Year started: 1928

Year completed: 1999

Circa: No

Physical description: The park has been developed along the southern bank of the Castlereagh River east of John Street. Its principal design feature is an avenue of mature Plane trees. The park includes stepped landscaped gardens, picnic tables and lawns. Near the entrance to the park is a well. The shaft of this well is the sole remaining element of the house built by Alfred Croxon near this site. A stone wall and wooden-framed roof was constructed around the head of the well by the Rotary Club of Coonabarabran in 1999.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: The park and its structures are in very good condition. Given the history of occupancy of the site and the series of important buildings identified since the 1840s it is considered to have high archaeological potential.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Ongoing development and landscaping of the park.

Recommended management: - The shaft of the well should be managed in a way that ensures its ongoing structural and aesthetic integrity.

- A full archaeological assessment is required prior to any activity in the park which involves excavation or proposed excavation.

Item name: Neilson Park

Location:

Warrumbungle

Listing: Name

Title
Heritage study

Number

ListingDate

Data entry: Data first entered: 14/09/2007

Data updated: 24/10/2018

Status: Completed

Item name: Neilson Park

Location:

Warrumbungle

Image:



Caption: Neilson Park, view looking north east along Castlereagh River

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Item name: Neilson Park

Location:

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Caption: Neilson Park, modern well head, c.2006

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Item name: Neilson Park

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Caption: Neilson Park, brass plaque, c.2006

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Caption: Neilson Park, view looking northeast at the modern well-head, c.2006

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Item name: Neilson Park

Location:

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Caption: Avenue of mature Plane Trees in Neilson Park, looking northeast, c.2006

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Item name: Nurse Taylor's Hospital**Location:** 90 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

Address: 90 Cassilis Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coonabarabran 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coonabarabran**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:** Langley Private Hospital**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Health Services**Category:** Birthing Centre**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Private dwelling**Former uses:** Birthing hospital**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: The building constructed as Nurse Taylor's hospital was the most prominent birthing hospital in the Coonabarabran district for decades. Nurse Taylor's hospital has direct associations with the midwifery activity of Mary Ellen Taylor and was the birthplace of many local children in the early to mid 20th. The building is an intact example of a Interwar period Californian Bungalow style dwelling. It retains many of its original decorative features.

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

Historical notes of provenance: Nurse Taylor's Hospital was an institution in Coonabarabran for decades. Mary Ellen Taylor one of seven children of Catherine Jane Taylor (nee Pearson) and Mark Taylor who farmed in the Bugaldie district during the late 19th century. She was born on 31 July 1883 and died on 3 April 1978.

The existing house was constructed behind an earlier building that was demolished after the fibro building was occupied.

The style and materials of the cottage suggest a construction date between the latter years of World War I and the mid 1920s. The walls of the cottage are clad inside and out with compressed asbestos fibre sheet, commonly referred to as 'fibro'. This material was imported into Australia from 1903 and was manufactured locally by firms such as Wunderlich Pty Ltd Sydney and James Hardie & Co in Melbourne from 1917. It was heavily promoted by manufacturers as a material that could be easily installed, and was 'economical, fire retardant, white ant proof and durable'.

Following an accident after the death of her husband in 1903 Nurse Taylor's mother Catherine moved into Coonabarabran to live with her daughter at the birthing hospital where she lived until her death in 1938.

The hospital had closed by 1951 when the Coonabarabran Hospital Board was undertaking representations to government for the construction of a new public hospital in the town (Coonabarabran Hospital Board 1951).

Themes: **National theme**
3. Economy**State theme**
Health**Local theme****Designer:** Unknown**Builder:** Unknown

Item name: Nurse Taylor's Hospital

Location: 90 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

Year started:

Year completed: 1925

Circa: Yes

Physical description: The building is a fine Californian Bungalow era house. Internal features such as mantelpieces, cornices and wainscotting suggest construction in the early 1920s.

The building is a timber-framed structure set on stumps. Walls are clad inside and out with asbestos fibre sheet and the building is topped with a corrugated iron roof. Windows have double hung timber framed sashes with an unusual glazing pattern. Upper sashes have three lights and lower sashes two lights.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: The building is in sound and in reasonable condition for its age.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: The side verandah has been partially enclosed in fibro and hopper windows installed.

The brick curtain wall beneath the front of the verandah has been reconstructed in modern brick.

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.

Management: Management category

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a): The building constructed as Nurse Taylor's hospital was the most prominent birthing hospital in the Coonabarabran district for decades. As the birthplace of many local children in the early to mid 20th century it has a high level of local historical significance.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): Nurse Taylor's hospital has direct associations with the midwifery activity of Mary Ellen Taylor. It has a moderate level of local historical association significance.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): The building is an intact example of an Interwar period California Bungalow style dwelling. It retains a many of its original decorative fittings and features. It has a high level of local aesthetic significance.
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

Criteria d): As an expression of the development of Coonabarabran in the mid 20th century, and the birthplace of many local children, Nurse Taylor's Hospital has a high level of local social significance.
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): The building is an interesting example of a building constructed during the Inter-War period. It is considered to have a moderate level of local technical/research significance.
[Research significance]

Criteria f): The building considered to have a moderate local level of rarity.
[Rarity]

Criteria g): Nurse Taylor's private hospital 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]

Item name: Nurse Taylor's Hospital**Location:** 90 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle

Intactness/Integrity: Nurse Taylor's private hospital has a moderate level of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Pickette, J. & Campbell, M.	Coonabarabran as it was in the beginning	1983
	Taylor, H.	Taylor Family History	
	Coonabarabran Hospital Board	Minutes	1951

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: Nurse Taylor's Hospital

Location: 90 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

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Caption: Nurse Taylor's Hospital

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Item name: Nurse Taylor's Hospital

Location: 90 Cassilis Street Coonabarabran 2357

Warrumbungle



Caption: Nurse Taylor's Hospital, looking south east

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Location: 6072 Black Stump Way Coolah 2843

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Address: 6072 Black Stump Way

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: Built

Group: Farming and Grazing

Category: Other - Farming & Grazing

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Site only

Former uses: Homestead complex

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: This place is significant locally in connection with the former homestead and the family of Allison who were early and successful settlers in the district. James Mair Allison was an adept and enterprising man whose business included the pastoral industry of Merino sheep, a hotelier and store keeper.

The site demonstrates the considerable change that can result in the rise and decline of such a families interests, and the changing patterns of settlement and activity in the country.

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Historical notes of provenance: Land in the vicinity of Oakey Creek, 24kms, north of Coolah, off the Gunnedah Road was taken up as a run by Alexander and William Busby in the 1830's. On the 9th of February, 1851 the run was transferred to William Allison who brought Matthew Allison in as a partner. Prior to 1853 James Mair Allison became the owner of the run. Besides developing the property, James began to cater for the travelling public. First he established a blacksmith shop and then a wayside inn. The first Government geologist (Stutchbury) stayed at the inn on 25th January, 1843 and recorded that at the Allison's they quarry a good building stone and manufacture some fine grindstones from it. The local limestone was suitable for mortar and plastering. Stutchbury regretted his second stay at the inn as one of his employees imbibed too much and when placed upon the waggon to travel north kept failing off, and finally he was left at the side of the road until he sobered up.

By 1866 the population at the Oakey Creek settlement had grown to 40 persons, while the nearest village Coolah had only reached 60 inhabitants. The NSW Gazetteer for this year refers to the settlement as a village with a hotel called the 'Blacksmith Arms', a store, and a blacksmith shop. Communication with Dubbo was by horse and dray only. There was a coach service to Gunnedah and then on to Tamworth.

An article in the Sydney Mail of 26th May 1888 supplies the following description of the Oakey Creek Homestead:

'The homestead is built roomy and well furnished, and standing on piles, admits of a commodious cellar and neat pantry and dairy being formed underneath, The latter conveniences like the homestead itself, possess ventilations of the highest order, whilst being free from dampness associated with underground apartments.

A William's windmill on a well 20 feet deep, and which holds 20,000 gallons and flower garden, and a beautiful fountain in the garden is supplied with water, The water flows back from the fountain through pipes to the tank, so not a drop of water goes to waste. It is rarely in the country that ones sees the water supply so well regulated as at Oakey Creek.

A conservatory, bush house, fernery, are in the course of construction, and a vegetable garden and vineyard is being formed. It is intended to surround the latter with a hawthorne hedge, and plant ornamental trees along the slope of the hill.

Substantiality and neatness of construction are the chief features of the stalls. These are 14 feet by 10 feet, divided into four stables, or rather loose boxes, with a separate door to each with the chaff house and harness room at either end.'

A representative of the Sydney Mail visited the area and in his article dated 28th September, 1904 recorded this description of Oakey Creek Station:

'Oakey Creek, one of the most valuable pastoral estates in the Coonabarabran district. 15 miles north of Coolah, and 50 miles south of Gunnedah, is owned by James M. Allison. The estate consists of 40,000 acres of freehold land of the best description, highly improved, and amply watered by Oakey Creek, a dozen wells, with windmills, engine and pumps, as well as several dams.

The homestead is very prettily situated on a good rise yet well sheltered from severe winds and commands a grand view of the magnificent valleys and hills in the distance. Acetylene gas lights the homestead and there is a telephone connection to Coolah.

The woolshed is a very large and well-built structure, over 200 feet long, fitted with 24 shearing machines, and usually holds 2,000 sheep under cover. The woolroom is capable of holding 300 bales, has every convenience for the proper handling of the clip. It has a fine elevated stage for loading wool onto the waggons.'

James Mair Allison, born in 1827, died in 1904. His son James McIntosh Allison, born in 1860, then became the owner of Oakey Creek Station. James McIntosh died in 1936 and besides still holding Oakey Creek Station had acquired Coomoo Coomoo Station on the Liverpool Plains in addition to interests in properties in Queensland. At the time of his death he was survived by his widow Jessie McMaster, three sons and two daughters. His sons resided for some time at Oakey Creek, having been left subdivided portions of the Oakey Creek Station. His sons

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were Clyde, Hamilton McMaster and James Gordon. Daughters were Marjorie Torrens who married James Hamilton Traill of Tuwinga property near Pandora Pass and Margaret Phyllis who married Lindsay Cowdery of Tindaroo in the Nundle district.

Oakey Creek homestead was completely destroyed by fire on 24th November, 1974 when the property was owned by S. & M. Fox Investments Pty. Ltd. During this ownership all of the old outbuildings were dismantled.

'Oakey Creek' used to employ permanently about 40 men - fencers, ringbarkers, stockmen and a lot of casual burr cutters - about 20 in a gang. The managers from about 1910 were Mr G. Wigan to 1914, Mr J. Kerr to 1924 and Mr Clyde Allison to 1930. Then the property was divided. Ham Allison received 'Oakey Creek', Clyde 'Stravon' and 'Kerrawa' and Gordon, 'Wyeela'. Mrs Trail received 'Comoo-Comoo' which is still in their possession.

The late R.A. Stevenson of 'Eden Moor', Gunnedah Road supported Mr Tuckey's statement in respect of James Allison's generosity towards swagmen. He commenced the practice of supplying free bed and breakfast to those on the track in appreciation of the assistance swagmen had given him in fighting and stopping a bush fire that threatened the homestead. Unfortunately there were no swaggies passing by when the old vacant homestead went up in flames in the 1970's.

Laurie Nelson of Yagoona, worked as a 'horsetailer' at 'Bomera' and 'Oakey Creek'. A 'horsetailer' rounded up the horses for a team change when the mail coach arrived at its stopover. Nelson said that James Allison came to Australia as a blacksmith about the same time as his grandfather McDonald, who was a shepherd with the McMasters.

James Mair Allison (1827-1904)

James Mair Allison died aged 77 years. 'The Muff' in the Mudgee Guardian, 27th December 1904, wrote: 'It was with very deep regret that I heard of the death of Mr James Mair Allison, of Oakey Creek, on 3rd December, 1904 and whom I have known for the last 48 years. Now, if my memory has not played me falsely, and I don't believe it has, the late Mr J. M. Allison went to reside at Oakey Creek in the year 1856, and from that year right up to the day of his decease he has been a most enterprising and successful man in all his undertakings. The hotel and store which he opened, and conducted for so many years, was through good management a perfect source of wealth to him. He then added to those fine pastures of Oakey Creek the famous pure merino sheep from the Mudgee flocks, and as far as I know, he has stuck to that string of good blood ever since, and at different times commanding the top price for his clip in the Sydney market.'

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	4. Settlement	Accommodation	
	9. Phases of Life	Persons	
	3. Economy	Transport	

Designer: James Allison

Builder:

Year started: 1888

Year completed:

Circa: Yes

Physical description: The only remains of the homestead today include a round concrete pond and fountain base, various tree plantings including a pencil pine and fruit trees, a stone wall that may have been part of the once 'commodious' cellar, a tank stand and an old windmill.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Remnants only

Archaeological potential level: Moderate

Archaeological potential Detail:

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Modification dates: Major fire -1965 destroyed the homestead.

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. In some cases a fence around the place may exist and if possible this should be maintained to stop large animal damage.
- Continue to record and research this place's history.

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

Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical
significance]

Criteria b): Local significance for its association with the Allison family.
[Historical
association
significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural
significance]

Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Oakey Crek Homestead and ruins	2005
	Roy Cameron and Kathielyn Job	Around the Black Stump	1990

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 7	2004
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Parcels:	Parcel code	Lot number	Section number	Plan code	Plan number
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Spatial accuracy:

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Listing: Name

Title
Heritage study

Number

ListingDate
08/09/2005

Data entry: Data first entered: 16/11/2004

Data updated: 24/10/2018

Status: Completed

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Caption: Stone wall retaining wall or part of a cellar?

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Caption: Oakey Creek Homestead site only - tree plantings.

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Caption: Fountain ruins in the garden area of the site of Oakey Creek Homestead.

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Caption: Oakey Creek Homestead 1904. - courtesy of General Reference Library State Library of NSW

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Item name: Oakey Creek Private Cemetery

Location: 6072 Black Stump Way Coolah 2844

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Address: 6072 Black Stump Way

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2844

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Napier

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Landscape

Group: Cemeteries and Burial Sites

Category: Other - Cemeteries/Burial Sites

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Private Cemetery

Former uses: Private Cemetery

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: This place is significant locally in connection with the Allison family, who were early and successful settlers in the district. The cemetery is aesthetically significant as an excellent example of small, walled cemetery.

This is a rare example of a walled family cemetery.

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Historical notes of provenance: It is obvious that the site of the existing cemetery was selected in the later half of the 1850s for the first burial was that of James Allison who died on 24th June, 1857. He was the son of James Mair and Jane Torrens Allison. Although no actual record exists it is thought that the magnificent stone wall around the cemetery would have been constructed at the beginning of the 1900's when James Mair died in 1904 and his wife Jane Torrens passed away the following year.

All persons with headstones or plaques in the cemetery are Allison or relatives of the Allison family. The two young children whose grave is indicated by a plaque are Agnes Harriet Beecher Stowe Allison who died on 15th January, 1866, aged 7 years and 1 month and Jane Ellen Allison who died 5 days later, aged 8 months and 20 days. The last burial within the walled area was that of Florence Francis Allison, nee Holloway, who was the widow of James Gordon Allison and daughter of F.J. Holloway, one time superintendent of the well-known AA Company and the Peel River Land and Mineral Company.

It has been said that persons other than members of the Allison family are buried in the Oakey Creek stone-wall cemetery, but there is no concrete evidence to bear out this assertion. However, in view of the large number of people that worked on the Station over the years, there is a possibility that some of the domestic staff, grooms, ostlers, shepherds and station workers etc., could be buried in the cemetery or its vicinity on some parts of the property.

Access to the cemetery is through private property by a firm track less than one kilometre in length, off the Gunnedah Road. One burial created a little problem when the undertaker and clergyman were unaware of the access to the cemetery. They thought that the nearby Kerrawah Road was the closest access. As consequence the heavy casket had to be carried across a near kilometre of damp black soil plain, then over a slow flowing Oakey Creek.

James Mair Allison, born in 1827, died in 1904. His son James McIntosh Allison, born in 1860, then became the owner of Oakey Creek Station. James McIntosh died in 1936 and besides still holding Oakey Creek Station had acquired Coomoo Coomoo Station on the Liverpool Plains in addition to interests in properties in Queensland. At the time of his death he was survived by his widow Jessie McMaster, three sons and two daughters. His sons resided for some time at Oakey Creek, having been left subdivided portions of the Oakey Creek Station. His sons were Clyde, Hamilton McMaster and James Gordon. Daughters were Marjorie Torrens who married James Hamilton Traill of Tuwunga property near Pandora Pass and Margaret Phyllis who married Lindsay Cowdery of Tindaroo in the Nundle district.

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	9. Phases of Life	Birth and Death	
	9. Phases of Life	Persons	
	8. Culture	Creative endeavour	
	4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1857

Year completed:

Circa: No

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Physical description: This cemetery is in excellent condition having been recently restored. It has two parts. One is enclosed by a stone wall, and beside it another section enclosed with a metal fence with concrete posts, pipe rail and rolled top mesh infill. This section contains three 'bed style' terrazzo ledger graves, with marble head-plates containing a memoriam that read:

Edna C. Allison, born in India, and passed away in Sydney on the 5th March 1964, and Hamilton McMaster Allison who was born in Sydney 26th /2/1904 and died in Sydney on the 28/8/1972, and the third grave of Marcella C.D.Cou Allison born in Holly Michigan, USA and passed away at Coolah on 15th July 1942.

The other section of the cemetery is enclosed in a stone wall of coursed and dressed local stone approximately 1800mm high with a castellated top course. Entry is through a heavy wrought iron hinged gate. It contains seven headstones or memorials, plus two additional grave markers. The most prominent headstones are two tall marble obelisks commemorating 'James Mair Allison, born at Strathhaven Scotland, died 3/12/1904' and 'Jane Torrens Allison born at Edinburgh Scotland and died at Oakey Creek 10/6/1904'. Both monuments were crafted by J. Cunningham of Sydney. Beside these obelisks there are three bed style ledgers in terrazzo. One to 'Margaret Ann Allison, Born in Coolah and died at Oakey Creek, 23rd Sept 1936 and aged 84 years' and 'James Macintosh Allison, born Oakey Creek, died Coomoo Coomoo 26th July 1876 aged 76' and 'Jessie Allison born Weetalibah, died Coomoo Coomoo 23rd Feb 1949 aged 80 years. A further two standing headstone, one within a small wrought iron fence railing, a round head: 'sacred to the memory of Laura Jane Grant, died Nov. 8th 1859 aged 22' and a verse. The headstone was crafted by H. Sherwood. The last of the headstones is also rounded at the head and decoratively carved. It is the grave of a child; 'James Allison, the eldest son of James and Jane Allison, born 24th June 1857 and died 22nd July 1857'. This is the earliest of the marked graves.

There are then two further monuments of polished black granite with gold writing to James Gordon and Florence Frances (Nee Holloway) Allison.

And finally another small monument which has a plaque that reads 'two children are here in this corner, the marks are lost'.

Physical condition level: Good

Physical condition:

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: - Continue to maintain.

Management: **Management category**

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a):

[**Historical significance**]

Criteria b): Local associative significance for its connection with the Allison family, who were early and successful settlers in the district.

[**Historical association significance**]

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Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]**Criteria d):**
[Social/Cultural
significance]**Criteria e):**
[Research
significance]**Criteria f):** A rare example of a walled family cemetery.
[Rarity]**Criteria g):**
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron and kathielyn Job	'Around the black stump'	1990
	Roy Cameron	Oakey Creek homestead ruins and private cemetery	2005

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	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 7	2004
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Caption: Oakey Creek Private Cemetery - Obelisk monuments to James and Jane Allison

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Caption: The resting place for baby James Allison.

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Caption: Oakey Creek Private Cemetery - Stone wall enclosure to the Allison memorials.

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Caption: Oakey Creek Private Cemetery Area

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Caption: Oakey Creek Private Cemetery

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Item name: Oakleigh**Location:** 608 Warkton Road Warkton 2357

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Address: 608 Warkton Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Warkton 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Tannabar**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:****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:** Pastoral station**Former uses:** Pastoral station**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: Sitting on the banks of Belar Creek Oakleigh consists of a coherent collection of early to mid 20th century pastoral structures. The buildings represent rural building styles of the period 1895 to 1930 and contain evidence of many social and technical innovations. Oakleigh has direct associations with the early settlement of the Belar Creek district. The property also demonstrates the phases of development of pastoral properties in the 20th century associated with changes in the fortunes of the wool industry. The property has direct associations with the Knight family who were early settlers of the Belar Creek district and associations with Sydney real estate family the Raines.

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

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Location: 608 Warkton Road Warkton 2357

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Historical notes of provenance: The Belar Creek area was first settled by Europeans in the 1830s. William Hayes, the first squatter in the area employed 10 convicts and free men in this period. During the latter part of the 19th century parts of the valley changed hands a number of times. Tannabar, in the upper end of the valley, was leased by John Knight from 1860. The area was subdivided for closer settlement in the 1880s. During the 20th century many of the smaller blocks were combined into larger holdings. This has resulted in a drop in the total population of the valley which appears to have peaked at the beginning of the 20th century.

The following notes were prepared as part of the Warkton Bi-centennial Project:

'Oakleigh' was owned by Arthur G. Knight, son of John and Louisa, from 1890 – 1924. On a map of 1877, Portions 50 & 52 (90 acres) belonged to A.G. Cross. Arthur married in 1900, and he and his wife Alice, had a family of six children, Bruce, Eric, Norman, Claude, Thelma and Jean. Thelma was raised by George and Eliza Knight at 'Avondale'. The first cottage, which was built by Arthur Knight around 1895, is still standing today, and has been restored by the MacKay family.

Two wagon tracks passed through 'Oakleigh' and served as main roads in those days. One went through the middle of 'Oakleigh' to the Oxley Highway and the second went via Minnedah Road through to 'Gowang' in the south west direction. A six stand woolshed was built in 1904 and was driven by a steam engine. The 'Oakleigh' shed was the only shearing shed on Belar Creek and was the central point for shearing many of the sheep from the neighbouring district. The sheep were then driven up to 'Tannabar' to be 'swim dipped'. The steam engine was replaced by a petrol driven IXL motor and 240 volt power was connected to the shed in 1961. New electric shearing was installed early in 1963, replacing the old original Wolsley overhead gear. The original Koerstz wool press was replaced by a Mac Lodge Hydraulic Press in 1979 and new timber yards of sleepers and slabs were built between 1966 and 1980. With the advent of the wide-comb in the early 1980s, four shearers averaged 600 merinos per day during the 1986 shearing at 'Oakleigh'. The second, and present, house was built in 1916 by Sylvenus Blackburn.

Arthur Knight sold 'Oakleigh' to Tom Raine and Herbert H. Manning in 1924, and Jim Raine managed the property for £6/10/0 a week. Jim married in 1926, and he and his wife, Joan, had 2 sons – Bill and Ross. He planted the pine trees around the house in 1927 and built the hayshed in 1929. 'Oakleigh' in those days was mostly green timber, mainly White Box, Pine and Iron Bark. It was nearly all ring-barked and sucker bashed between 1924 and 1930. Alan Taylor then share farmed, growing mainly wheat. Water from the creek to the main house was engineered by Joan Raine's family, Elliot Bros., Sydney in 1927 and a septic system was installed that same year by Roy Cooper. Ted Lumley and Jimmy Raine put in ramps on the Oxley Highway and Belar Creek boundaries in 1930. These same ramps were pulled out to make way for more traffic in 1955.'

The Knight family were pioneers of Belar Creek. The committee established to progress the construction of the Warkton School of Arts in 1905 consisted of John Knight Snr., George Knight, Arthur Knight and Alf Knight. Arthur Knight purchased the property 'Echo' in about 1920. Echo sits at the watershed of Belar Creek and Timor Creek. He held this until 1946 when he sold it to his son Bruce.

Tom Raine, who purchased Oakleigh in 1924, was related to the Sydney real estate firm Raine and Horne. The family also had connections to the owners of the Lysaght galvanising firm. The homestead is reputed to have had one of the first reticulated water supplies in the district and one of the first flush toilets.

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	5. Working	Labour	
	3. Economy	Pastoralism	

Designer: Various

Builder: Sylvenus Blackburn

Year started: 1895

Year completed:

Circa: No

Item name: Oakleigh

Location: 608 Warkton Road Warkton 2357

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Physical description: Oakleigh consists of two groups of buildings arranged on a north-facing slope that leads down to Belar Creek. These are as follows:

- Homestead, located near the road, consisting of an Interwar period vernacular style weatherboard clad & timber lined homestead with prominent south facing gable and multiple gables facing east. This house contains one of the earliest flush toilets installed in the district.
- Two detached buildings close to the homestead, including a laundry.
- Various remnant employee accommodation structures.
- Woolshed group located closer to the creek, consisting of a timber framed woolshed with related yards and rotary sheep drench, - Hayshed and machinery sheds.
- Original 1895 residence and detached kitchen. These buildings are timber framed and clad in vertical boards and battens. Internal walls are lined with old magazines and newspapers.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Buildings are generally well maintained. The original residence is deteriorating dramatically and in need of stabilisation. The site has been in continuous use and occupation since the 1890s. Areas around and beneath buildings are considered to have high to moderate archaeological potential.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Shearing shed converted from six stand to four stand shed and electric shearing machinery installed – 1961
Bullnose verandah on homestead replaced – circa 2000
New kitchen installed in homestead - 2006

Recommended management: The ongoing management of the buildings 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): Oakleigh has direct associations with the early settlement of the Belar Creek district. The property also demonstrates the phases of development of pastoral properties in the 20th century associated with changes in the fortunes of the wool industry. It has a moderate level of local historical significance.

Criteria b): Oakleigh has direct associations with the Knight family who were early settlers of the Belar Creek district. It also has direct associations with Sydney real estate family the Raines. It is considered to have a moderate level of local historical association significance.

Criteria c): Sitting on the banks of Belar Creek Oakleigh consists of a coherent collection of early to mid 20th century pastoral structures. The buildings represent rural building styles of the period 1895 to 1930. The homestead and woolshed are fine examples of early 20th century building styles and have a high level of local aesthetic significance.

Criteria d): Oakleigh is a recognised component of the Belar Creek/Warkton community and is considered to have a moderate level of local social significance.

Criteria e): The buildings of Oakleigh are relatively unchanged. They are able to provide information on vernacular building techniques over an extended period of time. The homestead also contains early domestic plumbing installations. The buildings of Oakleigh are considered to have a high level of local technical/research significance.

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Criteria f): The Oakleigh group is a relatively intact collection of pastoral buildings and service structures. The place is considered to have a moderate local level of rarity.
[Rarity]**Criteria g):** The Oakleigh homestead group is representative of home station assemblages developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:** The Oakleigh homestead group has a relatively high level of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Carmichael, D.	Timor Valley	1991
	Warkton Bi-centennial Project	Warkton: The Growth of a Community	1988

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: Oakleigh

Location: 608 Warkton Road Warkton 2357

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Caption: Oakleigh homestead, looking north

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Caption: Oakleigh, former workers quarters, looking north east

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Caption: Oakleigh woolshed, interior

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Caption: Oakleigh woolshed, looking north east

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Caption: Oakleigh, 1895 cottage

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Caption: Oakleigh homestead viewed from the garden. This building was constructed in 1916, c.2006

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Caption: Oakleigh woolshed, looking west, c.2006

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Caption: Laundry at the rear of Oakleigh homestead, c.2006

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Item name: Oban Homestead

Location: 94 Oban Road Coolah 2843

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Address: 94 Oban Road

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: Farming and Grazing

Category: Homestead Complex

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Residence

Former uses: Residence

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: The homestead dates back to some illustrious pastoralists of the district including William Lawson and the McMasters, with breeding and production of merinos an important pastoral pursuit. The homestead is an exceptional Victorian residence constructed of dimensioned stone and set high on a sloping block of ground facing the township of Coolah. The varied plan of the house reflects the many periods of occupation.

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Historical notes of provenance: Tens years into the 20th century Oban Homestead was the centre of a pastoral station comprising over 20,000 acres mainly of rich river flats. Today due to soldier settlement and closer settlement acquisitions the area has been reduced drastically to a homestead lot of 424 acres. However the Pastoralist Review of 15th June, 1910 stated:

‘Oban, the property of Duncan McMaster, is one of the most picturesque estates which are to be found in various parts of New South Wales. It is situated close to the township of Coolah, and fifty miles from the Gulgong Railway line, and about twenty miles from the terminus of the Gulgong-Dunedoo line which is now in the course of construction. Originally taken up as a cattle station by the explorer William Lawson, it was held by the Lawson family until 1890, when Mr. Duncan McMaster, an uncle of the present proprietor, purchased the property. At the time of the sale the estate comprised 10,000 acres but Mr. McMaster purchased an additional area of 13,000 acres adjoining the old property and Oban now consists of 23,000 acres and is devoted to sheep raising.

The flock consists of 25,000 Merinos. In addition to the sheep there is a small herd of pure-bred Ayrshire cattle. These are bred from the Morton and Fraser strain of Greystanes. A good type of draught horse is also bred on Oban for the station work.

The homestead is a very fine building, and parts of it dates back to the time of the original owner, Mr. Lawson. The gardens and orchard are quite a feature of the place, and were designed by Mr. McMaster. A splendid supply of water is maintained for these, and is obtained from elevated tanks into which the water has been pumped from an adjoining well with the capacity of 10,000 gallons.

The woolshed is located about six miles from the homestead. It is constructed of wood and iron, and has been largely added to and improved by Mr. McMaster. It contains fourteen Wolseley shearing machines, driven by a 4 h.p. steam engine.’

About 1910, Duncan McMaster sold Oban Station to Philip Henry Morton of the Shoalhaven district. Mr. Morton subdivided part of the property and in October, 1912, offered for sale two magnificent lots of 440 acre each in the heart of the estate. They were within a mile of the rising town of Coolah and one mile from the butter factory. As far as can be ascertained this was the same butter factory on 'Holmdale' property, which from 1918 to 1920 was a dairy and cheese factory operated by Mr. T. A. Wright.

In 1917, the Government acquired from Mr. Morton, the best of 8,800 acres of the Oban Estate for closer settlement. The annual report of the Lands Department for the year 1919, stated that the Oban settlement has been subdivided into 41 blocks varied from 135 to 640 acres, Of the remaining 16 blocks a number had been reserved for local returned soldiers. Oban was the first property acquired by the Government for soldier settlers, the price being paid being eight pounds, two shillings and sixpence per acre. The lots set aside for local returned soldiers were soon taken up as were the remaining lots by other returned men. The first allottees worked on a co-operative basis, under the supervision of the Settlement Manager E.J. Gallagher, employed by the Lands Department. These settlers served a probationary period of 6 months, receiving two guineas a week. Having proved their adaptability they were advanced 500 pounds free of interest, or were given stock.

In 1917 there were 40 returned soldiers on the blocks, most of whom had returned from the continuing war with injuries. After a few years the majority of them surrendered their blocks through failure to make a success of the enterprise. The original blocks were too small and the area had suffered successive dry seasons.

By 1923, the Government recognised that the Oban Settlement had been a failure and asked for the redesign of the settlement subdivision. The number of blocks was decreased from 41 to 19 with the areas increased to between 400 and 600 acres. Most of these blocks also proved too small and today about 9 separate properties cover the whole of the original Oban Estate.

After the Settlement Manager, Mr. E.J. Gallagher vacated the Oban Homestead, successive owners of the homestead block were, in 1923, Leonard Lisle Wilson; 1928, John Oswald McAlister; 1929, Malcolm Elder; 1939, Charles Vivian Attwood; 1951, William Leslie and Florence Mary Greenhalgh; 1966, Reginald Joffre

Item name: Oban Homestead

Location: 94 Oban Road Coolah 2843

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Greenhalgh and 1970, Mark Powell.

Themes: National theme

9. Phases of Life

3. Economy

4. Settlement

State theme

Persons

Pastoralism

Land tenure

Local theme

Pastoral Homestead

Designer:

Builder:

Year started:

Year completed:

Circa: No

Physical description: Oban homestead is a beautiful Victorian residence set high on a sloping block of ground facing the township of Coolah.

An interesting group of buildings where many different structures are joined into one homestead. The stone house at the front is in dimensioned stone work, a return at one side, another stone building at the back, two timber framed spaces, and beyond that the stone working cottage, now garage, at the rear. The front stone house section is symmetrical, with a central front door and fanlight over. To each side a pair of French doors with fanlights above. Five steps lead down to the garden. The verandah roof is supported on timber posts with a pair either side of the entry steps. The posts appear to have been renewed.

The building has a number of original stone chimneys. The roof is hipped with vented gablets and finished with finials and has been recently reclad in corrugated steel. The roof visibly reflects the many additions made to the homestead over the years.

At the rear of the homestead is a small, stone random rubble building, which has been opened at one end to form a garage. It has a hipped roof which is clad in corrugated iron. It has dimensioned stones at the openings to windows and doors. Between this building and the house is a new swimming pool.

At the rear of the house and joined to it via a verandah is the former meat processing room. This is timber framed and clad in weatherboards. Close by that is an outside toilet, also timber framed and clad in weatherboards.

The homestead is set in a wide and expansive garden which includes some very old advanced pepper and eucalyptus trees.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: many additions and alterations with each successive owner, demonstrates many different periods of time. A recent addition was completed c.2015.

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

management: - The curtilage or setting of this site that this refers to shall be taken as being the homestead as described and the landscaped garden around it.

Management: Management category

Management name

Further comments:

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Criteria a): Oban has direct associations with the early settlement of the Coonabarabran district. The property also demonstrates the phases of development of pastoral properties associated with changes in land tenure and the prosperity of the wool industry. It has a high level of local historical significance
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): Oban has direct associations with William Lawson and Duncan McMaster, and with the soldier settlement scheme, which was established after the first World War. The settlement manager resided in the homestead until 1923.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): Overlooking the town of Coolah, Oban is a relatively intact pastoral homestead. It demonstrates the evolution of a pastoral property following each successive owners.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g): Oban is representative of homestead complexes of the late Nineteenth to early Twentieth Century.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Oban Homestead	2004

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

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Data entry: Data first entered: 19/10/2004

Data updated: 12/10/2018

Status: Completed

Item name: Oban Homestead

Location: 94 Oban Road Coolah 2843

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Image:



Caption: The front view of Oban Homestead

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Caption: Side view of the Oban Homestead complex.

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Item name: Oxley Crossing Monument**Location:**

Warrumbungle

Address:**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Rocky Glen 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Manum**State:** NSW**County:** White**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Monuments and Memorials**Category:** Monuments**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Roadside picnic area**Former uses:** Road reserve**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: The Oxley Crossing monument marks the place at which John Oxley and his party crossed the route of the present Oxley Highway on 25 August 1818. It is also representative of the route taken by Oxley and Evans. It is considered to have a moderate level of historical and historical association significance.

The site is located on a pleasant stretch of Yaminbah Creek adjacent to the Oxley Highway. The surrounding landscape is relatively undisturbed and is considered to have a moderate level of local aesthetic significance. The monument has a high level of integrity.

Item name: Oxley Crossing Monument

Location:

Warrumbungle

Historical notes of provenance: The first European engagement with the present Warrumbungle Shire occurred in 1818 with Oxley and Evans' exploratory journey from the Macquarie River to Port Macquarie. They entered the shire from the west at Mount Bullaway (named Mount Exmouth by Oxley) on 8 August 1818 (Whitehead, 2004. p.170) From Mount Bullaway Oxley observed the Warrumbungle range that he named Arbutnot's Range. He also described the area covered by the current Pilliga Scrub (Whitehead, 2004. p.175).

Oxley's group had a very difficult passage through the Goorianawa Valley and the area around Bugaldie in a very wet year. Their horses struggled and sank in the soft, sandy soils of the Pilliga. As they passed through the Pilliga to the north of the Warrumbungles the party travelled via Black Mountain, Goorianawa, Ulindi, Bugaldie Creek, Yearinan Creek, Dandry Creek, Yaminbah Creek, Borah Creek, Rocky Glen and Garrawilla. John Whitehead has identified various campsite locations used by Oxley and Evans' party. (Whitehead, 2004. pp.170-236)

The group crossed the route of the current Oxley Highway between Coonabarabran and Rocky Glen on 25 August 1818. Oxley's account of the day's travel is as follows:

We experienced fewer difficulties than any other day since we had entered this desert, and accomplished between nine and ten miles, at the end of which we entered a small valley of good forest ground with tolerable grass; though early in the day, the horses needed refreshment too much not to induce me to stop here for the remainder of it; as we could not at the utmost have gone above five miles further. This valley, and the appearance of forest hills to the southward, gave us strong hopes that by continuing our present course for a day or two longer we could get into a better line of country, and be enabled to resume our easterly course. (Whitehead, 2004. p.215)

It was on this day's travel that Oxley gained his first glimpse of the Liverpool Plains. (Whitehead, 2004. p.217)

A roadside rest area was developed on the bank of Yaminbah Creek near the site of Oxley's crossing of the route of the highway. In recognition of Oxley's journey of exploration the Coonabarabran District Historical Society proposed the erection of a monument in this site. A request for permission to erect the monument was sent to the Divisional Engineer of the Department of Main Roads in December 1982. Approval was granted, with the Department of Main Roads indicating that the roadside rest area had been sited to indicate the place at which Oxley crossed the alignment of the current highway. ((Coonabarabran DPS Local & Family History Society) The Coonabarabran District Historical Society and Coonabarabran Shire Council erected a monument at this spot in 1984. It was officially unveiled on 14 April that year. (Whitehead, 2004. p.218)

Themes: **National theme**
3. Economy

State theme
Exploration

Local theme

Designer: John Whitehead and Coonabarabran District Historical Society

Builder: Mr Mario Rovere and Coonabarabran Shire Council workers

Year started: 1984

Year completed:

Circa: No

Item name: Oxley Crossing Monument

Location:

Warrumbungle

Physical description: The monument is set in the road reserve on the northern side of the Oxley Highway adjacent to the Oxley Crossing Rest Area. A car park, picnic shelters and barbecues have been constructed in the rest area which is located beside a tributary of Borah Creek.

The monument is described in Coonabarabran DPS Local & Family Historical Society files as follows:

Slab of Pilliga sandstone, smoothed on east face, upstanding on a platform of Pilliga sandstone rocks topped by a layer of black magnetic rocks from Black Mt., the rocks all cemented together. The magnetic rocks of Black Mt. on Mr Kelly's property caused Oxley's compass to deviate from correct NS reading.

The large triangular piece of sandstone in the centre of the monument holds two plaques. The smaller plaque indicates that the monument was unveiled by Councillor John Knight, President of the Coonabarabran Shire, Don Goodsir, President of the Coonabarabran District Historical Society and Shire Engineer, John Whitehead, Shire Engineer on 14 May 1984. The larger plaque contains a brief account of Oxley's journey through the area now covered by the shire in 1818.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: The monument has been vandalised but is in reasonable condition.

The site is considered to have no archaeological potential.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Indications of some vandalism, including defacing of the plaques.

Recommended management: Continue to maintain the place in good order.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a): The Oxley Crossing monument marks the place at which John Oxley and his party crossed the route of the present Oxley Highway on 25 August 1818. It is considered to have a moderate level of state historical significance.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): The monument and its location have associations with the journey of John Oxley and Surveyor Evans. It has a moderate level of state historical association significance.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): The site is located on a pleasant stretch of Yaminbah Creek adjacent to the Oxley Highway. It has been marred by the construction of reinforced concrete picnic shelters and ongoing vandalism. The surrounding landscape is relatively undisturbed and is considered to have a moderate level of local aesthetic significance.
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

Criteria d): The monument site is considered to have little social significance.
[Social/Cultural significance]

Item name: Oxley Crossing Monument

Location: Warrumbungle

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

Criteria f): The site marks part of the route taken by Oxley and Evans in 1818 and is considered to have little rarity.
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity: The monument has a high level of integrity.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Whitehead, J.	Tracking & Mapping the Explorers Volume 2: The Macquarie l	2004
	Coonabarabran DPS Local & Family F	Oxley Crossing Memorial Cairn	1987

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	Ray Christison	Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study		2006
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Item name: Oxley Crossing Monument

Location:

Warrumbungle

Image:



Caption: Oxley Crossing monument near the roadside rest area on the bank of Yaminbah Creek, c.2006

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Caption: Oxley Crossing Monument, large plaque and map, c.2006

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Caption: Oxley Crossing Monument, small plaque, c.2006

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