



*Merrygoen Water Supply Pump and Housing*

**Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study**

**2019**

**Volume 3: Heritage Inventory Sheets**

**Mendooran, Merrygoen, Napier Lane, Neilrex, Nombi,  
Purlewaugh, Rocky Glen, Tucklan, Uarbry, Ulamambri,  
Warkton and Weetaliba**

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

**Location:** 238 Castlereagh Highway Mendooran 2842

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 238 Castlereagh Highway

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Mendooran 2842

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Richardson

**State:** NSW

**County:** Lincoln

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

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Commercial

**Category:** Inn/Tavern

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Ruin

**Former uses:** Coaching Inn

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Themes:** National theme

3. Economy

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State theme

Transport

Transport

Local theme

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:**

**Year completed:** 1852

**Circa:** Yes

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

**Physical condition level:** Poor

**Physical condition:**

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Caption:** Internal view of the Old Gramby Cobb & Co Inn

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**Caption:** Former Carriers' Home Inn, view looking south

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**Caption:** Former Carriers' Home Inn, interior

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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 |
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|             | Roy Cameron and Kathielyn Job | Around the Black Stump | 1992 |

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|          | Hickson & Cameron | Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study       | Heritage Day 9 | 2004 |
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**Image:**



**Caption:** Mendooran CWA Hospital (former) front view.

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

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**Location:** 25 Abbott Street Mendooran 2842

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**Caption:** Mendooran CWA Hospital (former)- Fireplace

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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 local significance being an important element of Mendooran. There is a range of monuments spanning more than a century of settlement and includes some well executed and substantial examples. Mendooran formerly held some importance from the mid Nineteenth Century as a stopping place on the coaching routes through the district and a number of early graves mark this early development. 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

**Location:** corner Mendooran Road and Denmire Road Mendooran 2842

Warrumbungle

**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 among the grasses. The entrance gates have a plaque 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 among 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 Mundooran. 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**

**Further comments:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

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

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**Criteria g):** The cemetery is representative of places developed in the 19th century to bury the dead. It is has a high level of  
**[Representative]** local significance in this regard.**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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**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:** Cast iron Etna forged stele in the Mendooran General Cemetery

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**Item name:** Mendooran General Cemetery

**Location:** corner Mendooran Road and Denmire Road Mendooran 2842

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

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**Item name:** Mendooran General Cemetery

**Location:** corner Mendooran Road and Denmire Road Mendooran 2842

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**Caption:** Mendooran General Cemetery, view looking south east

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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 Manus. 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 Manus. 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]**

**Item name:** Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall

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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 Manusu, 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.

|                    |                                  |   |             |
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| <b>References:</b> | <b>Author</b><br>Barbara Hickson | <b>Title</b><br>information obtained on site. | <b>Year</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------|

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| <b>Studies:</b> | <b>Author</b><br>Hickson & Cameron<br>Peter Duggan | <b>Title</b><br>Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study<br>Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study | <b>Number</b><br><br><br><b>Year</b><br>2004<br>2018 |
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**Item name:** Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall

**Location:** 53 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Mendooran Hall (former Mechanics Institute)

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**Image:**

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**Caption:** Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall, view looking north

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**Location:** 53 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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**Caption:** Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall, view looking north west

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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

Warrumbungle

**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:**

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|             | Roy Cameron | History notes on Mendooran Royal Hotel | 2004 |

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|          | Hickson & Cameron | Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study       |        | 2004 |
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**Item name:** Mendooran Hotel (former)

**Location:** 75 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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**Location:** 75 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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**Caption:** Mendooran Hotel (former), 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.

**Item name:** Mendooran War Memorials

**Location:** 62 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

Warrumbungle

**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.

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| <b>Themes:</b> | <b>National theme</b> | <b>State theme</b> | <b>Local theme</b> |
|                | 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.

| <b>Management:</b> | <b>Management category</b> | <b>Management name</b> |
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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:**

| <b>References:</b> | <b>Author</b> | <b>Title</b>                           | <b>Year</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|--|-------------|
|                    | Roy Cameron   | Kookaburra March Memorial at Mendooran | 2004        |

| <b>Studies:</b> | <b>Author</b>     | <b>Title</b>                                      | <b>Number</b>  | <b>Year</b> |
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|                 | 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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**Item name:** Mendooran War Memorials

**Location:** 62 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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**Image:**



**Caption:** War Memorial Mendooran

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**Location:** 62 Bandulla Street Mendooran 2842

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**Caption:** Mendooran War Memorials, view looking south

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**Item name:** St Marys Catholic Church**Location:** 23 Cobra Street Mendooran 2842

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 23 Cobra 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:** Religion**Category:** Church**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Church**Former uses:** Church**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** A well constructed and simple country gothic styled church constructed of face brick early in the 20th Century. It is a place of great social and spiritual value to the community and is also significant as a local landmark building expressing the confidence the Parish had in the future of Mendooran at that time.

**Historical notes of provenance:** Construction of St Marys Catholic Church was begun in 1914. The foundation stone for the Mendooran Roman Catholic Church was laid by Bishop Dunne on 1st July, 1914. Prior to the ceremony Mass was held in the old Mendooran weatherboard hall, where Dr. Dunne confirmed four children. Due to the War the opening and blessing of the church did not occur until Sunday October 14, 1917, and was performed by the Rev. Father Kennedy, Pro-Provincial of the Franciscan Priory at Waverley.

In the early days Mendooran was attached to the Coonamble Parish, with a priest travelling by horse drawn buggy from there. A transfer was made to the Coonabarabran Parish from 1916, and then in 1922 the Parish of Dunedoo was formed taking in Mendooran. The Mendooran-Binnaway Parish was established in 1964, with the Rev. Father John Moore as Parish Priest.

The building at the rear of the Church was built in two stages. The first stage was at the time of Father Corcoran and was used as an overnight cabin which cost 450 pounds. The second stage, completed in 1970, was used as a small permanent residence for the priest. Lately it has been used as a meeting room with kitchen.

The existing fence constructed of brick and steel was donated by the Brennan family of Mendooran. This new fence was constructed in the mid 1950s and replaced the original fence.

**Themes:** National theme  
8. Culture**State theme**  
Religion**Local theme****Designer:****Builder:****Year started:** 1914**Year completed:****Circa:** No



**Item name:** St Marys Catholic Church

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**Physical description:** This is a simple face brick country gothic styled church constructed of face brickwork laid in Flemish bond with a high pitched gable roof clad in corrugated iron with exposed rafter ends. The walls are decorated with rendered bands at sill level and with rendered window heads. There are smooth rendered bands and roughcast panels to the top of the gable end. Below this is a painted ventilation opening in the shape of a cross. There is a timber cross finial at front and back of the church. Windows are timber framed casement sashes with a gothic arched fanlight above. The casement sashes have four panes of coloured and figures glass at the top. On the eastern side is the entry to the sacristy with a high pitched gable roof. Nearby is the church bell hung on a steel pipe frame with a metal hood over.

The church is set behind a brick pier and metal framed fence with lanterns either side of the entry gate. Attractive wrought iron gates feature a cross at the centre. The foundation stone beside the entry door reads 'AMDC Dedicated to Saint Mary by the Right Reverend Dr. Dunne 15th July 1914.'

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Good

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Construction of priest's residence to the rear in 1964-70.  
Recent disabled access ramp added to front entry.

**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):** St Marys Catholic Church is associated with many local families from Mendooran and the region who all contributed to the construction of the building.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** St Marys Catholic Church is a modest example of a Federation period Gothic style church building.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** St Marys Catholic Church has been a place of great social and spiritual value to the local community.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

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

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

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**Criteria g):** St Marys Catholic Church is representative of country churches built in the early Twentieth Century.  
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

| References: | Author      | Title                                 | Year |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------|
|             | Roy Cameron | Thematic history of Coolah shire Area | 2004 |
|             | Roy Cameron | Around the Black stump                | 1992 |

| Studies: | Author            | Title   | Number         | Year |
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|          | 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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**Item name:** St Marys Catholic Church

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**Caption:** Mendooran Catholic church front entry and gate lamp.

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**Caption:** St Marys Catholic Church, view looking north east

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**Caption:** St Marys Catholic Church south elevation

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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.

| <b>Themes:</b> | <b>National theme</b> | <b>State theme</b> | <b>Local theme</b> |
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|                | 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)

**Location:** 32 Denman Street Merrygoen 2831

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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:**

| References: | Author      | Title                     | Year |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|------|
|             | Roy Cameron | Merrygoen Anglican Church | 2005 |

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|          | Hickson & Cameron | Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study       | Heritage Day 9 | 2004 |
|          | Peter Duggan      | Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study |                | 2018 |

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**Location:** 32 Denman Street Merrygoen 2831

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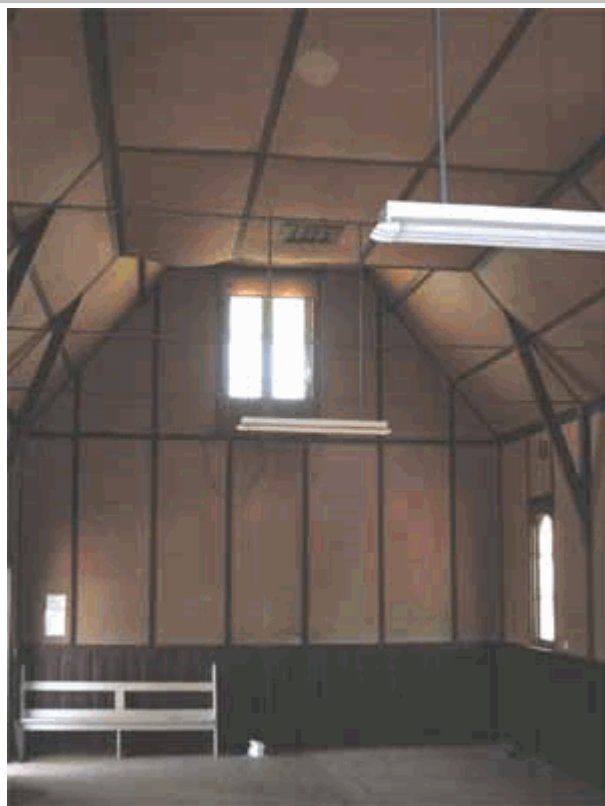
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**Item name:** Merrygoen Railway Turntable and Ash Pit**Location:** Warrumbungle**Address:****Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Merrygoen 2831**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Mendooran**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former 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:

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Merrygoen barracks (no longer standing) were used during wheat and stock seasons. Both Dubbo and Mudgee-based crews went to barracks there whilst their on trains were loaded in the yards. In the 1930s, regular goods and special stock trains were rostered to work from Mudgee to Merrygoen and return (with 23 class engines) with the crews using the local barracks.

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

3. Economy

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**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.

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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:**

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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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**Historical notes** Notes by Wal Jenkins in *Byways of Steam*:

**of provenance:** '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.'

Continuing from pp 6. R. D.Lowe.

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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

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**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.

| <b>Management:</b> | <b>Management category</b> | <b>Management name</b> |
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**Further comments:** Rail water tanks still used for village supply .

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**[Historical significance]**

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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:**

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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****State theme****Local theme**

3. Economy

Transport

4. Settlement

Towns, suburbs and villages

8. Culture

Sport

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** - Continue to maintain.

**management:** - 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.

| <b>Management:</b> | <b>Management category</b> | <b>Management name</b> |
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**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:**

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|                    | Wal Jenkins and R.D.Lowe | Articles in 'Byways of Steam' | 1990        |

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|                 | Hickson & Cameron | Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study       | Heritage Day 9 | 2004        |
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**Image:**

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

**Location:**

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**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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**Item name:** Garrawilla Shearing Shed**Location:** Napier Lane Napier Lane 2379

Warrumbungle

**Address:** Napier Lane**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Napier Lane 2379**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Bulga**State:** NSW**County:** Pottinger**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Farming and Grazing**Category:** Woolshed/Shearing Shed**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Abandoned**Former uses:** Shearing shed**Assessed significance:** State**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The shearing shed at Garrawilla is a fine example of a mid to late Nineteenth Century vernacular shearing shed of heavy timber construction. It is constructed of Ironbark posts and beams and variously clad in timber slabs, corrugated iron and timber weatherboards. The roof is gabled and hipped with Cypress 'bush pole' rafters and is clad in corrugated iron. Roughly 60-70 metres in length it held 50 shearing stands.

The shearing shed is associated with Ebenezer Orr who established Garrawilla as his head station in the 1860s. It is believed the shed was constructed by John Blackburn who was a very good carpenter and had worked for Ebenezer Orr from 1864.

The shed is historically significant at a state level as it demonstrates on a large scale the importance of the wool industry to the nation in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.

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**Historical notes of provenance:** Garrawilla (originally called Girrawillie) was first established by Charles Purcell, a Nepean settler who was born in Gibraltar and came out to Australia in 1810 as an infant, his father was a lieutenant in the 73rd foot regiment that arrived with Governor Macquarie. By the time squatting became legal from 1836 the Garrawilla run was already well established. Purcell was one of the first to obtain a licence. There were 12 people living on the run by 1845 with 2,550 cattle, 2,340 sheep and 20 horses and three acres of cultivation (Pickette, J. and Campbell, M., Coonabarabran as it was in the beginning, p. 31). Following Charles death in 1851 Garrawilla passed to George Henry Cox who later sold to James and Ebenezer Orr in 1864. The brothers had come to Australia in 1825 when they were children, their father emigrating to Australia with his family and worked as Clerk to the Court at Parramatta. By the 1860s Ebenezer and his brother James held a huge holding of lands including Borah, Goragilla, Garrawilla, Yaminbah, Belar, Gorianawa and Ulamambri. Ebenezer established Garrawilla as his head station and the homestead and the wool shed are thought to have been constructed during his ownership.

In 1873 Sir Patrick Jennings, in partnership with his brother-in-law Martin Shanahan purchased Garrawilla, Ulamambri and Denobillie from Ebenezer and James Orr. Ebenezer died the following year at his home in Sydney and James returned to England in 1880 to a country estate in Berkshire. In 1886 Jennings had become the first practicing Catholic Premier of NSW (Pickette, p. 120). Jennings' daughter Margaret was married to Hugh Herbert Kelly, the superintendent at Garrawilla. Kelly first began working for Shanahan and Jennings on their property Warbreccan near Deniliquin in 1866 and later taking up the management of Garrawilla, Gorianawa, Ulimambri and Belar stations in April 1873. Kelly managed the properties for Shanahan and Jennings for 25 years before purchasing it for himself in the late 1890s (Pastoral Review, 15 January, 1914).

When advertised for auction in 1892 the property was described as 51,000 acres freehold, 70,000 acres leased crown land and carried 107,000 sheep, 229 cattle and 204 cows. The property was subdivided into 32 paddocks with 15 wells, 9 tanks, four dams, 10 springs, five main creeks and 6 drafting yards.

The construction of the woolshed is thought to have been organised by John Blackburn, who had come to Australia in the 1850s and spent time working as a drover both in NSW and Queensland. After marrying Margaret Cresswell in 1864 he moved to Yaminbah, most likely working for Ebenezer Orr. An anecdote relates that when ordering from Sydney one ton of nails for use in construction of the Garrawilla woolshed the firm sent back "Don't you mean one hundredweight?" John replied, "Send two tons!" (Pickette, p. 75)

An extensive description of the shearing operations at Garrawilla was provided in 1874 as follows:  
'The sheep washing apparatus, as on the embankment of the reservoir, contains 6 spouts; two sets of men work at the spouts, 6 hours each, and wash from 1700 to 1800 sheep per day... thirty men are employed sheep washing... Near the sheep washing apparatus is a large building .. this is used for storing wool from the outstation for the purpose of being scoured....

... Stretching from the washpool across the paddocks to the shearing shed, more than half a mile in length, is a raised tramway, draining yards, or battened yards, I should think 12,000 to 15,000 sheep could be easily be accommodated in this "way". The washed sheep are kept on this, without food from 24 to 48 hours - but supplied with abundance of water - until thoroughly dried and ready for shearing; thus enabling them to arrive at the woolshed without a particle of dust...

... The shearing shed is about 200 feet in length, 40 feet in width and is built of ironbark slabs and is shingled; there is a battened floor for the sheep, and a boarded floor for shearers, with rack and pinion press by Russell & Co. There are two other shearing sheds in connection with Garrawilla... this year it is expected 1500 bales will be obtained. The Garrawilla stations now hold 1000 head of cattle and 170,000 sheep...

... I might add that Messrs. Shanahan and Jennings give constant employment to over 100 men on Garrawilla; and at shearing time - which lasts three or four months - the number approaches 200.' (Empire, 12 January, 1874)

**Themes:** National theme  
3. Economy

State theme  
Pastoralism

Local theme

**Designer:**

**Builder:** John Blackburn

**Year started:**

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** Yes

**Item name:** Garrawilla Shearing Shed

**Location:** Napier Lane Napier Lane 2379

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**Physical description:** Garrawilla woolshed is a very large linear building approximately 60 to 70 metres in length. It is of heavy timber construction clad variously in timber slabs, corrugated iron and timber weatherboards. The roof is gabled and hipped with Cypress 'bush pole' rafters and is clad in corrugated iron. Originally it would have had a shingle roof as evidenced by the closely spaced timber roof battens. Inside the shed the catching pens are constructed of mortice and tenon jointed timber rails with timber batten flooring.

**Physical condition level:** Fair

**Physical condition:** The shearing shed is in poor condition. Sections are in good condition where the roofing has remained. Sections at the eastern end are highly dilapidated.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**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):** Garrawilla has direct associations with the early settlement of the Coonabarabran district. The property also demonstrates on a large scale the importance of the wool industry to the nation.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The homestead has associations with Ebenezer Orr who established Garrawilla as his head station, along with his brother James, from 1864 to 1873. The property was first established by Charles Purcell in the 1830s and later held by the Orr brothers, Shanahan and Jennings, H. H. Kelly and the Anderson family.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** Garrawilla shearing shed has high significance as a fine and extensive example of a vernacular shearing shed constructed of heavy timber framing and clad variously in timber slabs, weatherboards and corrugated iron.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

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

**Criteria e):** The shearing shed has the potential to provide information on the construction of rural buildings in the mid to late Nineteenth Century.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The shearing shed is a rare local example of a large shearing shed dating from the mid to late Nineteenth Century.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:**

**Item name:** Garrawilla Shearing Shed**Location:** Napier Lane Napier Lane 2379

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|             | Pickette, J. and Campbell, M. | Coonabarabran as it was in the beginning | 1983 |

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**Item name:** King Togie's Headstone

**Location:** Neilrex Road Neilrex 2831

Warrumbungle

**Address:** Neilrex Road

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Neilrex 2831

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Butheroo

**State:** NSW

**County:** Napier

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Landscape

**Group:** Aboriginal

**Category:** Burial

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Shelter and Interpretive signage

**Former uses:**

**Assessed significance:** State

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** This important Aboriginal leader of the past was unusually commemorated in a substantial European monument which is now complemented by an interpretation sign and art work (installed 2004). The headstone provides tangible evidence of the great respect held for this man by early European settlers in the area. The circumstances of King Togie's death have passed into local folklore and add to the site's social significance.

**Item name:** King Togee's Headstone

**Location:** Neilrex Road Neilrex 2831

Warrumbungle

**Historical notes of provenance:** King Togee's headstone is to be found erected near the southern shoulder of the Coolah-Neilrex Road, 31 km by road from Coolah and 15 km by road from Neilrex. It is situated just outside the northern boundary of portion 8, Parish of MalcolM, County of Napier, at one time owned by Cecil Winter.

The Nevell and Vincent families from Bathurst and Rylstone were the first settlers in the Butheroe area, in about the 1840's. Upon their arrival they befriended King Togee and members of the Butheroe tribe who responded with kindness. Both King Togee and most members of his tribe learnt English quickly and this led to a greater understanding between the white settlers and the local Aborigines. He was an honest and loyal friend of the Nevell and Vincent families.

Togee was a big powerful man, over six feet tall, and a great shot with a spear or a stone. The Vincent family used to engage Togee and followers of his tribe to travel their cattle to their old home at Carwell near Rylstone. When the news reached Butheroe that James Vincent had passed away there were great lamentations by the Aborigines, who went into mourning, plastering their faces and body with pipe clay. Next morning the whole tribe had disappeared and they did not return to the Butheroe Station for three years - they were still in mourning.

Togee confided to Mr. Vincent that he was afraid of a young Aboriginal called Cuttabush, who was jealous of him. The two had a confrontation and Cuttabush fatally speared King Togee in Butheroe Creek not far from the old Vincent-Nevell homestead which was situated near the junction of the present Coolah-Neilrex and Doganabuganaram Road. His body was taken to a nearby shed and when he expired was buried beneath a tree on the southern side of the Coolah-Neilrex Road about 100 metres from where his headstone stands today. Upon his death the tribe left Butheroe and legend has it that they never returned. It is thought that King Togee died in the late 1850's. However, Cuttabush lived a long life dying in 1910 at the age of 85 years.

When the Nevells were leaving Butheroe in the 1890's Henry William Nevell requested his son Clarence Henry King Nevell to make arrangements for the carving and erection of a suitable headstone to be placed on the grave of King Togee. For the carving of the headstone he chose George Weatherley Jnr. who was a boundary rider on Butheroe. The headstone tablet that George carved from a hewn sandstone slab from the bed of the nearby Butheroe Creek bears the indented inscription 'Togee, King of the Butheroe Tribe' with the etched symbols of a boomerang and a nulla nulla beneath. George had come to Australia at the age of one.

Over the years the headstone carved and erected by George Weatherley Jnr. had fallen over and sank into the soil. In 1916 the land on which the headstone had sunk was acquired by Cecil Winter. He found the damaged headstone, in his paddock and placed it against the fence of his property which he had called Langdon. The Mudgee Guardian of 22nd April, 1948 reported that the headstone of King Togee of the Butheroe Aboriginal Tribe, which had been lying on the side of the Neilrex Road in a damaged condition had been bought into Coolah for repairs. The Coolah Shire Council had arranged for its restoration, re-erection with a protection fence, and a descriptive tablet to be attached. The descriptive tablet was either not attached or had been stolen over the years.

In 2004, the Coolah Shire Council (recently amalgamated with the Coonabarabran Shire Council to form the Warrumbungle Shire Council), the Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW) and the Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Land Council supported a project to erect a interpretive panel and shelter at the site of the grave. At an official ceremony at the site on 17th December, 2004 the ribbon was jointly cut by Neville Merrit, Chairperson of the Gilgandra Aboriginal Land Council and Roy Cameron, local historian of Coolah.

**Themes:** National theme

2. Peopling

9. Phases of Life

**State theme**

Aboriginal cultures and interactions with

Birth and Death

**Local theme**

**Designer:**

**Builder:** George Weatherly

**Year started:**

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Item name:** King Togee's Headstone

**Location:** Neilrex Road Neilrex 2831

Warrumbungle

**Physical description:** The headstone is a large locally crafted stone with a curved upper face. It was carved from local sandstone by a boundary rider of the day, Mr. George Weatherly. The headstone originally rested approximately 200metres away, within a paddock. It was found there by a farmer, Cecil Winter, in 1916 and moved to the fence line to remove it from the field. In the opposite direction, approximately 300 metres, near a river crossing, is the place where King Togee was mortally wounded.

It has now had a shelter erected over it, to contain interpretation material and to conserve the headstone. It was unveiled on Friday 17th December 2004. At the front of the headstone is a small panel of art work consisting of painted smooth polished quartz pebbles in the colours of the Aboriginal flag, and installed by members of the Gilgandra CDP. The headstone reads: 'TOGEE KING OF THE BUTHEROE TRIBE'. The property nearby is called 'Butheroo' and named after the tribe. Following is the wording on the information board:

KING TOGEE - 'KING OF THE BUTHEROE'. Yaama, Welcome to the Black Stump Country. Regional NSW is rich and diverse in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and evidence of traditional occupation of this area can be found in the form of scarred and carved trees, campsites, rock art and rock engravings which are located in the area, surrounding Butheroe. King Togee was regarded as a great leader, he was a big powerful man standing over six feet tall. Togee was King of the Butheroe Tribe when Mr. James Vincent made Butheroe his head station around the 1850's. Togee lived there with members of the Butheroe Tribe until he was a very old man when he unfortunately encountered a young tribesman named Cuttabush. Togee was talking to Mr. Joseph Nevell who also lived at 'Butheroe' and told him he was afraid of Cuttabush, a young Gamilaraay Warrior who lived in the Coonabarabran Pilliga Region.

One day when Togee was returning to his camp, Cuttabush speared him, Togee was then carried to a nearby shed where he died.

The sandstone tablet bearing the symbols of a boomerang and a nulla nulla together with the words 'Togee, King of the Butheroe Tribe', marks his resting-place. Mr. Clarence Nevell paid a boundary rider George Weatherley to cut and erect the headstone in the early 1900's. The Nevell family had a brass plate made for Togee, inscribed, 'King of the Butheroe'.

Traditional Country: This land supported the Gamilaraay people who occupied a large area including the Namoi, Gwydir and Barwon Regions. The Wiradjuri people occupied country further to the south of Togee's resting place.

Respect and care for Country: The Department of Environment and Conservation responsibilities are to manage and protect Aboriginal sites under the NPWS Act, 1974. It is an offence to damage, disturb or deface any Aboriginal site. If you would like further information please contact the Department of Environment and Conservation at Coonabarabran on (02) 6842 1311. This project is proudly supported by the Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Lard Council, Coolah Shire Council and the Department of Environment and Conservation. Thank you for visiting Coolah Country.

Traditional Burials: Immediately after burying the dead bodies the tribal people deserted the area. This was the procedure in all such cases, as they believed that the spirit of the departed would haunt them. Around the burial grounds the traditional people carved symbols on the tree trunks to show approaching tribal groups they were entering another's country along with warning off people from tribal burial grounds. Some of these markings can be seen on 'Butheroe' between Mudgee and Coolah Roads.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** good

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Item name:** King Togee's Headstone

**Location:** Neilrex Road Neilrex 2831

Warrumbungle

**Modification dates:** Relocated from original site in c.1916 by local farmer.

**Recommended** - Continue to maintain

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

**Management:** Management category

Management name

## Further comments:

**Criteria a):** King Togee, leader of the Butheroe tribe was an example of amicable relations between the indigenous peoples of the region and white settlers. After being mortally wounded by a younger tribesman King Togee was buried on a property and a headstone was erected at his grave site as a memorial by a white settler. It was later removed to the roadside in the early Twentieth Century to prevent damage from stock.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The headstone is associated with King Togee, leader of the Butheroe tribe in the mid Nineteenth Century.

[Historical association significance] It is also associated with the Nevell and Vincent families who were early white settlers in the area.

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

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

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

**Criteria f):** King Togee's headstone is a extremely rare example of a mid Nineteenth Century gravestone carved by a white farmer for an aboriginal elder.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]

## Intactness/Integrity:

| References: | Author      | Title                                   | Year |
|-------------|-------------|---|------|
|             | Roy Cameron | Headstone information Board: King Togee | 2004 |
|             |             | King Togee's Headstone                  | 2004 |

| Studies: | Author            | Title   | Number       | Year |
|----------|-------------------|---|--------------|------|
|          | Hickson & Cameron | Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study       | Field Day 11 | 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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**Longitude:** 149.437436

**Location validity:**

**Spatial accuracy:**

**Item name:** King Togie's Headstone

**Location:** Neilrex Road Neilrex 2831

Warrumbungle

**Map name:**

**Map scale:**

**AMG zone:**

**Easting:**

**Northing:**

**Listing: Name**

**Title**  
Heritage study

**Number**

**ListingDate**  
08/09/2005

**Data entry:** Data first entered: 26/09/2001

Data updated: 12/06/2019

Status: Completed

**Item name:** King Togee's Headstone

**Location:** Neilrex Road Neilrex 2831

Warrumbungle

**Image:**



**Caption:** King Togee's headstone made by boundary rider Weatherly.

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**Image:**



**Item name:** King Togee's Headstone

**Location:** Neilrex Road Neilrex 2831

Warrumbungle



**Caption:** Shelter and interpretive signage

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**Item name:** King Togee's Headstone

**Location:** Neilrex Road Neilrex 2831

Warrumbungle



**Caption:** The tree near where King Togee was originally buried.

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Two helpers from Gilgandra CDP put finishing touches to the art work.

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**Item name:** King Togee's Headstone

**Location:** Neilrex Road Neilrex 2831

Warrumbungle

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**Caption:** King Togee's Headstone, view looking south

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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 on 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.

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

**Criteria a):**

[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):**

[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):**

[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

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.

**Criteria d):**

[Social/Cultural significance]

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.

**Criteria e):**

[Research significance]

**Criteria f):**

[Rarity]

**Criteria g):**

[Representative]

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

**Intactness/Integrity:**

| <b>References:</b> | <b>Author</b> | <b>Title</b>           | <b>Year</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|
|                    | Roy Cameron   | Around the Black Stump | 1993        |

| <b>Studies:</b> | <b>Author</b>     | <b>Title</b>                                      | <b>Number</b>  | <b>Year</b> |
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|                 | 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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Warrumbungle

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**Item name:** Neilrex Hall

**Location:**

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**Image:**

**Item name:** Neilrex Hall

**Location:**

Warrumbungle



**Caption:** Neilrex Hall, south eastern elevation

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**Image:**

**Item name:** Neilrex Hall

**Location:**

Warrumbungle



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**Item name:** Garrawilla Homestead Group**Location:** 3299 Wyuna Road Nombi 2379

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 3299 Wyuna Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Nombi 2379**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Bulga**State:** NSW**County:** Pottinger**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:** Homestead complex**Former uses:** Homestead complex**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Garrawilla has direct associations with the early settlement of the Coonabarabran district. First established by Charles Purcell as a squatting run in the 1830s it was later owned by illustrious pastoralists including George Henry Cox, James and Ebenezer Orr, Martin Shanahan and Sir Patrick Jennings. The homestead is an attractive late Victorian residence and together with the remaining outbuildings and woolshed provide a relatively intact example of a home station complex typical of the late Nineteenth Century.

**Item name:** Garrawilla Homestead Group

**Location:** 3299 Wyuna Road Nombi 2379

Warrumbungle

**Historical notes of provenance:** Garrawilla (originally called Girrawillie) was first established by Charles Purcell, a Nepean settler who was born in Gibraltar and came out to Australia in 1810 as an infant, his father was a lieutenant in the 73rd foot regiment that arrived with Governor Macquarie. By the time squatting became legal from 1836 the Garrawilla run was already well established. Purcell was one of the first to obtain a licence. There were 12 people living on the run by 1845 with 2,550 cattle, 2,340 sheep and 20 horses and three acres of cultivation (Pickette, J. and Campbell, M., Coonabarabran as it was in the beginning, p. 31). Following Charles death in 1851 Garrawilla passed to George Henry Cox who later sold to James and Ebenezer Orr in 1864. The brothers had come to Australia in 1825 when they were children, their father emigrating to Australia with his family and worked as Clerk to the Court at Parramatta. By the 1860s Ebenezer and his brother James held a huge holding of lands including Borah, Goragilla, Garrawilla, Yaminbah, Belar, Gorianawa and Ulamambri. Ebenezer established Garrawilla as his head station and the homestead and the wool shed are thought to have been constructed during his ownership.

In 1873 Sir Patrick Jennings, in partnership with his brother-in-law Martin Shanahan purchased Garrawilla, Ulamambri and Denobillie from Ebenezer and James Orr. Ebenezer died the following year at his home in Sydney and James returned to England in 1880 to a country estate in Berkshire. In 1886 Jennings had become the first practicing Catholic Premier of NSW (Pickette, p. 120). Jennings' daughter Margaret was married to Hugh Herbert Kelly, the superintendent at Garrawilla. Kelly first began working for Shanahan and Jennings on their property Warbreccan near Deniliquin in 1866 and later taking up the management of Garrawilla, Gorianawa, Ulimambri and Belar stations in April 1873. Kelly managed the properties for Shanahan and Jennings for 25 years before purchasing it for himself in the late 1890s (Pastoral Review, 15 January, 1914).

When advertised for auction in 1892 the property was described as 51,000 acres freehold, 70,000 acres leased crown land and carried 107,000 sheep, 229 cattle and 204 cows. The property was subdivided into 32 paddocks with 15 wells, 9 tanks, four dams, 10 springs, five main creeks and 6 drafting yards.

Garrawilla station was described in 1894 as follows:

'passing over a slight ridge, one comes upon a spreading landscape almost English in its vigour and intensity of colour. The green fields stretch far away to the encircling hills, and the little white homestead, sheltering amidst the weeping willows and pines, overlooks the peaceful scene. In front is a splendid dam, large enough almost to be called a lake, and round this the usual outbuildings cluster. A perennial spring of water, which gurgles under our feet as it crosses the road, keeps the dam constantly full, and from this natural feature the run gets its prettily sounding name. The explorer, Major Mitchell, in the early days, when there were as yet real aboriginals in the land, crossed this country on one of his expeditions, and finding the spring good camped beside it. Water was not as plentiful then as it is now; there were no dams or wells to ensure a permanent supply, and consequently exploring was very much a matter of getting from one waterhole or spring to another in the quickest possible time. The natives, evidently, valued the spring as highly as Mitchell, for when asked them the name of the place they replied, Garrawilla, which, being translated, means good or plentiful water. The iron chimney of the scouring works on the other side of the dam shows that the water is now utilised for other than drinking purposes, whilst the long shearing shed a little down the creek promises many bales of wool for the next clip...

... The station, which belongs to Messrs. Shanahan and Jennings, one of the partners being the well known politician, Sir Patrick Jennings, is an exceptionally compact and well-watered property. The luxuriant flower and kitchen garden which surrounds the house shows the capacity of the climate, for without irrigation almost every variety of vegetable can be grown, to say nothing of quinces, apples, grapes, and other fruits...

... when the present holders took possession of the run, some 20 years ago, there was only natural water upon it. Mr. Kelly, the manager, who has lived here ever since, tells me that the carrying capacity was much smaller then, for sheep could only be kept where there was natural water, and, when the creeks and water holes gave out, had to be shifted from place to place in search of it. In those days the shepherd, a being of the past, was still employed, and the sheep were moved about in little mobs of from 1600 to 2000 each. The expense and trouble of the operation were enormous...

... At present the run, utilised to its fullest extent during good seasons, will carry about 100,000 sheep, the number shorn for the past few years, including lambs, being 120,000. A few bad seasons would, of course, reduce the stock considerably, and the freehold, taking one year with another, would not carry more than 50,000 sheep.' (Sydney Morning Herald, 21 April, 1894)

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Garrawilla was later described in the Sydney Mail in 1904 thus: 'Garrawilla homestead is very prettily situated on a nice rise between the lake and Garrawilla Creek, and it is well sheltered by high undulating hills. The beautiful myalls in the home paddock and around the lake add a decided charm and individuality to the place... The woolshed is a very large one, the wool room being capable of holding 400 bales of wool. The shed has every facility for handling the clip to the best advantage. The wool tables are under the supervision of an expert classer.' (Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser, 19 October, 1904)

In 1914 Garrawilla, then at 29,074 acres, was bought by Colin Anderson from the estate of H. H. Kelly who died in December 1913. The property was run by Colin and later his son Bob until the c2000s.

| <b>Themes:</b> | <b>National theme</b> | <b>State theme</b> | <b>Local theme</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                | 3. Economy            | Pastoralism        |                    |
|                | 4. Settlement         | Accommodation      |                    |

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:**

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** HOMESTEAD:

Garrawilla homestead is a freestanding, single storey homestead building with a main wing and two side wings forming a U shape around a rear courtyard. The house is constructed of beaded timber weatherboard walls with encircling timber verandahs and a hipped roof clad in corrugated iron. Two brick chimneys extend above the roof line. The western end of the northern wing is constructed of rendered masonry or pise. Windows are typically timber framed double hung windows with each sash divided into two panes. A number of timber framed French doors with painted timber shutters open onto the garden front of the homestead.

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

There are a number of outbuildings to the west of the homestead. Originally serving as station stores, cart shed, workshops, blacksmiths shop and mens quarters. These buildings are variously of timber slab construction, weatherboard or board and batten walls with gabled roofs clad in corrugated iron. Some of the walls to the structures have been removed to facilitate later uses. A large corrugated iron water tank on timber log tank stand is located between the outbuildings and the homestead.

**Physical condition level:** Good

**Physical condition:** The homestead is in good condition. Most of the outbuildings have been altered with walls removed and are in poor condition.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:**

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

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

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

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**Criteria b):** The homestead has associations with Ebenezer Orr who established Garrawilla as his head station during his ownership, along with his brother James, from 1864 to 1873. The property was first established by Charles Purcell in the 1830s and later held by the Orr brothers, Shanahan and Jennings, H. H. Kelly and the Anderson family.  
**[Historical association significance]**

**Criteria c):** Garrawilla homestead is an attractive late Nineteenth Century homestead constructed of timber weatherboard walls with encircling verandahs and a hipped roof clad in corrugated iron.  
**[Aesthetic/Technical significance]**

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

**Criteria e):** The homestead and the outbuildings have the ability to demonstrate rural timber building techniques of the mid to late Nineteenth Century.  
**[Research significance]**

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

**Criteria g):** The Garrawilla homestead is representative of home station homesteads developed in the mid to late 19th century.  
**[Representative]**

**Intactness/Integrity:**

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Garawilla homestead, view looking south west

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**Caption:** Garawilla homestead, detail of French door

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**Caption:** Garawilla, tank stand

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**Caption:** Former workshop or cart shed at Garawilla, view looking south west

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**Caption:** Outbuilding at Garawilla, view looking north west

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**Item name:** Pilton Woolshed**Location:** 2797 Purlewaugh Road Purlewaugh 2357

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**Address:** 2797 Purlewaugh Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Purlewaugh 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Purlewaugh**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:** Woolshed/Shearing Shed**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Woolshed**Former uses:** Woolshed**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Pilton woolshed is representative of buildings constructed as part of the closer settlement of larger runs that occurred in the early 20th century. It has direct associations with the closer settlement activity that occurred in the Purlewaugh district after World War I. It also demonstrates late 20th century adaptations to meet the opportunities associated with changes in the fortunes of the wool industry.

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

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**Historical notes of provenance:** The area around Purlewaugh was first settled by Europeans in the 1830s. Edward Cox's run of Ulamambri and the adjoining Tarawindi covered much of the area now known as Purlewaugh. The last two decades of the nineteenth century saw the movement of settlers into country that had been ignored by the earlier pastoralists. Allan Young noted that large stations were formed on the black soil plains of the Curlewis region to run sheep and cattle. The early settlers ignored the heavily timbered red soil country. Eventually farmers from Victoria and southern New South Wales bought blocks of previously unimproved land 'very cheap'.

Large runs appear have dominated the Purlewaugh area until immediately after World War I. During the 1920s the properties Napier, Ulan and Ulamambri were subdivided for soldier settlement (Young). The first Uliman subdivision took place in 1902 and additional blocks were separated and sold in 1914-1915. As families moved into the district community facilities, including a store began to be developed in Purlewaugh. (Carney) Young noted that the families who had moved to Curlewis later moved westwards to farm in the Ulamambri-Purlewaugh district. (Young 1992)

The woolshed on Pilton appears to be a product of the era of closer settlement. It was erected from local timber during the period in which Pilton was owned by Charlie German. This building was constructed as a six stand shearing shed. It now operates as a two stand shed.

Woolsheds are, in essence, wool factories. Sheep with wool on their backs enter at one end, exit at the sides without their coats, and baled wool is loaded out the end. The design of woolsheds was modified and refined during the nineteenth century as the efficiency of shearing became more and more critical. The introduction of machine shearing led to further changes in the sheds. Cannon noted that early purpose-built sheds 'had a low rectangular plan providing little sheep shelter and crowded work space' (Cannon 1992:67).

The spaces of a woolshed can be basically described as follows. These are listed in order of the flow of sheep and wool through the shed: Sheep yards for mustering and yarding sheep prior to shearing generally located towards one end of the shed. Sweating pens in which sheep were kept dry prior to shearing. In many instances sweating pens tended to be added to existing sheds to ensure a continuous work flow during shearing as shearers generally refused to shear wet sheep and rain could cause critical delay in shearing unprotected sheep. Filling pens. At Pilton these pens are located between the two rows of catching pens. Catching pens, from which shearers took sheep to be shorn. These were located next to the shearing board. Sheep were moved from the sweating pens into the catching pens prior to shearing. Sweating and catching pens featured slatted floors to allow sheep droppings to fall into the sub-floor area. A number of woolsheds constructed close to the ground were 'drowned' by a build-up of dung below these areas (Freeman 1980:73). Shearing board. This was the shearers' working area where sheep were shorn. Counting-out pens. After shearing sheep were handled down chutes to these pens outside the shed. Here sheep were tallied and the quality of shearing inspected. Wool room. Fleeces are collected from the board by rouseabouts and classed on tables. Once classed they are placed in wool bins prior to baling. The wool is baled and the bales labelled then stored ready for transport.

In small sheds such as Pilton many of the process tasks were undertaken by the property's owners.

**Themes:** National theme  
3. Economy

State theme  
Pastoralism

Local theme

**Designer:**

**Builder:** Charlie German

**Year started:** 1915

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** The Pilton Woolshed site includes the following: A wooden framed, timber clad woolshed with low gabled roof running east-west. The roof is extended along the north and south of the shed with skillions covering the shearing board and part of the sweating pens. A skillion-roofed workshop space has been constructed on the northern side of the shed. Sheep yards are located to the west of shed and counting pens to the south. A concrete sheep wash has been erected to the north of the shed. A mechanical sheep drench of 1950s vintage is located to the west of the sheep wash. Skillion-roofed shearers' quarters are located to the north of the woolshed and sheep wash.



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**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The shed is generally in good condition. It is operational and is being maintained as a working shed.

The shed and its surrounds have moderate archaeological potential.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** The shed still operates as a shearing shed and shows the evidence of modifications undertaken over many years, including installation of steel sheep ramps and modern shearing machines. Parts of the shed have been clad in Zinalume cliplok cladding. The catching pens have also been modified to service two stands.

**Recommended** - Continue to maintain.

**management:** - The curtilage or setting of this site shall be taken as being the woolshed plus 10 metres all round.

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

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** Pilton woolshed has direct associations with the closer settlement activity that occurred in the Purlewaugh district after World War I. It also demonstrates late 20th century adaptations to meet the opportunities associated with changes in the fortunes of the wool industry. It has a moderate level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** Pilton woolshed has associations with the soldier settlers of the Purlewaugh district, and their descendents. It is considered to have a moderate level of local historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** Pilton woolshed is a typical early 20th century woolshed constructed of timber with corrugated iron roof. It has a moderate level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** Pilton woolshed is considered to have little social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** Pilton woolshed is an early 20th century shed of timber construction. It is relatively intact and has some technical/research significance. It is considered to have a moderate level of local technical/research significance.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The Pilton woolshed is an example of a small woolshed constructed to meet the needs of a selection. It is considered to have a high local level of rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Pilton woolshed is representative of buildings constructed as part of the closer settlement of larger runs that occurred in the early 20th century. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** Pilton woolshed has a relatively high level of integrity.

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|          | Peter Duggan   | Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study |        | 2018 |

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**Caption:** Pilton woolshed viewed from the north. The sheep wash is in the foreground, c.2006

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**Caption:** Catching pens, Pilton woolshed. The board is to the left, c.2006

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**Caption:** Pilton woolshed viewed from the south. The shearers' quarters are located in the background, c.2006

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**Item name:** Purlewaugh Cricket Ground**Location:** 2815 Purlewaugh Road Purlewaugh 2357

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**Address:** 2815 Purlewaugh Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Purlewaugh 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Purlewaugh**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Recreation and Entertainment**Category:** Cricket Pitch/ Ground**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Cricket Ground**Former uses:** Cricket Ground**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Purlewaugh Cricket Ground has a moderate level of historical significance at a local level. It is symbolic of the closer settlement activities occurring in the Purlewaugh area during the early 20th century. The cricket ground is set in a copse of relict eucalyptus adjoining local paddocks.

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

**Historical notes of provenance:** The area around Purlewaugh was first settled by Europeans in the 1830s. Edward Cox's run of Ulamambri and the adjoining Tarawindi covered much of the area now known as Purlewaugh. The last two decades of the nineteenth century saw the movement of settlers into country that had been ignored by the earlier pastoralists. Allan Young noted that large stations were formed on the black soil plains of the Curlewis region to run sheep and cattle. The early settlers ignored the heavily timbered red soil country. Eventually farmers from Victoria and southern New South Wales bought blocks of previously unimproved land 'very cheap'.

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Albert Sullivan, settler and later President of the Coonabarabran Shire, began take an interest in local politics. He led the development of a number of community facilities, including the Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute (Conomy).

Sporting facilities have long been regarded as important elements of a strong community. Cricket has long been popular with communal cricket grounds being developed in many places. The atmospheric cricket pitch in a bush clearing at Purlewaugh is a fine example of the facilities developed for those described by Kipling as 'flannelled fools.'

Purlewaugh has been the home of many successful cricket teams. The 1935 team consisted of Bill, Ken and Roger Sanson, Jack and George Salisbury, Jack Walden, Carl Murray, Harry Hunter, Tom Smith, Tom and Ron Sullivan. Roger Sanson and Ron Sullivan were country representatives. (Conomy)



**Item name:** Purlewaugh Cricket Ground

**Location:** 2815 Purlewaugh Road Purlewaugh 2357

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**Themes:** National theme  
8. Culture

State theme  
Sport

Local theme

**Designer:** Various

**Builder:** Various

**Year started:** 1920

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** The Purlewaugh Cricket Ground is located beside the road reserve of Main Road No.129. It is set in a copse of eucalyptus adjacent to local paddocks. It comprises a circular cricket pitch, picnic tables, amenities buildings and kiosk.

**Physical condition level:**

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

The site has little archaeological potential.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** The Purlewaugh Cricket Ground should be managed by Warrumbungle Shire Council as a sporting and recreation area. The ongoing management of the cricket ground should focus on maintenance of the existing pitch and buildings to ensure their integrity.

**Management:** Management category

Management name

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Purlewaugh Cricket Ground has a moderate level of historical significance at a local level. It is symbolic of the closer settlement activities occurring in the Purlewaugh area during the early 20th century. It is also an outcome of the community endeavour that created sporting and social facilities for the district.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The cricket ground has associations with the Purlewaugh community and its cricket teams. It has a moderate level of local historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The Purlewaugh Cricket Ground is set in a copse of relict eucalyptus adjoining local paddocks. The pitch and associated structures form a pleasing group that has a moderate level of local aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The Purlewaugh Cricket Ground has a high level of social significance at a local level. It has been the focus of activity for the Purlewaugh community for at least 80 years and has hosted numerous community sporting events.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

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

**Criteria f):** The cricket ground has a moderate level of rarity. It has managed to retain its intended function as a community hub throughout its life.  
[Rarity]

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**Criteria g):** The Purlewaugh Cricket Ground is representative of the endeavours of newly established communities to develop centres for community activity and endeavour. It has a moderate level of local significance in this regard.

**Intactness/Integrity:** The Purlewaugh Cricket Ground retains a high degree of integrity.

| References: | Author            | Title  | Year |
|-------------|-------------------|--|------|
|             | Conomy, G.        | The Story of NX38835 Corporal Ronald Eugene Sullivan             |      |
|             | Allan Roger Young | From the top of the hill – The story of ‘Darouble’ & ‘Napier’, C | 1992 |
|             | Carney, C.        | Memoirs of C.N. Carney, 1970 Golden Jubilee Album                | 1970 |

| Studies: | Author         | Title                                       | Number | Year |
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|          | Ray Christison | Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study |        | 2006 |

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Data updated: 26/10/2018

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**Item name:** Purlewaugh Cricket Ground

**Location:** 2815 Purlewaugh Road Purlewaugh 2357

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**Image:**



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**Item name:** Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute**Location:** Purlewaugh Road Purlewaugh 2357

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**Address:** Purlewaugh Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Purlewaugh 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Purlewaugh**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:** Purlewaugh Hall**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Community Facilities**Category:** Mechanics' Institute**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Community Hall**Former uses:** Community Hall**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute is symbolic of the closer settlement activities occurring in the Purlewaugh area during the early 20th century. The hall also contains elements of the community memory of the Purlewaugh district, including the Long Ridge School World War II honour roll. The hall is a community-built public structure that combines the traditions of rural hall design with elements of the Interwar Bungalow style. Its dutch gabled roof is unique among community halls in the district. It has been the focus of activity for the Purlewaugh community for over 80 years and has hosted numerous community celebrations. It also has direct associations with the Purlewaugh CWA.

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

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Albert Sullivan, settler and later President of the Coonabarabran Shire, began take an interest in local politics. He called a public meeting to form a progress society in 1914/15 and instigated moves to build a hall at Purlewaugh. The hall was constructed by the members of the progress society. (Conomy)

The Purlewaugh CWA was formed in 1931 and a separate hall was constructed adjacent to the Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute.

The Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute was a focus for community activities throughout the 20th century. The hall was built with a ticket window and projection box and has served as a cinema and concert hall. It was also the venue for community events such as the send-off for serviceman Ronald Sullivan when he left to serve overseas with the 8th Division AIF in 1941 (Conomy). The hall was also used as a central point at which parachutes were made during World War II.

The hall contains elements of community memory including the World War II honour roll relocated from Long Ridge School after its closure.

| <b>Themes:</b> | <b>National theme</b> | <b>State theme</b>          | <b>Local theme</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
|                | 8. Culture            | Social institutions         |                    |
|                | 4. Settlement         | Towns, suburbs and villages |                    |

**Designer:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

**Year started:** 1918

**Year completed:** 1935

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** Purlewaugh hall consists of two main structures. Both are of timber construction and clad externally with weatherboards. The buildings are connected by a covered walkway. Each has a corrugated iron roof. The smaller hall, which has a gabled roof, contains a kitchen and is used by the CWA.

The larger building carries a sign reading "Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute". This building has a Dutch gabled roof. It contains a stage, wings and dressing rooms. A ticket window is located to the east of the front entrance. An entry vestibule extends from the front of the hall. A projection box is located above the vestibule.

The World War II honour roll from Long Ridge School has been relocated to the hall.

**Physical condition level:**

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

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**



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**Modification dates:** Construction of an entry vestibule and projection box at the front of the building – 1920s.  
Mechanics Institute hall lined in masonite and weatherboards, possibly in the 1950s.  
Both buildings have had new roofs fitted in 2003.  
Entry doors replaced with glazed aluminium doors c.2010s.  
The CWA Hall has been re-stumped in 2003.

**Recommended management:** The Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute should be managed by Warrumbungle Shire Council as a community hall. The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that the hall 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 |
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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute has a moderate level of historical significance at a local level. It is symbolic of the closer settlement activities occurring in the Purlewaugh area during the early 20th century. The hall also contains elements of the community memory of the Purlewaugh district, including the Long Ridge School World War II honour roll.

**Criteria b):** The hall has associations with the work of former Purlewaugh resident and Coonabarabran Shire President Albert Sullivan. It has a moderate level of local historical association significance.

**Criteria c):** The hall has a high level of local aesthetic significance as a community-built public structure that combines the traditions of rural hall design with elements of the Interwar Bungalow style. Its dutch gabled roof is unique among community halls in the district.

**Criteria d):** The Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute has a high level of social significance at a local level. It has been the focus of activity for the Purlewaugh community for approximately 80 years and has hosted numerous community celebrations. It also has direct associations with the Purlewaugh CWA. The hall continues to have an active management committee with a vision to ensure its ongoing role as a centre for community.

**Criteria e):** The Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute has little technical/research significance.

**Criteria f):** The hall has a moderate level of rarity. It has managed to retain its intended function as a community hub throughout its life, and continues to provide a venue for community events.

**Criteria g):** The Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute is representative of the endeavours of newly established communities to develop centres for community activity and endeavour. It is also representative of the style of community buildings constructed in the inter-war era. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.

**Intactness/Integrity:** The Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute retains a high degree of integrity.

| References: | Author              | Title  | Year |
|-------------|---------------------|--|------|
|             | Coonabarabran Times | Purlewaugh CWA Going 59 years                                    | 1990 |
|             | Carney, C.          | Memoirs of C.N. Carney, 1970 Golden Jubilee Album                | 1970 |
|             | Conomy, G.          | The Story of NX38835 Corporal Ronald Eugene Sullivan             |      |
|             | Allan Roger Young   | From the top of the hill – The story of ‘Darouble’ & ‘Napier’, C | 1992 |
|             | Athol Pickette      | Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute                                   | 2005 |

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

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**Item name:** St. Michael's Catholic Church (former)

**Location:** 2443 Purlewaugh Road Purlewaugh 2357

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**Address:** 2443 Purlewaugh Road

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Purlewaugh 2357

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Purlewaugh

**State:** NSW

**County:** Napier

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Religion

**Category:** Church

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Private Residence

**Former uses:** Church

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** St Michael's Catholic Church is a handsome and relatively intact carpenter gothic style church building which is a manifestation of the closer settlement of the Purlewaugh district in the early 20th century. It is also one of a few places known to have been used by Italian prisoners of war whilst located in the district. The church has also been associated with social and religious activity in Purlewaugh over an extended period of time.

It is considered to have a high level of local historical and aesthetic significance, and a high local level of representativeness. It has a moderate local level of social significance and a high level of integrity.



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**Historical notes of provenance:** St Michael's Catholic Church was thought to have been constructed in 1919-1920 (Conomy) as the area around Purlewaugh underwent closer settlement. Although a newspaper article of the time indicated that St Michael's was blessed and dedicated on 3rd June, 1922 by his Lordship Dr. O'Farrell, Bishop of Bathurst. (Mudgee Guardian 15 May, 1922)

The first Uliman subdivision took place in 1902 and additional blocks were separated and sold in 1914-1915. As families moved into the district community facilities, including a store began to be developed in Purlewaugh. (Carney) In his memoir of Darouble and Napier Albert Young noted that his family had moved from Victoria to the Curlewis area via the Riverina. After the Victorian gold rushes many people, taking advantage of the New South Wales Free Selection system were forced onto marginal lands within the colony. Young noted that the families who had moved to Curlewis later moved westwards to farm in the Ulamabri-Purlewaugh district.

Albert Sullivan, Purlewaugh district settler and later President of Coonabarabran Shire, and his family regularly attended St Michael's Church. Conomy noted that the Sullivan family did "their part in ensuring that the church was kept filled so much so that extensions were soon required" (Conomy).

Following the spectacular military successes of British Empire forces in North Africa in 1940 British authorities were saddled with responsibility for 130,000 Italian prisoners of war. The majority of these prisoners were transported to camps in Australia, India, South Africa and Ceylon. Initially Italian prisoners sent to Australia were housed in large prisoner of war camps. Soldiers below the rank of officer were given farming and construction tasks in various areas. The Australian government considered the possibility of using prisoners of war to assist in overcoming a critical labour shortage and in April 1943 gave approval for small groups of Italian prisoners of war to be employed on individual farms. The prisoners were to be paid by the employing farmers and provided with accommodation and food. (Fitzgerald p.33)

Initial Prisoner of War Control Centres were established at Parkes, Coonabarabran and Orange in June 1943 with the first of these being established at Coonabarabran. The Coonabarabran Control Centre operated until January 1946 (Fitzgerald p.173). Prisoners allocated to Coonabarabran worked on farms throughout the district, including the vicinities of Baradine, Purlewaugh and the Timor Valley.

In his study of the Italian farming soldiers Fitzgerald recounted the experiences of two men who were allocated to a farm near Purlewaugh. They worked on the farm during the week and travelled into Coonabarabran on Saturday afternoons for shopping, at which time they reported to the Control Centre. Each Sunday they attended mass at St Michael's Catholic Church in the village of Purlewaugh.

| Themes: | National theme | State theme       | Local theme |
|---------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
|         | 8. Culture     | Religion          |             |
|         | 2. Peopling    | Ethnic influences |             |

**Designer:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

**Year started:** 1919

**Year completed:** 1922

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** St Michael's is a very simple Carpenter style church with a vestry on its eastern side and entry porch at its southern end. Its external walls are clad in clapboard siding and the gable roof topped with corrugated galvanised iron. Its very simple angular fenestration and the architraves around the vestry door shows Arts & Crafts style influences suggest that it was built just after World War I or the early 1920s.

**Physical condition level:**

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

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**



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**Address:** Coonabarabran Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Purlewaugh 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Tinkrameanah**State:** NSW**County:** Pottinger**Other/former names:** Yulerman, Booballa, Tinkrameana**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:** Homestead & outbuildings**Former uses:** Homestead & woolshed group**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Sitting on the banks of Saltwater Creek Uliman consists of a coherent collection of mid to late 19th century and early 20th century pastoral structures. The buildings represent rural building styles of the period 1860 to 1910. The place also 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 also has direct associations with former convict, innkeeper and pastoralist James Hale, former property owner and benefactor of the Presbyterian Church John Henderson and former bullocky Bill Harlow. The buildings of Uliman are able to provide information on vernacular building techniques over an extended period of time.

The Uliman homestead group is considered to have a high level of aesthetic and technical/research significance. It is also considered to have a moderate level of rarity. The place also has a high level of local historical and historical association significance and a moderate local level of social significance and representativeness.



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**Historical notes of provenance:** Uliman sits on the Saltwater Creek east of Purllewaugh. The run appears to have been taken up in the 1830s by James Hale, an ex-convict who appears to have prospered under the patronage of William Cox and Sir John Jamison. He originally took up Tarawinda, immediately to the east of Ulamambri and also held Bomera and Bundalla. Uliman was at times known as Booballa. A run called Banan was included in Uliman. Hale was apparently one of the first to apply for a licence to depasture stock beyond the limits of the colony in 1837.

Pickette and Campbell gave the following account of Hale's life:

Hale was born in Monmouth, England in 1795. At the age of twenty he was sentenced to seven years transportation for stealing goods from a parson. He arrived on the 'Manner' in 1816. After obtaining his ticket of leave, he worked for William Cox as an overseer... He became a successful and respected contractor to the Government for the supply of stores, firewood and cartage for the local survey parties at Windsor. Already he had 60 acres of land. Within three years he increased his holding to 2,000 acres. (Pickette & Campbell 1981:39)

Uliman (recorded in the NSW Government Gazette as Yulerman) operated in the late 1860s or early 1870s as an outstation of Bomera and was originally known as Tinkrameeana. A number of buildings, including a station store, blacksmith shop and worker accommodation appear to have been constructed in the 1860s. A homestead was constructed of sandstone in the late 19th century. This was replaced by a new homestead in the 1950s.

When John Henderson acquired the property in 1902 he made substantial investment in the property, constructing additional worker accommodation, a 14 stand shearing shed. The shed's sweating pens could hold 800 sheep and an additional 300 sheep could be penned under the building. Henderson also constructed a large sandstone sheepwash on the northern side of Saltwater Creek. The woolshed has an 1883 Ferrier press. John Henderson also built the Presbyterian church at Purllewaugh. He had previously held title to Bomera station in partnership with his brother James.

H. P. Tritton visited Uliman during the period 1905 to 1909. He described the station as follows:

Uliman was of about thirty-thousand acres and ran about a sheep to the acre. Owned and managed by John Henderson, it was one of the few stations which realised that it was good policy to grow and store feed for stock against a dry time. Approaching the homestead was like coming to a village. All the buildings were grouped around in neat, orderly rows, all painted, each cottage fenced and with water laid on. To the station-hands who had been living in the hovels on the western stations it must have seemed like Paradise, especially to the women. All homes had a garden and a few fowls. Half-a-dozen cows were milked by the station groom and milk and butter were always available.

John Henderson was six-foot-three and thin in proportion... I think he would have been close to seventy but was still an active man. To go to the other paddocks he used a buggy and pair, but rode home paddock on a mare known as Bess. She was very fat and pot-bellied and he looked queer with his long legs sticking out almost at right angles.

A very religious man, he held church every Sunday in the homestead where he would deliver a sermon, then hymns would be sung, then a prayer, after which cups of tea and cake would be handed round. ... Swearing was absolutely barred and cruelty to animals meant the sack. Booze was not allowed to be brought on to the station, though I have an idea John was not averse to a drop of Scotch whisky himself. Possibly his Doctor ordered it.

In the late 19th century a coach route traversed Uliman and the adjoining Bomera Station. High gate posts were constructed on the boundary of the two stations in the 1880s to allow the passage of coaches. As a significant place in the eastern end of the Coonabarabran Shire Uliman was designated as a polling place for the 1910 council elections and was presumably used as a polling place in other elections prior to the erection of the Purllewaugh Mechanics Institute.

Duke Tritton recalled a number of incidents that occurred while he was shearing at Uliman. These included a contest between Joe and Darkie Davis to keep up with the ringer, Dick Hinton. Dick rung the shed and on one

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day shore 274 sheep. Tritton also recounted a tragic post-shearing hail storm which took the lives of 800 newly shorn sheep. The fine, sago-like hail penetrated the newly shorn wool and froze the sheep in the woolshed yards. The shearers took time off work to bring the sheep into the cover of the shed and pack them together. Tritton noted:

It was a hard blow for John Henderson. Like most of the squatters he was heavily mortgaged. Up to that time, and many years after, I never received a cheque in the name of the man who was supposed to own the station. All were endorsed by one or another of the finance companies or wool broking firms. Wool had to be good to bring ninepence a pound in the market so the squatter had his troubles the same as the shearer and the swagman.

As we had lost two hours shearing, Henderson offered to make it up according to our tallies but it was turned down. The rep. (Dick Hinton) called a meeting at smoko next morning. It was short and to the point. He said: "Mr Henderson has offered to make up our tallies for the time we lost yesterday. All those in favour of accepting his offer, hold up their right hand." Not one hand went up. Dick turned to John and laughed. "There's your answer, Boss." John made a short speech thanking the men, then walked quickly away. I think he was deeply touched by our action, as the bitter feeling between squatter and shearer, caused by the long series of strikes, was very much alive, and both sides were ready to fight again.

Shearing last took place in 1973. The station now runs cattle. The woolshed has subsequently been used to store pigs and is currently used as a store for cottonseed fodder. The bellows and forge in the blacksmith shop have recently been removed to Bernie Weston's residence in Coonabarabran.

Bill Harlow, a former bullocky who was described by Duke Tritton as 'a professor in the art of bullock driving', spent his latter years at Uliman where he did general work around the property. He converted the western end of one of the shearers' huts into a cottage. This cottage still stands.

| <b>Themes:</b> | <b>National theme</b> | <b>State theme</b> | <b>Local theme</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                | 3. Economy            | Pastoralism        |                    |
|                | 5. Working            | Labour             |                    |

**Designer:** Various

**Builder:** Various

**Year started:** 1860

**Year completed:** 1955

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** The Uliman homestead group consists of a collection of buildings and landscape features associated with the operation of a sheep station. These buildings appear to have been constructed in three phases of development as follows:

1860s-1870s buildings with walls constructed of unmilled timbers including vertical slabs set within timber frames featuring large bed logs. These include: Accommodation buildings. Station store. Blacksmith shop and wagon shed. Remnant storage building.

1902 buildings constructed with milled timber frames and clad with lapped weatherboards. A number of earlier buildings were also extended or modified at this time. Buildings constructed in 1902 include: 14 stand woolshed. Shearers' quarters. Staff cottage (previously occupied by the station gardener). Cook's cottage. A sandstone sheep wash was also constructed at this time. The original sandstone homestead, dating from the 1860s or 1870s was demolished in the 1950s and a new homestead constructed on the same site. A mature garden pre-dates the existing homestead.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The buildings are generally in good condition with care being taken to maintain roofs. The slabs of some of the 1860s buildings have become dislodged and some structures require re-stumping. The homestead is in very good condition.

The area surrounding the buildings is considered to have moderate archaeological potential and building sub-floor areas are considered to have high archaeological potential.

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**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Extension/modification of 1860s buildings – 1902  
Extension of shearers' quarters to create a small cottage – 1950s  
Conversion of sheep pens in woolshed to accommodate pigs – post 1973  
Removal of sections of the floor of the sweating pens in the woolshed to provide storage for fodder – post 1973  
Removal of blacksmith forge and bellows circa 2004

**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):** Uliman 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):** Uliman has direct associations with former convict, innkeeper and pastoralist James Hale, former property owner and benefactor of the Presbyterian Church John Henderson and former bullocky Bill Harlow. It is considered to have a high level of local historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** Sitting on the banks of Saltwater Creek Uliman consists of a coherent collection of mid to late 19th century and early 20th century pastoral structures. The buildings represent rural building styles of the period 1860 to 1910. This group of buildings has a moderate level of state aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** Stories related to Uliman have been recorded in a number of accounts of rural life in New South Wales. The place is considered to have a moderate level of local social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The buildings of Uliman were constructed in three phases and are relatively unchanged. They are able to provide information on vernacular building techniques over an extended period of time and are considered to have a moderate level of state technical/research significance.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):** The Uliman homestead group is a relatively intact collection of pastoral buildings and service structures. A complete collection of structures such as these is relatively rare. The place is considered to have a moderate state level of rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Uliman 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 Uliman homestead group has a relatively high level of integrity.

| <b>References:</b> | <b>Author</b>               | <b>Title</b>                             | <b>Year</b> |
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|                    | Pickette, J. & Campbell, M. | Coonabarabran As It Was In the Beginning | 1983        |

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|                 | Peter Duggan   | Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study |               | 2018        |

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**Caption:** Shearers' quarters at Uliman, looking southwest, c.2006

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**Item name:** Borah Creek Hall**Location:** Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

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**Address:** Borah Creek Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Rocky Glen 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Borah**State:** NSW**County:** White**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:** Public Hall**Former uses:** Public Hall**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** As a former Agricultural Bureau hall the Borah Creek Hall has associations with the development of the agricultural industry of the Borah Creek and Rocky Glen areas. It is also symbolic of the soldier settler development that occurred in the Borah Creek area after World War I.

The Borah Creek Hall has a high level of local social significance and integrity. It also has a moderate level of local historical, historical association and aesthetic significance.

**Historical notes of provenance:** Borah Creek Hall was built as an Agricultural Bureau Hall in 1939. It was paid for by the New South Wales Agricultural Bureau and local subscription and opened on 26 October 1939. To raise money for the construction of the hall the local community held dances, races and raffles. The timber frame and rusticated weatherboards were milled locally by local sawmillers George Alfred and Charles Terry.

After construction it was the only community facility in the area and was the principal local venue for meetings and social functions. (Toynton 2005)

The hall continues to be actively managed, used and improved by the local community.

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

**State theme**  
Agriculture

**Local theme**

**Designer:** Unknown**Builder:** Agricultural Bureau and local residents.**Year started:** 1939**Year completed:** 1939**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** The Borah Creek Hall is a small timber-framed, weatherboard clad structure with a gable roof clad in corrugated iron. A skillion roofed wing on the southern side of the hall includes kitchen facilities.

The timber frame and rusticated weatherboards were milled locally by local sawmillers George Alfred and Charles Terry.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The property and its structures are generally in very good condition and are well maintained. The site is considered to have low archaeological potential.

**Item name:** Borah Creek Hall

**Location:** Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

Warrumbungle

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Internal lining of the hall.

Construction of brick & concrete front steps and side access ramp.

Verandah added on northern side, c.2010s.

Original timber framed double hung windows replaced with aluminium framed windows, c.2010s.

**Recommended management:** The Borah Creek Hall should be managed as a functioning community hall. The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that the hall is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles.

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

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Borah Creek Hall has a moderate level of historical significance at a local level. It is symbolic of the soldier settler development that occurred in the Borah Creek area after World War I.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** As a former Agricultural Bureau hall the Borah Creek Hall has associations with the development of the agricultural industry of the Borah Creek and Rocky Glen areas. It has moderate local historical association significance.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The hall has a moderate level of local aesthetic significance as a community-built public structure that was constructed from locally milled materials.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The Borah Creek Hall has a high level of social significance at a local level. It has been the focus of activity for the Borah Creek community for almost 80 years and has hosted numerous community celebrations. The hall continues to have an active management committee with a vision to ensure its ongoing role as a centre for community.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

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

**Criteria f):** The hall has a moderate level of rarity. It has managed to retain its intended function as a community hub throughout its life, and continues to provide a venue for community events.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The Borah Creek Hall retains a high degree of integrity.

| References: | Author         | Title  | Year |
|-------------|----------------|--|------|
|             | Toynton, D & J | Heritage Identification Form -Borah Creek Hall and Reserve | 2005 |

**Item name:** Borah Creek Hall**Location:** Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

Warrumbungle

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

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**Item name:** Borah Creek Hall

**Location:** Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

Warrumbungle

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**Caption:** Borah Creek Hall, view looking south east

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**Location:** Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

Warrumbungle



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**Location:** Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

Warrumbungle



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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.

| <b>Management:</b> | <b>Management category</b> | <b>Management name</b> |
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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 |

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

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Status: Completed

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**Location:**

Warrumbungle

**Image:**



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

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**Location:**

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**Image:**

**Item name:** Oxley Crossing Monument

**Location:**

Warrumbungle



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

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**Item name:** Rocky Glen School Site

**Location:** 586 Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 586 Borah Creek Road

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Rocky Glen 2357

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Borah

**State:** NSW

**County:** White

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Education

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

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Open space

**Former uses:** Public School

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Rocky Glen School site is a surviving element of the former Village of Rocky Glen and is representative of the soldier settlement of the area after World War I. It also contains a tree planted as a memorial to a local airman killed in World War II and is representative of the actions taken by small communities to memorialise community members lost in war.

The school site has a moderate level of local historical, historical association and social significance.

**Item name:** Rocky Glen School Site

**Location:** 586 Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

Warrumbungle

**Historical notes** Rocky Glen's first school

**of provenance:** The first school recorded at Rocky Glen was in 1883. The building was one room made of pine slab walls and iron roof, 20x12x8 foot in one room. The condition of the building was described as good when repairs carried out. The teacher was to be accommodated at Mr Thomas Hill's house close to the school. The building was leased to the Education Department for £4 annually for 2 years.

Rocky Glen's second school

During 1885 Thomas Hill had built a new school under tender from the Education Department on Portion 3 in the village of Rocky Glen. This operated until 1894 when it closed due to lack of pupils.

In 1905 the education department was again petitioned to open a school at Rocky Glen. A new building was commissioned and built in a week on portion 16 Parish Borah County White, three miles down the Borah Creek Road. This school closed as a public school in 1919 but remained in use by the community and lessons were still carried out there by teachers employed by the families.

In 1936 the school was cut in half and moved to part of Portion 20 Parish Borah County White, leased to the Education department by Marmaduke Phillip Langdale.

In 1943 when a former pupil Peter John Keay was killed in Belgium on a bomber raid the students planted a Kurrajong Tree as a memorial to him. This tree still stands today along with the flag pole. All that remains on the site is the garden planted by pupils long ago. Every spring & winter the garden comes to life with Irises, Jonquils and other bulbs. Part of the fence and the back gate were extant until the c.2000s.

References; NSW Department of Education Schools Archives.

Coonabarabran Historical Society notes book 2

Personal history of Marmaduke Phillip Langdale

Personal history of Dorathy Bathone Langdale

Other research by Jewel Toynton

**Themes:** **National theme**  
9. Phases of Life

**State theme**  
Events

**Local theme**

**Designer:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

**Year started:** 1936

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** The Rocky Glen School site is an open site located immediately to the north of the Borah Creek Hall.

The principal features of the site are:

A Kurrajong tree planted in 1943 as a memorial to airman and former pupil Peter John Keay;

A flag pole made from a single cypress trunk and erected to the west of the Kurrajong.

Bulbs planted by the children flower each year in the former school yard.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The surviving features of the site are in fair condition for their age.

The site is relatively undisturbed and is considered to have moderate to low archaeological potential.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Removal of the school building.

The school site was originally defined by a fence and gate constructed of timber and wire, all since removed.

**Item name:** Rocky Glen School Site

**Location:** 586 Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

Warrumbungle

**Recommended management:** The ongoing management of the site should focus on maintenance of the existing flag pole, which should be re-set in the ground. A small plaque or memorial should be erected on or near the site to indicate the significance of the Kurrajong tree. The assistance of the Department of Veterans Affairs could be sought in this regard.

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

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Rocky Glen School site is a surviving element of the former Village of Rocky Glen and is representative of the soldier settlement of the area after World War I. It has a moderate level of local historical significance.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The Rocky Glen School site contains a tree planted as a memorial to a local airman killed in World War II. It is considered to have a moderate level of local historical association significance in this regard.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The site has little aesthetic significance.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The Rocky Glen School site has a moderate level of local social significance.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

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

**Criteria f):** The site is one of numerous surviving school sites in the Warrumbungle Shire area. It is considered to have a low level of rarity.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Rocky Glen School site is representative of former government school sites in the area.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The site and its memorials have a moderate level of integrity.

| References: | Author       | Title                                     | Year |
|-------------|--------------|---|------|
|             | Toynnton, J. | Notes on the history of Rocky Glen School | 2006 |

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|          | Ray Christison | Coonabarabran Shire (former) Heritage Study       |        | 2006 |
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Warrumbungle

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**Item name:** Rocky Glen School Site

**Location:** 586 Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

Warrumbungle

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**Image:**

**Item name:** Rocky Glen School Site

**Location:** 586 Borah Creek Road Rocky Glen 2357

Warrumbungle



**Caption:** Memorial Kurrajong tree and cypress flagpole in the yard of the former Rocky Glen School, c.2006

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**Item name:** Tucklan Hall

**Location:** 2018 Avonside Road Tucklan 2843

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 2018 Avonside Road

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Tucklan 2843

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Dapper

**State:** NSW

**County:** Lincoln

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Community Facilities

**Category:** Hall Public

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Private

**Former uses:** Community Hall

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Tucklan Hall was constructed in 1932 following much community fund raising and agitation for its establishment. It served as a community focus for most of the Twentieth Century and has hosted numerous community celebrations and events. It is an example of a Interwar period vernacular style country hall constructed of corrugated iron clad timber framed walls with a gable roof.

**Item name:** Tucklan Hall

**Location:** 2018 Avonside Road Tucklan 2843

Warrumbungle

**Historical notes of provenance:** Before World War I, the residents of the Tucklan area had held fund raising functions to enable the community to build a hall so that dances, concerts and meetings could be held locally. Sports days and dances were held at the properties of Belinda Vale and Avoca Vale while woolshed dances were held at Atkins. One hundred pounds had been raised and some of this amount went towards the Red Cross and other War efforts. Finally by 1932 sufficient funds were available and land and building materials were purchased. The hall was built by Mr. Jim Peck with the help of Tucklan residents. The contract price for the erection of the hall was 28 pounds. However, the Hall Committee was so pleased with the construction that a sum of 40 pounds was paid.

The hall was constructed of corrugated iron walls and roof, wooden floor with a dancing area and stage. A ladies and gentlemen's toilet was provided. Mr. Sam Madigan was one of the original trustees. Other members of the Trust were Ted Mills, Darcy Jones, George Williams and James Craft.

The hall was officially opened on 9th November, 1932, by Mr. James D. Craft, the chairman of the Organising Committee. A large crowd was present to celebrate the opening with the music being provided by Inder's orchestra, a local group.

A very descriptive news article of the time describes the hall as such:

'Through the courtesy of Mr. Auburn Jones, the writer was taken to inspect the new hall at Tucklan on Sunday. The residents of the village and the farmers thereabout have good reason to be proud of their achievement in having the building opened free of debt, considering the limited funds at their disposal. They certainly have received good value for their money, a substantially built and nicely finished job for £170, or £200 including the piano. Its outside appearance is neat and workmanlike, and inside it is spacious and solid, with that cleanness that only new timber imparts. When the plans of the building were being drawn up special attention was given to the flooring, for the committee realised that the hall would be used principally for dancing, and a good floor is the main thing. Resting on iron bark blocks every three feet, all over, the smooth boards have no chance of becoming buckled, no matter what the weather conditions may be. If you have not yet visited Tucklan to try out the new hall, why not take a run out tomorrow night, when a ball in aid of the Gulgong Hospital will be held. A pleasant surprise awaits you, and, besides the evening's enjoyment, you will appreciate the hospitality for which the village is famous.' (Mudgee Guardian, 24 November, 1932)

On January 26th, 1942 the anniversary ball was held in the hall with proceeds raised towards providing a supper room for the hall.

The local hall was used for many community purposes, also as a venue for visiting artists, performers, travelling picture shows, Federal, State and Local Government election polling booths, but most importantly country dances. A wonderful article on country dances appeared in the local Tucklan history book 'Tales of Tucklan and the Stringy Bark Goldfields':

Country Dances.

'Dances in a small country village or community were always looked forward to with a great deal of expectancy and excitement. The tin halls were washed down and the row of wooden seating attached to each wall to accommodate the patrons were thoroughly scrubbed.

Wood was gathered for the outside fire which provided warmth for those not dancing and boiled water for the tea and coffee with the supper that was handed around on plates during the night. Supper consisted of sandwiches that had been prepared at a working bee by the organising ladies. Delicious home made cakes and biscuits were also served.

Dance patrons were not only young people but often parents came too and children were brought along by married couples. The attendance of the older parents was often, but not always due to a wish or social contact but also to serve to overlook and if necessary to chastise their children for unseemly conduct. In those days the consumption of liquor or smoking in public by girls was very much frowned upon. Unless engaged, it was not customary for young men to bring girls to these functions. Single women came and paid for their own tickets and then sat expectantly on the wooden seating around the hall looking excited or demure as their expectations of the

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night demanded.

The men arrived by horse, sulky and push bike or would even walk some miles to attend. They would usually mill around the door of the hall - peer inside and size up the girls inside. In winter time the men would wear overcoats with the collar of course turned up. This not only copied the early American movies but also gave them a mysterious appearance which was considered fashionable.

If their observation of the girls present brought desire to dance with one or more the boys then bought a ticket from a hole in the wall of the building specifically made for that purpose. When the orchestra finally started playing the men then descended upon the girls they thought would have that dance with them. If she refused, he usually went along the line of girls along the wall until finally finding a partner. With the end of each dance the boys mostly retreated outside again to talk, and decide whom to ask for the next dance.

Unless engaged to each other or at least 'going seriously together', it was not customary for the boys to sit beside the girls in the hall. Neither was it customary or even acceptable for girls to leave the room alone. The young men at the dance usually indicated their preference for any girl by asking her to have the last dance of the night with him. Sometimes he was granted the privilege, sometimes not.

It was a good barometer of that particular girl's regard for him. It also interested older people attending the dance and gave them something to talk about on the party line phone between dances.

Above all, these country dances provided an opportunity for people to meet socially, to enjoy mixed company, flirt a little, boast a little, dance strenuously, if not always elegantly, and for many country boys to meet the girl they courted and finally married, for better or worse.'

Note: Information for the above article was taken from the publication 'Tales of Tucklan and the Stringy Bark Goldfields', published in 1993, compiled and written by Anne Watts, W.A. Graham, M.B.E., and Debbie Robinson.

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

**State theme**  
Leisure  
Social institutions

**Local theme**

**Designer:**

**Builder:** Mr. Jim Peck

**Year started:**

**Year completed:** 1932

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** A small, vernacular style former Community Hall building, gable ended and rectangular in plan. A skillion wing is attached on the eastern side of the hall and another skillion roof is over the stage area. The roof and walls are clad in corrugated iron, laid horizontally to the main hall and vertically to the side skillion, which indicates that it was added at a later stage. The frame of the hall is cypress pine supported on timber stumps. At the entrance, in the end gable, is a pair of timber boarded doors. At the side is a timber boarded door with timber boarded shutter window openings to either side. The projecting stage area also has a timber boarded shutter window opening.

Inside the building is unlined and there are a number of original signs, such as exit signs, and perimeter timber bench seating. On the stage area the window shutter has been signed by one of the 'comic' actors of the 1930s period. It reads 'The Sloggetts 7th Jan 1938, J. Duncanson Comic' and 'always remember the Sloggetts second visit 6th September 1939, R. Loveday MCEAA'. Another Musical Review Company also left their sign on the stage wall. The original piano still stands in the hall. The hall is occasionally used for dances.

At the rear of the Hall are two small corrugated iron clad 'outhouses', beside a single Chinese elm. At the entry to the site is a very old eucalyptus Tree that was marked by a surveyor.

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**Physical condition:** Fair to good

**Archaeological  
potential level:**

**Archaeological  
potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** c1940s supper room added

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

**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):**

[Historical  
association  
significance]

**Criteria c):** The hall has a moderate level of local aesthetic significance as a good example of a Interwar period vernacular style rural community hall.

[Aesthetic/  
Technical  
significance]

**Criteria d):** The Tucklan Hall has a high level of social significance as the location for numerous community events and meetings during the Twentieth Century.

[Social/Cultural  
significance]

**Criteria e):**

[Research  
significance]

**Criteria f):**

[Rarity]

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

[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:**

| <b>References:</b> | <b>Author</b>                                    | <b>Title</b>                                      | <b>Year</b> |
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|                    | Anne Watts, W.A. Graham, M.B.E., and Roy Cameron | Tales of Tucklan and the Stringy Bark Goldfields' | 1993        |
|                    | Roy Cameron                                      | Tucklan Public hall                               | 2004        |

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**Caption:** Tucklan Hall - window shutter on the stage area.

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**Caption:** Tucklan Hall - Piano remains.

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**Caption:** Tucklan Hall - interior sign with direction and exit light.

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**Caption:** Tucklan Hall - interior view towards the stage area.

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**Caption:** Roy Cameron views the Surveyor's tree with Tucklan Hall on left side of image.

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**Address:** Avonside Road

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Tucklan 2844

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Yarrow

**State:** NSW

**County:** Lincoln

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Education

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

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Private residence

**Former uses:** Community School

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** This place is historically significant locally because it demonstrates the early educational facilities of Tucklan which was a small village, although never formerly proclaimed as such. Important socially to many former residents.

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**Historical notes of provenance:** The settlement at Tucklan, formerly called Stringy Bark, during its gold-mining days was never officially proclaimed a village. Today it is shown on the map of the Parish of Yarrow as a cluster of small holdings ranging in area from 2 to 10 acres. In its heyday prior to the end of the 1800's the settlement contained four stores, a baker's shop, a butcher's shop, two blacksmith's shops, an inn, a wine shop, sundry buildings, several houses and tents spread over an area of about 100 acres. It even had the services of an undertaker.

Agitation commenced for a local school in the early 1890's. In 1896, surveyor H.M. Terry was engaged by the Education Department to select a suitable site for the school within the settlement. He determined a suitable area on the hill adjacent to the main road through the settlement. The site contained an area of 10 acres, 2 acres for the erection of the school and 8 acres for a school horse paddock, which was much larger than the usual two acres provided for nearby schools.

The first Tucklan school, which opened in 1897, was of the usual slab construction. Its initial status was as a provisional school, but within a few months due to increased enrolments, was reclassified as a public school. However, following a steep decrease in enrolments the school closed in 1914. The reduction in attendance was due to children from the area enrolling at the nearby Avonside school, and workers from the area leaving Tucklan during World War I to seek employment in the city. Following its reopening in 1919 the Tucklan school was once again designated as a public school in 1922 and continued as such until 1940. It became a subsidised school in 1940-41, closed again, then re-opened in 1947-48, after which it was permanently closed.

The Tucklan school and residence still stands today and is one of the few remaining bush schools and school residence in the area. The old school bell had been in place until several years ago when it was removed for safe keeping. One can still see the remains of the old school gardens and the old pepper tree which would've provided welcome shade in summer. On the verandah remains the pegs where the students hung their hats and coats and at the other end of the verandah are the round moveable wash basins.

The quaint school residence arrived in 1925, being moved from the first school at Tallawang and re-erected next to the Tucklan school. Before the residence arrived the teacher had board and lodgings with local families. After the residence was provided the original school building was demolished and a previously closed building from Uarby was moved and re-erected close to the school.

After the closure of the school in 1948 Mr. A. W. Yeo of 'Hillview' and Mr. Elwyn Inder of 'Cranborne' both who had school aged children were instrumental in establishing the Tucklan bus run. The bus conveyed the pupils to schools at Dunedoo.

In 1988 the school and grounds were privately owned by Mrs. E. M. Taylor, later being transferred to Mrs. R. M. Jones of Tucklan.

Note: Most of the information for the above article came from the 1993 publication, 'Tales of Tucklan and Stringy Bark Goldfields' by Anne Watts, W.A. Graham, M.B.E., and Debbie Robinson.

**Themes:** National theme  
6. Educating

State theme  
Education

Local theme

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:**

**Year completed:** 1927

**Circa:** No

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**Physical description:** Now a private residence, the school rooms and separate school house are located on the top of a rise on Avonside Road. The school rooms have a sign on the side facing the street which reads 'Tucklan Public School 1927'. Near the site and facing the road is a large memorial rock bearing the inscription: 'This tree was planted by ex-students of the Tucklan School to commemorate Tucklan reunion and history book launch 27.2.1994'.

The small school house is a timber framed structure clad in timber weatherboards with a gable roof clad in corrugated iron. At the front and rear are verandahs. The front being the original verandah. It is separately supported from the main roof on rectangular timber posts with three rails of timber between posts forming the balustrade. Front windows are timber framed double hung with 6 panes per sash. At each end of the house are brick chimneys. To the rear of the house a later verandah extends out and is partially enclosed. There is a hipped roof wing at the back which appears to be part of the original structure. A timber framed and clad 'outhouse' with a small shutter window, stands in the rear garden. A corrugated iron screen hides the toilet entrance.

The school room is a standard government single class room style building. This building plan was used extensively in country NSW. The classroom building matches the house in materials with timber framed weatherboard clad walls with a gable roof that extends down low over an enclosed verandah space and is set on timber stumps. Windows are timber framed double hung with 6 panes per sash. The enclosing of the verandah was a latter alteration to the original building.

There are some old plantings of pepper trees in the yard.

**Physical condition level:**

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

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Later verandah addition on eastern side of school house.

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

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

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

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Tucklan School is tangible evidence of the former village of Tucklan that developed in the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries.  
**[Historical significance]**

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

**Criteria c):** The Tucklan school buildings have moderate level of local aesthetic significance as good examples of intact early Twentieth Century standard government classroom buildings constructed of timber weatherboard walls with gable roofs clad in corrugated iron.  
**[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]**

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

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

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The former Tucklan School buildings are representative of government school buildings constructed throughout country NSW in the early Twentieth Century.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:**

| References: | Author                                 | Title  | Year |
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|             | Anne Watts, W.A. Graham, M.B.E., et al | Tales of Tucklan and Stringy Bark Goldfields | 1993 |

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**Caption:** Former school residence that is located nearby the school.

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

**Location:** 11997 Golden Highway Uarbry 2329

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**Address:** 11997 Golden Highway

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Uarbry 2329

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Uarbry

**State:** NSW

**County:** Bligh

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Built

**Group:** Farming and Grazing

**Category:** Stone wall

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Paddock stone wall

**Former uses:** Paddock stone wall

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| Themes: | National theme    | State theme | Local theme |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
|         | 3. Economy        | Pastoralism |             |
|         | 9. Phases of Life | Persons     |             |
|         | 5. Working        | Labour      |             |

**Designer:**

**Builder:** George Cohen

**Year started:** 1860

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** Yes

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

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

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

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** fair to good

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Item name:** Uarbry Cemetery

**Location:** off Cross Street Uarbry 2329

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**Address:** off Cross Street

**Planning:** Northern

**Suburb/nearest town:** Uarbry 2329

**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle

**Parish:** Uarbry

**State:** NSW

**County:** Bligh

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Landscape

**Group:** Cemeteries and Burial Sites

**Category:** Cemetery/Graveyard/Burial Ground

**Owner:**

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:** Cemetery

**Former uses:** Cemetery

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** An early district cemetery which contains some exceptional grave stones. It contains important community memorials and the graves of a number of early pioneers including: Campbell, Hensley, Hobbins, McGrath, Piper, Weis and Lynch.

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**Historical notes of provenance:** By 1833 when Captain Piper, later of Bathurst, was travelling from Maitland to Bathurst through this district, it was already known as Uarbry.

The layout for the Uarbry Village was completed by Surveyor Edward Fisher on 29th June, 1868. The village is situated at the confluence of the Turee Creek and Talbragar River. Uarbry had a nearby provisional school from September 1869 to April 1874; a public school from May 1874 to May 1889; a provisional school from September 1897 to March 1898; a public school from April 1898 to June 1903, and a public school from February 1906 to May 1910.

The first effort to establish a Post Office at Uarbry was made in 1867, when local representation was lodged through Mr James White M.L.A. for the Upper Hunter to the Postmaster-General. The office was approved but not opened as no suitable person would accept the position. At the time 22 families lived in and near Uarbry.

William Albert Piper

Known in his later years as the 'Grand Old Man of Uarbry', William Albert Piper was born at Cassilis on 6th June, 1853, the son of William and Ann Piper. As a boy William Albert (Abe) lived with his parents at 'Landowery' and went to school at Cassilis. He first worked as a carrier with a wagon and horse team, later becoming a successful farmer and grazier. At Denison Town on 8th November, 1885 he married Ann Rains, a daughter of the late William Robert and Lucy Rains, who were also among the very early pioneers of the Uarbry district. W.A Piper was a progressive townsman, President of the Uarbry Sports Club for thirty years and its Secretary for about twenty years. He took a leading part in having the public hall erected at Uarbry and was a keen supporter for a railway line from Leadville, through Uarbry and Cassilis to Merriwa.

As a devout Anglican, he was Rector's Warden for many years and Secretary of the Church Building Fund. The beautiful church, St. John the Evangelist, erected at a cost of £500, when built, was handed over free of debt (since destroyed by the Sir Ivan Fire in 2017).

The Uarbry Cemetery is situated about half a kilometre in a north-westerly direction from the village of Uarbry, being in the Parish of Uarbry, County of Bligh. it was situated in former Reserve No. 23, permission being given in 1875, for the cemetery area to be excised from the Reserve. The plan of the cemetery which provided separate lots for the Church of England, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Wesleyans, Jews, Independents and general burials was approved in 1876 and the cemetery dedicated on 13th March, 1877. A public road access from Uarbry to the cemetery was provided. A crown road runs along the western side of the cemetery, and another crown road divides the cemetery into two parts.

The first Trustees of the Roman Catholic portion of the cemetery were: Right Rev. James Murray, Rev. Michael Kearns, James Devoy, Francis Devoy, John Bourke, Hugh Waterford, Thomas Hensley and John Wesley. Five of the eight trustee's are buried in the Uarbry Cemetery, including Thomas Hensley who died in 1916 at the age of 92 years. Another was John Joseph Bourke, a grazier of Glenfield, Mendooran who married Bridget Cohen of Uarbry and passed away in 1929 at the age of 82 years. The former Coolah Shire Council took over as trustee the control and management of the cemetery in 1966.

Nine persons were buried in the cemetery prior to it being dedicated in 1877. This was not unusual in rural areas, for it could take up to ten years from the time the cemetery site was selected until it was surveyed and dedicated. The first burials on the site were Margaret Hensley on 4th April, 1883, aged one year, and Michael John Shea, 31st December, 1883, age 7 months. Before the year 1900, forty four children under the age of 14 years had been buried in the cemetery. One of the greatest tragedy was that of the Hobbins family of Leadville. Martin Hobbins and Catherine Devoy were married in Sydney in 1849. The Hobbins family lived a gypsy life for the first few years but finally settled on the property 'Old Castle' near Leadville. Martin built his house from wattle and daub and part of it stands today. Whilst away droving, Martin's family was decimated by diphtheria. Soon after Christmas in 1876 Martin left 'Old Castle' and did not return until May, 1877. During this time his eldest daughter Catherine died, fourteen days later, Teresa, aged nine passes away. Twelve days later their brother Ambrose, aged six followed. All victims of diphtheria. On April 28th Martin's wife Catherine dies whilst giving birth. A month later Mary, aged 18 years became the last victim to the disease. All are buried in the Catholic portion of the Uarbry Cemetery.

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Martin arrived home soon after, and it is stated that during his mourning he cut, shaped and inscribed their five headstones with his own hands. He then carried these by horse and dray to the cemetery at Uarbry, his family's final resting place. Martin died 13 years later of cancer in 1890 and was buried with his family.

Approximately 230 persons are buried in the Uarbry Cemetery. Cemetery records are never complete and on occasions it has been found that no records of burials have been kept for certain periods. Cemetery trustees have the responsibility as to the keeping of appropriate records. However, with cemeteries in outlying areas, there have been times when trustees have passed on or left the district and it has been difficult to find persons to undertake the task. It was mainly for this reason that in 1966 the Local Government Act was amended, that for almost all cemeteries in the state, for the local council to become the trustee of cemeteries with the responsibility for their control, management and maintenance.

Several pioneering family members are buried in the Uarbry Cemetery. These are : Hensley, McMaster, Piper, Hobbins, Ross, Devoy, Schiemer, Cohen, Auld, Nairne, Houlahan, Burdett, Rains, Wesley, etc.

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

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

|                      |                        |                  |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Year started:</b> | <b>Year completed:</b> | <b>Circa:</b> No |
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**Physical description:** An open grassland where many spring flowers bloom. Some may be remnants of early plantings including iris and calendulas. The cemetery contains the last remains of many early settlers of the area including such names as Campbell, Hensley, McGrath, Piper, Weis and Lynch.

Perhaps the most prominent monuments in the cemetery is one which contains a large ornate pedestal style monument and a large angel at the opposite end it is the grave of Hugh James Waterford, erected by his wife Jane Waterford in 1912. And later the grave also of Jane Waterford. Hugh James Waterford was the son of the emancipated convict William Waterford who was an important property manager for the Bowman family.

A number of the grave sites have the remnants of timber frames and picket style fencing, and shaped corner posts. One of these is the resting place of Timothy Houlahan in 1887.

A row of six rather primitively carved sandstone headstones with a cross carved into the top of the stone, are devoted to the memory of members of the Hobbins family, who all died in 1877 within a few weeks of one another from a fever.

A number of the headstones indicate that the person died at Gulgong. At that time Gulgong had the nearest hospital to Uarbry.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Cemetery fencing damaged in Sir Ivan fire in 2017.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended** - Encourage active recording of information for cemeteries and isolated graves.

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

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**Management:** Management category Management name

**Further comments:**

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

**Criteria b):** The cemetery has associations with a number of persons who played a role in the development of Uarbry.  
[Historical  
association  
significance]

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

**Criteria d):** The Uarbry General Cemetery is an important element of the story of the village of Uarbry and the surrounding area. 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]

**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 | Around the Black Stump | 1992 |

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

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Heritage study

**Number**

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**Image:**



**Caption:** The area of the Uarbry Cemetery

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**Image:**





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**Caption:** Uarbry Cemetery headstones, commemorating the Hobbins family who died within a few days and weeks of each other due to a fever outbreak in the area.

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Waterford headstone with elaborate monument and angel at Uarbry Cemetery.

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**Item name:** Ulamambri Hall**Location:** 15 Ulamambri Street Ulamambri 2357

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**Address:** 15 Ulamambri Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Ulamambri 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Toorawandi**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:** Community Hall**Former uses:** Community Hall**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Ulamambri Hall has been a focus of activity for the Ulamambri community for over 90 years and has hosted numerous community celebrations and events. It has also served as a cinema. The hall continues to have an active management committee with a vision to ensure its ongoing role as a centre for community. The hall is symbolic of the development of smaller villages that accompanied closer settlement in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It is a modest example of a Interwar period vernacular style community-built public hall constructed of timber framed walls originally clad in timber weatherboard with a gable roof clad in corrugated iron. The significance of the building has been compromised by the replacement of the original weatherboard cladding with Cliplock.

The Ulamambri Hall has a high level of social significance at a local level and a moderate level of local historical and aesthetic significance. It also has a moderate local level of rarity and representativeness.

**Historical notes of provenance:** The Ulamambri Hall was constructed in the early 1920s as a facility to welcome local men home from service in World War I. Timber for the hall was cut locally by Paul's sawmill at Purlewaugh. A newspaper article in 1922 reported that the construction of the hall was held up awaiting the supply of timber from the sawmill in Purlewaugh. (Mudgee Guardian, 20 February, 1922)

The area around Purlewaugh was first settled by Europeans in the 1830s. Edward Cox's run of Ulamambri covered the area now known as Ulamambri. Large runs appear have dominated the Purlewaugh area until immediately after World War I. During the 1920s the properties Napier, Ulan and Ulamambri were subdivided for soldier settlement. The first Uliman subdivision took place in 1902 and additional blocks were separated and sold in 1914-1915. As families moved into the district community facilities began to be developed. (Carney) Young noted that the families who had moved to Curlewis later moved westwards to farm in the Ulamambri-Purlewaugh district. (Young)

The hall was lined internally some time after construction and was used by the local school as a teaching facility on various occasions.

In 1991 the seriously weathered external cladding of the hall was removed and replaced with Cliplock cladding. This work was undertaken by the Coonabarabran Apex Club as the most effective short-term solution to serious weathering occurring to the hall.

**Themes:** **National theme**  
8. Culture**State theme**  
Social institutions**Local theme**

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**Location:** 15 Ulamambri Street Ulamambri 2357

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**Designer:** Unknown

**Builder:** Various

**Year started:**

**Year completed:** 1922

**Circa:** Yes

**Physical description:** The Ulamambri Hall is a modest Interwar period vernacular style hall with a simple gable roof aligned east-west. It was originally clad externally with milled weatherboards. These were removed in 1991 and the building clad in Cliplock. At the same time the four side windows were removed and the window openings covered over. The hall has doorways in the middle of each of its four sides. These are currently closed with temporary ledged and braced doors which have apparently replaced the original ledged and braced doors.

The hall is lined internally with cypress lining boards laid horizontally which cover the walls and the mansard shaped ceiling. A lancet shaped ticket window has been cut in the lining boards at the front of the hall. Three tie rods through the centre of the hall provide additional bracing to the side walls. An early exit sign is fitted over the northern doorway. The hall retains very early electric lights with decorative shades.

The hall contains the Ulamambri honour roll for World War I, as well as various bench seats and tables which have been used with the hall over the decades.

A modern toilet block has been constructed at the rear of the hall from cement blocks.

**Physical condition level:**

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

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Re-cladding of exterior in Cliplock 1991. This involved the total removal of the hall's original clapboard cladding which appears to have deteriorated quite badly. The original doors were removed and replaced around the same time. The windows were also removed and the openings covered over by the Cliplock cladding.

A new roof has been fitted to the hall in the c.2000s.

A toilet block has been constructed in concrete at the rear of the hall.

**Recommended management:** The Ulamambri Hall should be managed as an active community hall. The ongoing management of the building should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that the hall is weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles. Consideration be given to replacing the Kliplock cladding. Conservation management for the hall to follow the CMS, prepared in 2009.

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

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Ulamambri Hall has a moderate level of historical significance at a local level. It is symbolic of the development of smaller villages that accompanied closer settlement in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.  
[Historical significance]

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

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**Criteria c):** The significance of the building has been compromised by the replacement of the original weatherboard cladding with Cliplock.  
[Aesthetic/  
Technical  
significance]

**Criteria d):** The Ulamambri Hall has a high level of social significance at a local level. It has been a focus of activity for the Ulamambri community for over 90 years and has hosted numerous community celebrations and events. It has also served as a cinema. The hall continues to have an active management committee with a vision to ensure its ongoing role as a centre for community.  
[Social/Cultural  
significance]

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

**Criteria f):** The Hall has a moderate level of rarity. It has managed to retain its intended function as a community hub throughout its life, and continues to provide a venue for community events.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Ulamambri Hall is representative of country halls in small villages. It is also representative of the style of community buildings constructed in the early twentieth century. It has a moderate level of local significance in this regard.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The integrity of the Ulamambri Hall has been compromised by the replacement of the original external cladding and removal of doors and windows. It has a moderate level of integrity that generally stems from the retention of the original internal cladding, floor and fittings.

| <b>References:</b> | <b>Author</b>     | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Year</b> |
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|                    | Davies, John      | Information on Ulamambri Hall                                    | 2006        |
|                    | Carney, C.        | Memoirs of C.N. Carney, 1970 Golden Jubilee Album                | 1970        |
|                    | Allan Roger Young | From the top of the hill – The story of ‘Darouble’ & ‘Napier’, C | 1992        |

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

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Warrumbungle

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**Location:** 15 Ulamambri Street Ulamambri 2357

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**Caption:** Ulamambri Hall, view looking south west

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

Warrumbungle

**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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**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.

| <b>Themes:</b> | <b>National theme</b> | <b>State theme</b> | <b>Local theme</b> |
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|                | 5. Working            | Labour             |                    |
|                | 3. Economy            | Pastoralism        |                    |

**Designer:** Various

**Builder:** Sylvenus Blackburn

**Year started:** 1895

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

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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 |
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|             | Carmichael, D.                | Timor Valley                       | 1991 |
|             | Warkton Bi-centennial Project | Warkton: The Growth of a Community | 1988 |

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Data updated: 27/10/2018

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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 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:** Warkton School of Arts**Location:** 828 Warkton Road Warkton 2357

Warrumbungle

**Address:** 828 Warkton Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Warkton 2357**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Balumbridal**State:** NSW**County:** Gowen**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Community Facilities**Category:** School of Arts**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Community Hall**Former uses:** Community Hall**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The Warkton School of Arts has been the focus of activity for the Warkton and Belar Creek communities for over 100 years and has hosted numerous community celebrations. The hall also contains elements of community memory such as a World War I honour roll and a record of the 1988 Warkton Reunion. It is symbolic of the community development linked to closer settlement that occurred in the Belar Creek area during the 1890s. The building also combines the traditions of rural hall design with elements of Edwardian building construction.

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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. Information on the opening of the hall was obtained from a newspaper article from the Bligh Watchman of February 1905:

A Committee of Messrs. John Knight Snr., George Knight, Arthur Knight, Alf Knight as Hon. Secretary was appointed to oversee the erection of a School of Arts Hall at Belar Creek. The 36ft long by 24ft wide building was built by Tracey Bros. on a block of land adjacent to the Public School.

The Opening of the Hall took place on Wednesday 22nd February, 1905 with Mr. P. J. Commins performing the Official Opening. In his speech he congratulated the residents of Belar Creek for erecting such a fine building which would fulfil their many requirements for years to come. Mr. E. May-Steers also extended his congratulations and thanks for the pleasant day and evening function. Entertainment was provided for young and old with foot-races, games and swings for the children and raffles and competitions for the adults throughout the day. A Gala Ball was held in the evening with music provided by Ern and Will Blackburn and Charlie Knight, and according to newspaper reports a wonderful night was had by all. A midnight supper was followed by more music and dancing until daylight. The days (sic) functions raised nearly £24/- towards clearing the hall debt of £30/-, so the event was deemed a success from all angles.

Since those halcyon days, the hall has been used for parties to farewell our young Belar Creek men who served in both World Wars, and many others have used it for parties and functions. In recent years it has been a venue for the Bus Run Christmas Parties. When it was decided to hold the Warkton Reunion, residents banded together to carry out repairs and erect a new toilet block – hopefully our hall will see many more activities that involve the people of the district coming together to share the good times.

An Honour Roll, recording the names of those young men from the Warkton/Belar Creek District who served in World War I, was erected in the Hall and has since been restored for permanent display at the Hall.

| <b>Themes:</b> | <b>National theme</b> | <b>State theme</b>          | <b>Local theme</b> |
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|                | 8. Culture            | Social institutions         |                    |
|                | 4. Settlement         | Towns, suburbs and villages |                    |

**Designer:**

**Builder:** Tracey Brothers, Coonabarabran

**Year started:** 1904

**Year completed:** 1905

**Circa:** No

**Item name:** Warkton School of Arts

**Location:** 828 Warkton Road Warkton 2357

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**Physical description:** The Warkton School of Arts is located on sloping ground between a bend in the Belar Creek Road and Belar Creek. The building is aligned east-west. It is an Edwardian style vernacular building constructed of drop panels of rusticated weatherboards set between posts. The hall has a corrugated iron roof of Redcliffe Brand galvanised iron. The structure consists of a hall with raised stage and separate backstage area. A supper room is located on the northern side of the building.

Two separate toilet blocks are located on the site.

The hall contains two features recording residents of Belar Creek and Warkton. An honour roll from World War I contains the following names:

C. Blackman, G. Bottfield, C., J. R. & R. Buckley, E. Cooper, R. Deans, E., W., J. & W. Goldfinch, E. & W. Hellyer, W. & J. Hoskings, J. & J. Kennar, A. Knight, W. Lawson, H. Stevenson, R., A. & S. Tracey.

The southern wall of the supper room has been marked with the names of persons attending the Warkton Reunion in 1988.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** The property and its structures are generally in fair condition. Base plates along the southern wall have deteriorated and some panels have dropped. Sections of the supper room require re-stumping and a number of windows are in need of repair. Roof guttering is incomplete and soil has built up against the southern wall of the building.

The site is considered to have low archaeological potential.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Installation of electrical services and fittings.  
Construction of new toilet block – 1988  
Painting of the exterior of the hall - 1988

**Recommended management:** The Warkton School of Arts should be managed as a community hall.

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

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

**Management name**

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The Warkton School of Arts has a moderate level of historical significance at a local level. It is symbolic of the community development linked to closer settlement that occurred in the Belar Creek area during the 1890s.  
[Historical significance]

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

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**Criteria c):** The hall has a high level of local aesthetic significance as a community structure that combines the traditions of rural hall design with elements of Edwardian building construction. The building is also representative of a style of commercial and residential structures built around Coonabarabran in the early 20th century.  
[Aesthetic/  
Technical  
significance]

**Criteria d):** The Warkton School of Arts has a high level of social significance at a local level. It has been the focus of activity for the Warkton and Belar Creek communities for over 100 years and has hosted numerous community celebrations. The hall also contains elements of community memory such as a World War I honour roll and a record of the 1988 Warkton Reunion.  
[Social/Cultural  
significance]

**Criteria e):** The Warkton School of Arts represents a style of building construction common in the Coonabarabran area in the early 20th century. It is considered to have a high level of local technical/research significance.  
[Research  
significance]

**Criteria f):** The Hall has a moderate local level of rarity. It has managed to retain its intended function as a community hub throughout its life.  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** The Warkton School of Arts is representative of the development of the community of Warkton and Belar Creek in the late 19th century. It is also representative of a style of buildings constructed in the Coonabarabran district in the early 20th century. It has a high level of local significance in this regard.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** The Warkton School of Arts retains a high degree of integrity.

| References: | Author                        | Title                              | Year |
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|             | Warkton Bi-centennial Project | Warkton: The Growth of a Community | 1988 |

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

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**Address:** 1749 Warrumbungle Way**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Weetaliba 2395**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Lincoln**State:** NSW**County:** Lincoln**Other/former names:** Old Morven**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Farming and Grazing**Category:** Homestead Complex**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Private Homestead residence**Former uses:** Private Homestead residence**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

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



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

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

‘Morven is at equal distances from Mudgee and Dubbo railway stations, and is the property of McMaster Brothers. It was purchased by the McMaster family, on 15th October, 1854 from the executives of the late William Lawson by whom the run was taken up. It is now managed by John McMaster, one of the partners. The country is black soil plains and open box and yarran. A large proportion is suitable for agriculture, but at present it is too far from the railway. Some of the land is also suitable for Lucerne and about 100 acres area are sown with it.

The sheep were formerly from the pure Mudgee breed or strain, bred by the late Charles Lawson, and during the last twenty years stud have been used from Tasmania's leading studs. The wool shed is fitted with shearing machines this year and shearing will start during October.

The cattle consists of a dairy herd, the progeny of Durham cows and Jersey bulls, and these are now being crossed with an Ayrshire bull. The run has two paddocks, fenced with rabbit proof netting, erected five years ago. The paddocks are well watered by wells and dams.’

The Sydney Mail shows a large photograph of the (former) Morven Homestead and of the breeding ewes and the milking cows. Charles Lawson mentioned in the article was only eight years of age when his father, William Lawson, died. He became an inspector for the Bank of New South Wales and married Mary Town, youngest daughter of William Town, who held nearby Bundella Station an the 1860's. In September, 1860 he attended the Coolah Races with his horse 'Sleight of Hand'.

John McMaster, born in 1859 as stated in the article was manager of (the former) Morven in 1904, and the son of John McMaster and his wife Christina McIntyre. His grand father was Hugh McMaster of Morven, Scotland who with his family came to Australia on the Brilliant in 1838 as Government immigrants and settled at Woodville on the Isis River on the Lower Hunter before coming to the Weetaliba area. He married Amelia Jones in Dubbo in 1887. They had one daughter Millie May born in Coonabarabran. He was President of the Coolah Shire when the Coolah Hospital was opened in 1909, and passed away one year later 1910. In 1913 the Coolah District Hospital isolation ward was opened and named after the late John McMaster of Morven, Coolah.

The Mudgee Guardian of 14th April, 1899 reported in detail the wedding at Morven, of Miss Emily McMaster to Mr. W. I. Simson of Trinkey, Liverpool Plains. The bride was given away by her brother John McMaster of Morven. The ceremony was performed in the large hall of the Morven homestead, ‘which was prettily decorated with ferns and white flowers and a marriage bell, under which the bride and bridegroom stood. After the ceremony all adjourned to the spacious verandah of the Morven homestead, where the breakfast was daintily served on small tables. The guests numbered sixty persons and as was usual for the period the Guardian printed a list that included the name of each person and the presents they had given to the happy couple.

The newspapers in early 1924 advertised the 'private sale in subdivision' of Morven property, the undivided portion of the well known Weetaliba Station by order of Duncan McMaster, Esq., and the Perpetual Trustee Company Ltd who were the trustees for the Estate of the Late John McMaster. The sale notice stated that the property was 18 miles from Coolah, 14 miles from Binnaway, 5 miles from Piambra Siding and 2 miles from Ulinda Siding. The total area of the Morven subdivision was 12,340 acres (4996 ha.), allowing for the provision of 14 lots ranging in area from 599 acres to 1800 acres. Morven, totalling an area of about 12340 acres(4996h). The blocks were all on the south side of the Coolah-Binnaway Road.

The Morven homestead block was to contain an area of 1134 acres. The survey plan showed the position of the homestead, its enclosed paddock and fenced drive way. Terms of sale allowed for 15% on the signing of the contract with no further payments for two years, the balance to be in nine equal annual successive instalments, interest 7% per annum. A purchaser if he desired could take advantage of the special arrangements made with the

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Government Savings Bank to grant to the purchaser a ban for the balance of purchase.

The second longest owner of the station was Alexander Ainslie Brown, who changed the name of the Station from 'Morven' to 'Derrawee'. It is unknown what the reason for the change of name as Mr. Brown was a Scotsman and 'Derrawee' appears to be Irish for in Ireland there is a locality in Galway, Ireland called 'Derrawee'. When the name was changed the name 'Morven' was transferred to a McMaster property running off Locknaw Road, not a great distance from Derrawee. The 1936 publication 'Pioneers of Australia' has a photograph of Mr. Brown in military uniform and the following article:

Councillor Alexander Ainslie Brown, J P, grazier, of 'Derrawee'. 18 miles north-west of Coolah, N.S.W. on the Binnaway Road, is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, being born there in the year 1893. He is the son of the late Robert Ainslie Brown, and completed his education at the Edinburgh Institute. In 1912 he came to Australia, where he first gained colonial experience at 'Glen Lea' Station, Currabubula, NSW, the property of his uncle, Mr Alexander Brown. After spending 18 months at 'Glen Lea' he removed to Jerilderie, NSW., and assimilated further practical knowledge on the 'Wunnamurra' estate.

He first commenced grazing pursuits landed interests in Mudgee, NSW district. This property was later disposed of and in 1928 he acquired his present fine holding. Brown is actively identified with public life in the district and at the present time represents 'A' Riding on the Coolah Shire. He is also a member of the Coonabarabran Pastures Protection Board, and is likewise an officer of the Coolah Lodge of Freemasons No. 578, N. S.W.C.

Mr Brown married in 1922, Cecilia May, daughter of Mr. J. T. Mackie, 'Wunnamurra Station' Jerilderie, NSW, and has a family of two sons, Alexander and Robert. Mr. Brown was a councillor of the former Coolah Shire from 1935 to until 1950. Upon his retirement from 'Derrawee' he purchased E. R. Weaver's cottage at the corner of Martin and Cole Street, Coolah. He passed away on 17th January, 1960 age 69 years. Sixteen years later on 8th March, 1976 his son Alexander James Ainslie passed away, followed by his wife, Cecilia May, on 5th October, 1995 and his son Robert on 15th March, 1997. All are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Coolah.

| <b>Themes:</b> | <b>National theme</b> | <b>State theme</b> | <b>Local theme</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                | 3. Economy            | Pastoralism        |                    |
|                | 4. Settlement         | Accommodation      |                    |
|                | 9. Phases of Life     | Persons            |                    |

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:**

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** A restored Victorian homestead. The main section of the homestead has a series of corrugated iron clad hipped roofs joined together by box gutters, a wide verandah around three sides, which is bull-nosed iron and supported on new steel cast posts. The casting was designed to resemble the original timber posts in style and proportion. The house walls are unusual in the area being timber framed and clad with timber boards in imitation of ashlar blocks. The chimneys are stone, generally rendered internally. Ceilings are approximately 4.5 metres, with beaded timber lining boards. The rear additions to the house were designed by Lithgow architect Graham Johnson.

There is a very large concrete capped beehive style water tank near the former kitchen wing. This has been restored as a guest wing. It is constructed of timber frame with vertical board and batten lining with a hipped roof. The stone chimney and fireplace to the kitchen wing still stands and has been restored. Windows are double hung. Internally the roof space is exposed, showing the early craftsmanship in the framing. An addition at the rear, with board and batten lining accommodates car ports.

**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Excellent

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**Archaeological  
potential level:**

**Archaeological  
potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** Additions were added c.2000s, designed by Architect Graham Johnson.

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

**management:** - Record, photograph, research any changes to the place.

- The curtilage or setting of this place shall be taken as being the place as described and an area of 30 metres around it.

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

**Further comments:**

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

**Criteria b):** Important association with pastoralists: William Lawson, the McMaster family and Alexander Ainslie Brown.  
[Historical  
association  
significance]

**Criteria c):** Outstanding Victorian period homestead constructed . The buildings represent agricultural building styles and types of the late Nineteenth to early Twentieth Century.  
[Aesthetic/  
Technical  
significance]

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

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

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

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

**Intactness/Integrity:**

| <b>References:</b> | <b>Author</b> | <b>Title</b>                        | <b>Year</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
|                    | Roy Cameron   | Morven Station (Derrawee) Weetaliba | 2005        |

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|                 | Hickson & Cameron | Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study       | Heritage Day 10 | 2004        |
|                 | Peter Duggan      | Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study |                 | 2018        |

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead - extensions in the foreground.

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead - old kitchen wing now restored as guest accommodation.

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead - view for former Kitchen

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead 1917- children playing outside the old kitchen wing. The central child is Jessie McMaster and Nim McMaster on the RHS>

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead- circa 1917 'Muster' Men: J. Stafford, R. McPherson, Colin Vern, J. Fraser.

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead - Chinese hawker at Derrawee 1917

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**Caption:** Derrawee Homestead - side view

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