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Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study

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Cobbora and Coolah

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Item name: Bengadee Sawmill**Location:** off Bengadee Boundary Trail, Cobbora State Conservation Area Cobbora 2844

Warrumbungle

Address: off Bengadee Boundary Trail, Cobbora State Conservation Area**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Cobbora 2844**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Boston**State:** NSW**County:** Lincoln**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Forestry and Timber Industry**Category:** Sawmill**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Abandoned**Former uses:** Sawmill**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: The former Bengadee Sawmill and its cottage are representative of the timber industries and small sawmills that developed in the region during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The mill and associated structures are elements of the development of the Boomley Creek and Cobborah districts that occurred after the subdivision of early pastoral runs for closer settlement. The sawmill appears to have associations with various scrub lease holders and selectors. It is quite complete, demonstrating the process of receiving logs, breaking them down into cants then milling these into boards and planks. The mill also demonstrates the process of conversion of power source from steam to electricity.

Historical notes of provenance: The following history is summarised from the thematic history in 'Bengadee Sawmill Conservation Management Strategy' by Christison, R.

During the late 19th century much of the area around what became the Bengadee selection was included in the Medway and Gamber West Holding. This area was designated for closer settlement as Resumed Area No.378. Portion 22 of the Parish of Boston was subdivided from this area in 1904 and later incorporated into Crown Lease Area No.1898. The block was not leased until November 1926 when Arthur Michael O'Malley took up a Crown Lease. The eastern part of the block had been worked under a Scrub Lease by Frank Mack and Sidney Austin from July 1923. O'Malley held his lease until February 1948 when it was taken up by Hector Mervyn Stanford. At the same time Stanford took out a mortgage with the Bank of New South Wales.

In October 1952 the property was transferred to Neville Stanley Stanford. During the period of the Neville Stanford's tenure the value of Portion 22 increased from £4,000 to £12,375. It was taken up by Keith Desmond Stidwell in March 1955. Stidwell mortgaged it to the Commercial Banking Company. Following Stidwell's death in 1965 the lease over Portion 22 was transferred to Leonore Mary Stidwell in accordance with his will. Control of the property also appears to have been taken over by the Rural Reconstruction Board. In September 1979 it was purchased by Harry and Mary Sourelos of Darling Street, Rozelle who ran goats on the property.

For much of the 20th century Portion 22 of the Parish of Boston, and the area south of it, was managed as part of a pastoral selection. On 28 January 1955 it was dedicated as part of Reserve R.77397. It was incorporated into Cobbora State Forest No.1028 in 1983. This was gazetted on 11 November 1983.

On the basis of records relating to the control of Portion 22 and physical evidence present at the Bengadee Sawmill it can be surmised that a sawmill was established on the property some time around 1923. It operated under steam power until some time between 1952 and 1955 when it was electrified and modernised. It is highly likely that it closed in 1965 after the death of Keith Stidwell.

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Themes: National theme

3. Economy
1. Environment
4. Settlement
5. Working

State theme

- Forestry
- Environment - naturally evolved
- Land tenure
- Labour

Local theme**Designer:****Builder:****Year started:****Year completed:****Circa:** No**Physical description:** The Bengadee Sawmill site contains two structures: the sawmill building and the manager's cottage.

The sawmill is a small sawmill building from the mid Twentieth Century. It has a shallow pitched skillion roof clad in corrugated iron supported on unmilled bush poles. It is located on a north facing hill slope. A rail mounted log trolley is located on the uphill side of the mill. It is set on rails that run along the entire length of the southern side and propelled from east to west with a hand-operated winch. It appears to have originally been used to break down the logs into cants that were fed directly onto the log bench for further milling. A circular breaking down saw was originally mounted about half way along the rail lines. After being passed through the breaking down saw timbers were further cut down by a finishing saw. At the Bengadee Mill timbers were passed back from the log bench and then fed into the finishing saw on a small rail-mounted trolley and a set of rollers. A docking saw and stacking benches are located on the northern side of the finishing saw area. The docking saw is mounted from the roof on an articulated mount fabricated from tubular steel. It is powered by a Downie electric motor. The docking saw would cut down the milled timber to particular lengths. An electrically driven dust impeller is located near the docking saw on the northern side of the mill. Much of the galvanised ducting has been removed and stacked behind the breaking down saw table.

It appears the mill was connected to reticulated electricity supply in the 1950s. At this time the mill equipment was retrofitted with electric motors and a switching room was added on the northern side of the sawmill clad in cypress scantling.

A small cottage is located to the west of the mill. This building is timber framed and clad in timber weatherboards. Originally constructed of two rooms with a skillion roof clad in corrugated iron. A skillion roofed addition is located on the southern side. Small glass louvre windows are located on the eastern and northern sides. A timber slatted window opening is located on the southern wall of the addition. Internal walls are lined in unfinished cypress boards to the original cottage and unlined to the addition.

Physical condition level: Fair**Physical condition:****Archaeological potential level:****Archaeological potential Detail:****Modification dates:**

Recommended management: The ongoing management of the structure should focus on maintenance of the existing fabric to ensure that the structures are weatherproof and free of destructive pests. Replacement of building fabric, if required, should be undertaken with elements of matching materials and profiles. Movable heritage should be retained in-situ.

Management: Management category

Management name

Further comments:

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Criteria a): The former Bengadee Sawmill and associated structures are elements of the development of the Boomley Creek and Cobborah districts that occurred after the subdivision of early pastoral runs for closer settlement. The mill was constructed in the 1920s to take advantage of timber reserves located on ridge-top land that had been allocated for scrub leases around 1901. These leases were taken up from 1916 with the block on which the mill is located being leased from 1923. It is likely that the mill ceased operating in 1965.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): The Bengadee Sawmill appears to have associations with scrub lease holders Frank Mack and Sidney Austin, and selectors Hector and Neville Stanford, and Keith Stidwell.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): The Bengadee Sawmill is quite complete, demonstrating the process of receiving logs, breaking them down into cants then milling these into boards and planks. The mill also demonstrates the process of conversion of power source from steam to electricity.
[Research significance]

Criteria f): The former sawmill is highly rare as an relatively intact sawmill that is able to demonstrate its former operation through its retained fabric and movable items. It is the only sawmill recorded within the valley of the Talbragar River.
[Rarity]

Criteria g): The former sawmill is representative of the small sawmills that developed in the region during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Christison, R.	Bengadee Sawmill Conservation Management Strategy	2011

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

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Map scale:

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Data updated: 03/11/2018

Status: Completed

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Caption: Bengadee Sawmill, view looking west

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Caption: Bengadee Sawmill, view looking south west

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Caption: Bengadee Sawmill, view looking north west

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Caption: Cottage at Bengadee Sawmill, view looking south west

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Caption: Cottage at Bengadee Sawmill, kitchen

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Item name: Cobbora Hall

Location: 18 Dunedoo Street Cobbora 2843

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Address: 18 Dunedoo Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Cobbora 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Cobborah

State: NSW

County: Lincoln

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area:

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Community Facilities

Category: Hall Public

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Community Hall/function venue

Former uses: Community Hall

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

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

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

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

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

The Kookaburra March

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

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

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

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	8. Culture	Leisure	
	8. Culture	Social institutions	Community Hall

Designer:

Builder: R. V. Falconer (foreman)

Year started: **Year completed:** 1915 **Circa:** No

Physical description: The Cobbora Hall is a timber framed iron clad building with a gable roof and an attached, corrugated iron clad entrance porch at its northern end. The walls are clad in corrugated iron laid horizontally. On the western side elevation a central door is flanked each side by a window. Each window has its own small awning over. A reverse skillion kitchen/service wing is attached on the eastern side.

Physical condition level: Good

Physical condition:

Item name: Cobbora Hall

Location: 18 Dunedoo Street Cobbora 2843

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**Archaeological
potential level:**

**Archaeological
potential Detail:**

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

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

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

- Continue to maintain building in good order.

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

Management: **Management category**

Management name

Further comments:

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

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

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

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

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

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

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	The Kookaburra March	2005

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

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Spatial accuracy:

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Map scale:

AMG zone:

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Listing: Name

Title
Heritage study

Number

ListingDate
08/09/2005

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

Data updated: 23/10/2018

Status: Completed

Item name: Cobbora Hall

Location: 18 Dunedoo Street Cobbora 2843

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Image:



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

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

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Item name: Martin's House

Location: Birrewa Street Cobbora 2843

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Address: Birrewa Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Cobbora 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Cobborah

State: NSW

County: Lincoln

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Wiradjuri

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Farming and Grazing

Category: Stockman's Hut

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Abandoned settler's house

Former uses: Settler's House

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

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

Item name: Martin's House

Location: Birrewa Street Cobbora 2843

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

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

Robert Martin Snr (1768-1846)

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

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

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

Robert Cooper Martin (1822-1884)

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

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

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

State theme
Persons
Domestic life
Accommodation

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1860

Year completed:

Circa: Yes

Item name: Martin's House

Location: Birrewa Street Cobbora 2843

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

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

Physical condition level: Poor

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

Archaeological potential level: Moderate

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: - Continue to maintain

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

Management: Management category

Management name

Further comments:

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

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

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

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

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

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Item name: Martin's House

Location: Birrewa Street Cobbora 2843

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Intactness/Integrity:

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Item name: Martin's House

Location: Birrewa Street Cobbara 2843

Warrumbungle

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Caption: Martin's House - front view

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Caption: Martin's House- rear view

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

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Item name: Martin's House

Location: Birrewa Street Cobbara 2843

Warrumbungle



Caption: Martin's House

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Item name: Martin's House

Location: Birrewa Street Cobbora 2843

Warrumbungle



Caption: Martin's House, north elevation

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Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

Warrumbungle

Address: Narrawa Road

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Cobborah 2844

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Boston

State: NSW

County: Lincoln

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Wiradjuri

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Landscape

Group: Aboriginal

Category: Rock Engraving

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: nil

Former uses: Aboriginal Stone sharpening rock

Assessed significance: State

Endorsed significance:

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

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

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

Themes: **National theme**
2. Peopling

State theme
Aboriginal cultures and interactions with c

Local theme

Designer:

Builder: Aboriginal

Year started:

Year completed:

Circa: No

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

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

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

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Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

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Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: Preserve the site as an open site.

Management: **Management category**

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

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

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

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

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

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

Intactness/Integrity:

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

Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock**Location:** Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

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

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Data updated: 09/10/2018

Status: Completed

Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

Warrumbungle

Image:



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

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Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

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

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Item name: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

Location: Narrawa Road Cobborah 2844

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Caption: Narrawa Stone Sharpening Rock

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Item name: Black Stump Wine Saloon Site**Location:** 4549 Black Stump Way Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Address: 4549 Black Stump Way**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Queensborough**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Archaeological-Terrestrial**Group:** Transient Accommodation**Category:****Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:****Former uses:** Inn**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:****Statement of significance:** The Black Stump Wine Saloon site is significant in Coolah's history as a former staging post at the junction of the old coach roads Gunnedah-Coolah and Coolah-Coonabarabran.

The Black Stump Wine Saloon has high significance to the local community as evidence of Coolah's claim as home to the original 'Black Stump', which marked part of the boundary to the limits of location for settlement established by Governor Darling in 1826.

The Black Stump Wine Saloon is representative of the many remote inns that once dotted western New South Wales.

Historical notes of provenance: There is evidence that several wayside inns existed in the former Coolah Shire area along through road routes. The best known was The Black Stump Wine Saloon, near the Gunnedah Road ten kms north of Coolah. It was the staging post for north-western NSW, and was at the junction of old coach roads; Coolah-Gunnedah, Coolah-Coonabarabran and all points south.

It was the resting place for stock teams, horses and passengers, and a place to grease the wheels and mend the harness in preparation for the long route ahead. It was obvious in those days that a wine saloon would soon appear, followed by a settlement and then the need for a small cemetery.

The position of the wine saloon and inn is clearly marked on an old NSW Lands Department map and like many a pub before and since, it became the hub in that region from which men dated their journeys and gauged their distances. A survey plan of 1874 shows the layout of the inn with a detached kitchen. The saloon was named after the nearby 'Black Stump Run' and Black Stump Creek, both of which derived their names from the Australian saying 'beyond the Back Stump'.

As stated in 'Around the Black Stump': Local legend has it that John Higgins built the Black Stump Inn in 1860... Later publicans at the 'Black Stump' or 'The Black Stumps' as it was commonly referred to in its day, were in 1871 John Francis Bolger; 1876, John Scott; 1878, Thomas William Dawson; and in 1882, James Foster.

The Black Stump Wine Saloon burnt down around 1908.

Themes: National theme
3. Economy**State theme**
Transport**Local theme****Designer:** unknown

Item name: Black Stump Wine Saloon Site

Location: 4549 Black Stump Way Coolah 2843

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Builder: unknown

Year started: 1860

Year completed:

Circa: Yes

Physical description: The site consists of flat ground, elevated above the road reserve adjoining the western side of the Black Stump Way.

There are no visible remains of the former inn. Discernible features of the site include loosely scattered flat rocks, an ancient box gum and stand of native trees, a peppercorn tree and partly buried bottles lying in the adjoining field.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: The site may have some archaeological potential, although European structures have been previously destroyed by fire.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: The Black Stump Wine Saloon site should be managed as open space with some archaeological potential. Before any works are undertaken at the site a full archaeological assessment should be conducted to determine the nature and extent of any surface features or subsurface remains relating to the old inn.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a): The Black Stump Wine Saloon site is significant in the history of Coolah as a former staging post at the junction of the old coach roads Gunnedah-Coolah and Coolah-Coonabarabran.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d): The Black Stump Wine Saloon has high significance to the local community as evidence of Coolah's claim as home to the original 'Black Stump', which marked part of the boundary to the limits of location for settlement established by Governor Darling in 1826.
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): Subsurface remains may be able to provide information about the layout and construction of country inns in the late Nineteenth Century.
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

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Criteria g): The site is representative as one of the many former inns located along old coaching routes that connected the region to the coast.
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

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

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

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Item name: Black Stump Wine Saloon Site

Location: 4549 Black Stump Way Coolah 2843

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Image:



Caption: View looking south west towards site of former saloon

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Caption: View of roadside sign

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Item name: Bowenbung**Location:** 571 Bong Bong Road Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Address: 571 Bong Bong Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:****Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Residential buildings (private) **Category:** Cottage**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Private residence.**Former uses:** Sheep and cropping property / residence.**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:****Statement of significance:** The cottage on Bowenbung is historically important as a modest but good example of a self-built, vernacular, timber slab building. It demonstrates the modest lifestyle and living conditions of small scale farmers in the district during the early to mid Twentieth Century.**Historical notes of provenance:** The property Bowenbung consists of two settlers blocks of 40 acres each and was originally granted to two Niall brothers who came out from Ireland. A small iron bark cottage was erected at the northern end of the creek flat. There is no sign of this cottage now, however pottery shards can be easily found in the soil near the location. Catherine Scheimer, a direct descendant of one of the Niall brothers married Cyril Ryan and they built the current cottage known as Bowenbung in about 1930 from timber from the land. The Ryans had eight children who were raised in the two bedroom cottage. The property was used to run sheep and grow crops such as wheat and watermelons. The Ryans also grew vegetables which they bartered for goods from others and sold in town. The property passed into the hands of Michael Scheimer, nephew of Catherine Ryan in the late 1970s. The cottage was inhabited temporarily and roughly maintained until 2007 when Bowenbung was purchased by the current owner.**Themes:** **National theme**

4. Settlement

3. Economy

State theme

Accommodation

Agriculture

Local theme**Designer:****Builder:** Cyril Ryan**Year started:****Year completed:** 1930**Circa:** Yes**Physical description:** A small ironbark slab cottage with a low pitched gabled roof clad in corrugated iron and wrap-around verandah to the rear. The cottage is constructed of vertical timber slabs fitted into a framework of posts and top and bottom plates with some walls clad in corrugated iron, laid vertically. Inside the walls are variously vertical, timber slabs or horizontally laid rough sawn boards. The bedroom and kitchen have skillion ceilings clad in 'mini-orb' and pressed metal respectively, the sitting room and rear bedroom have tent form ceilings clad in a reeded pressed metal ceiling. Evidence of some walls were previously papered exists in the bedrooms. There is a later brick alcove to the kitchen and later brick chimney to the sitting room. Floors are timber boarded.

The verandah posts, beams and rafters are constructed of black pine bush poles with painted timber decking.

Physical condition level: Good

Item name: Bowenbung

Location: 571 Bong Bong Road Coolah 2843

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Physical condition:

**Archaeological
potential level:**

**Archaeological
potential Detail:**

Modification dates:

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

management: - The curtilage or setting of this building shall be taken as being the place as described and an area of 20 metres around it.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a): The cottage on Bowenbung is historically important as it demonstrates the modest lifestyle and living conditions of small scale farmers in the district during the early to mid Twentieth Century.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): Bowenbung is associated with Cyril Ryan and Catherine Ryan (nee Scheimer), who constructed and raised a family of eight children in the cottage in the 1930s.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural
significance]

Criteria e): The cottage on Bowenbung is able to demonstrate the construction methods of rural cottages.
[Research significance]

Criteria f): The cottage is a rare, highly intact self-built cottage from the 1930s.
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity: High level of intactness

References:	Author	Title	Year
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Studies:	Author Peter Duggan	Title Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Number	Year 2018
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Item name: Bowenbung**Location:** 571 Bong Bong Road Coolah 2843

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Item name: Bowenbung

Location: 571 Bong Bong Road Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Image:



Caption: Bowenbung, view looking north at cottage

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Item name: Bowenbung

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Caption: Bowenbung, view of cottage looking south

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Item name: Bracken's Hut

Location: Hildegarde Road Coolah Tops National Park Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Address: Hildegarde Road Coolah Tops National Park

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Warung

State: NSW

County: Bligh

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Forestry and Timber Industry

Category: Forestry camp/settlement/housing

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Accommodation - overnight

Former uses: Shepherds Hut

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: An isolated mountain cottage demonstrating in style, materials and size the life style typical of early settlers in remote areas.

Together with other huts on the mountain, it represent a collection of buildings that display considerable architectural variety in materials used and construction techniques.

It forms part of a rare hut group on NPWS land in NSW.

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Historical notes of provenance: Bracken's Hut was built and still stands near to the Hildegard Road and close to Norfolk Island Creek where the Norfolk Island Swamp wetlands begin. It was constructed by James Hamilton Traill of Tuwunga Station which was situated on upper Coxs Creek. The hut was built for the purpose of housing his herdsman William Bracken and family. Mr. Traill at the time owned the adjoining 40 acres of freehold land, which contains another hut that later became known as 'The Potato Hut'. The area surrounding both huts was part of the Warung State Forest. Mr. Traill initially leased the Bracken's Hut 40 acres section from the Lands Department as an improvement lease until it became absorbed in his overall grazing lease from the Forestry Commission which ran from 1917 to 1972.

James Hamilton Traill, was the youngest son of Arthur and Mia Traill. In August, 1914, he enlisted in the 1st Light Horse Regiment of the Australian Imperial Forces, and served in Palestine in the Camel Corps. In October 1917 he was attached to the 67th Squadron of the Australian Flying Corps, where he came into contact with T.E. Shaw, better known as Colonel T.E. Lawrence or Lawrence of Arabia. Later in 1918 he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry in flying operations against the enemy. Six years after the war, he with William Windeyer, established the Tuwunga Stud, selecting 150 ewes from the Collaroy Company near Cassilis. He had two sons James and Cecil, and before acquiring properties of their own, both assisted their father at Tuwunga and lands on the Coolah Tops. When 'J. H.' died he was buried on Tuwunga below Pulpit Rock. Many of the Aboriginals from Carroona who had worked on his property assisted in the digging of his grave, and then held their own service for him afterwards. As a mark of respect ex Wing Commander 'Chad' Martin D.S.O. D.F.C. of Sherwood Station in the Turee Vale Valley flew over the burial service at the grave and dropped a wreath from his aircraft.

The Traill's leased area was worked in conjunction with Tuwunga and the sheep, sometimes totalled 3,000 head, were walked onto the Coolah Tops by men on horses from the Coxs Creek valley arriving in October. The sheep would then spend the next five to six months grazing on grasses and herbs of the swamps and forest under storey. A muster would generally be done before the end of March, when all the sheep were taken back down the valley to be shorn. The leased area was well watered as it possessed four streams and four swamps, that were never completely dry. The only difficulty of the area was the winter which brought extreme cold weather, frosts and usually an annual fall of snow for a short period. Thus there was little grass for adequate grazing during this period of the year.

Bracken's Hut was built in 1937 by Charlie Elsley from Spring Ridge, a jack of all trades, who was engaged by the Traill family for the construction of various station buildings. He died in Tamworth in March 1965 on his 84th birthday. All the corrugated iron for the building was brought on the site by pack horses which involved a rather steep climb out of Coxs Creek onto the Tops. It is interesting to note that the iron sheets were short in length as it was not practicable for greater lengths than six feet on a pack horse through the swamp and scrubby country along the bridle tack that lead up from the home station. The hut, which acted as an outstation to Tuwunga, was connected to the homestead in 1939 by a single telephone line.

The hut contained two bedrooms, a kitchen-dining room with a large fire place, a bath-laundry room, a large open verandah with an outside pit toilet. Household water supply came from a corrugated iron tank and a well near Norfolk Island Creek. Near the hut was a shed with an attached horse stable and yard. Bill Bracken, his wife Jossie, who was born in England, and three children lived in the hut for no less than 11 years into the late 1940s. The Brackens had a small herd of jersey cows for milk and meat. They also kept a bull and chickens and grew their own vegetables. The fruit trees behind the hut were grown by Mr. Traill. When Billy Bracken left the Tops he worked for a time on Gundare station and then lived in another corrugated iron house at the corner of Scully and Martin Streets, Coolah. He passed away in December, 1949, aged 59 years. Mr. Vesta Rose, who worked on an adjoining property for many years, says that Bill Bracken was a competent fiddle player. It was not unusual for persons who lived in an isolated area to counter the boredom they generally learnt to play a musical instrument.

Following Bill Bracken, Jack Breen and his wife lived there for a few years in the early 1950s. From this time on the hut was not permanently occupied. However, it was used for weeks at a time when mustering took place or fencing was being completed. Just prior to Tuwunga being sold the Traills relinquished their 6040 acres (2444 hectares) lease which was then acquired by Peter Duncan Smith of 'The Tops' property and held until 1980 when

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Location: Hildegarde Road Coolah Tops National Park Coolah 2843

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a lesser area was transferred to Dunbier Pastoral Pty. Ltd. of Coolah.

Even prior to the land being gazetted as a State Forest in 1917 there was always a keen demand from adjoining owners to lease the land in the vicinity of Bracken's Hut, because of the permanent water supply. James Patrick Tuckey who was born at Turill in 1899, related that prior to 1917 William McBeth and 'Bole' Randall drove 4,000 sheep from Coolah along the Turee Vale Bridle Track for six months pasturing near Norfolk Island Creek Swamp. At the same time Harry Bolton of Coolah, was caring for several hundred head of cattle nearby as extremely dry conditions were being experienced in the Coolah Valley.

By 1996 the hut was suffering badly from years of neglect and vandalism which prompted the National Parks and Wildlife Service to undertake a program of restoration and maintenance. Using handcrafted timbers, bush carpentry techniques and second hand materials the aim was to return the hut to (as close as possible) its original state. The restoration was completed in March 1999. Its restoration allows the hut to be rented from the Service for overnight stays. Bracken's daughters, Joyce and Dorothy, visited their old home late in 1999 and they were delighted to see that good care had been taken of the building where they had spent their youth. Their brother Kelvin had passed away some years earlier.

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

Designer:

Builder: Bill Bracken

Year started:

Year completed:

Circa: No

Physical description: Bracken's Hut is located in open grassland close by the Norfolk Island Creek, in sight of Traill's hut. It is a relatively well appointed 'hut', a timber framed building with walls and a gabled roof clad in corrugated iron and containing four rooms and a verandah on its eastern side. Outbuildings include stables and toilet, and an orchard.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Very Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Restored by NPWS in 1998

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

management: - The curtilage or setting of this place or building that this refers to, for purposes of listing where applicable shall be taken as being the place as described and an area of 50 metres around it.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Item name: Bracken's Hut**Location:** Hildegarde Road Coolah Tops National Park Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Criteria c): Bracken's Hut is a modest but good example of a remotely located bush crafted structure.
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural
significance]

Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	A local history of the Coolah Tops National Park	1993

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 7	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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Heritage study**Number****ListingDate**
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Data updated: 31/05/2019

Status: Completed

Item name: Brackens Hut

Location: Hildegarde Road Coolah Tops National Park Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Image:



Caption: Brackens Hut - in the Coolah Tops National Park.

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Caption: Brackens Hut - Coolah Tops National Park.

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Item name: Bracken's Hut

Location: Hildegarde Road Coolah Tops National Park Coolah 2843

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Caption: Front view of Bracken's Hut

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Caption: Bracken's Hut - side view

Item name: Bracken's Hut

Location: Hildegarde Road Coolah Tops National Park Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

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Caption: Bracken's Hut, view looking north west

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Image by: Peter Duggan

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Item name: Bracken's Hut

Location: Hildegarde Road Coolah Tops National Park Coolah 2843

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Caption: Bracken's Hut, view looking north east to the rear of the hut

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Item name: Bundella Lookout

Location:

Warrumbungle

Address:

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Bundella

State: NSW

County: Pottinger

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Landscape

Group: Landscape - Natural

Category: Landform site or area

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: National Park Lookout

Former uses: Lookout

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: An extensive panoramic local lookout with expansive vista over the Liverpool Plains. Probably visited by Ludwig Leichhardt and other early explorers from 1842.

Item name: Bundella Lookout

Location:

Warrumbungle

Historical notes of provenance: Bundella Lookout is situated rear the north-western corner of the Coolah Tops National Park. The Lookout and the area immediately behind is important to the Park for five reasons; it provides spectacular views over the Liverpool Plains, sits on an immediate cliff, allows viewing of soaring eagles and at its rear provides an area for limited recreational purposes and for the parking of vehicles.

From the Lookout one obtains a panoramic view of the plains. In the foreground is Tamilee Creek, Bundella Creek, Bundella Range, whilst in the background one can see Tamarang Mountain, Goran Lake and the mountains in the vicinity of Quirindi. The Lookout is a popular spot for watching the rising of the early morning sun or its late setting in the evening. Camping in the area is prohibited to prevent damage to the fragile vegetation.

The first sheer cliff to the valley has a height of 40 metres, and like all of the Coolah Tops composed of basalt formation. On the left hand side of the Lookout in the first drop is a wonderful example of columnar basalt. At the rear of the Lookout is a naturally cleared area of several acres in area. At one time it could have been a bora area for the Aboriginals of Gamilaraay Tribe.

Further back is a parking area for those persons who like to take a short walk to the Bundella Lookout, or a longer walk to the Pinnacle Lookout, the Lava Caves, Tamilee Upper Falls or the Racecourse which is a naturally cleared circle with trees growing in the middle, thus resembling a racecourse. At the parking area there are tables with seats, wood barbeques and a toilet.

Close by are the Rocky Creek and Tamilee Creek swamps. No doubt the area would of been used by the Aboriginals. Warwick Pearson who carried out an archaeological study of both the Bundella and Warung State Forests in 1993 provides ample evidence that the Aborigines of the Gamilaraay Tribe either visited or inhabited both areas of both forests. An extract from his report reads:-

'The parts of the forests where sites were mostly common were the flat grounds around streams and around swamps. These areas were also where we found the largest sites, with the most flake on them. This is why we think the Aboriginal people still visited the forests, they spent most of their time close to the creeks and swamps, where there was fresh water and plenty of food. However, we found very small numbers of stone flakes all over the forest indicating that the Aboriginal people had visited all parts of the forest. The possible art site and the bora ring tells us that the forest was important to the Aboriginal people not just for food but also as a place for ceremonies and rituals.

The land that comprises the Lookout area had always been Crown Land. In 1905 it comprised a part of a lease to John and Duncan McMaster of Rockgediel. A plan of the boundary of the lease shows that the section in the vicinity of Bundella Lookout was enclosed by a brush fence of the day. The area became part of the Bundella State Forest in 1917, administered by the Forestry Commission, later State Forests of NSW, until it was absorbed in the Coolah Tops National Park in 1996.

Whilst under the jurisdiction of the Forestry Commission, the area for most of the time, was let for grazing purposes. The longest leasee would have been James Hamilton Traill an adjoining landowner. All grazing leases ceased when the area was taken over by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Themes: National theme

1. Environment

3. Economy

State theme

Environment - naturally evolved

Exploration

Local theme

Designer: N/A

Builder:

Year started:

Year completed:

Circa: No

Physical description: A very extensive and picturesque lookout with a view towards Tamworth and Gunnedah over the Liverpool Plains.

Physical condition level:

Item name: Bundella Lookout

Location: Warrumbungle

Physical condition: NA

**Archaeological
potential level:**

**Archaeological
potential Detail:**

Modification dates: Natural place. NPWS has added an interpretation sign nearby.

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

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical
significance]

Criteria b): The lookout has associative significance no doubt with the local aboriginal people who may have used the area as a bora ground. It is also associated with early explorers such as Ludwig Leichhardt who may have visited the lookout.
[Historical
association
significance]

Criteria c): Bundella lookout has aesthetic significance for its panoramic views over the Liverpool Plains.
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural
significance]

Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	A local history of the Bundella and Warung State Forests	1993

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 7	2004
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Item name: Bundella Lookout

Location: Warrumbungle

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

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Longitude: 150.017832

Location validity:

Spatial accuracy:

Map name:

Map scale:

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

Data updated: 09/10/2018

Status: Completed

Item name: Bundella Lookout

Location:

Warrumbungle

Image:



Caption: Bundella Lookout

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Item name: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms)

Location: 13 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Address: 13 Binnia Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Coolah

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Education

Category: School - State (public)

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Public school

Former uses: Public school

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

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

Item name: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms)

Location: 13 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Themes: National theme
6. Educating

State theme
Education

Local theme

Designer: Public Works

Builder:

Year started: 1881

Year completed: 1883

Circa: No

Item name: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms)

Location: 13 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

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

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

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

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

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

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

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

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

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

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

Further comments:

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

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Item name: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms)

Location: 13 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

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

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

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Coolah Public School	2004

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Day 1	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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ListingDate
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Data entry: Data first entered: 09/10/2000

Data updated: 23/10/2018

Status: Completed

Item name: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms)

Location: 13 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Image:



Caption: Coolah Primary School - Historical photo copy.

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Item name: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms)

Location: 13 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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Caption: Coolah Central Primary School end of classroom.

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

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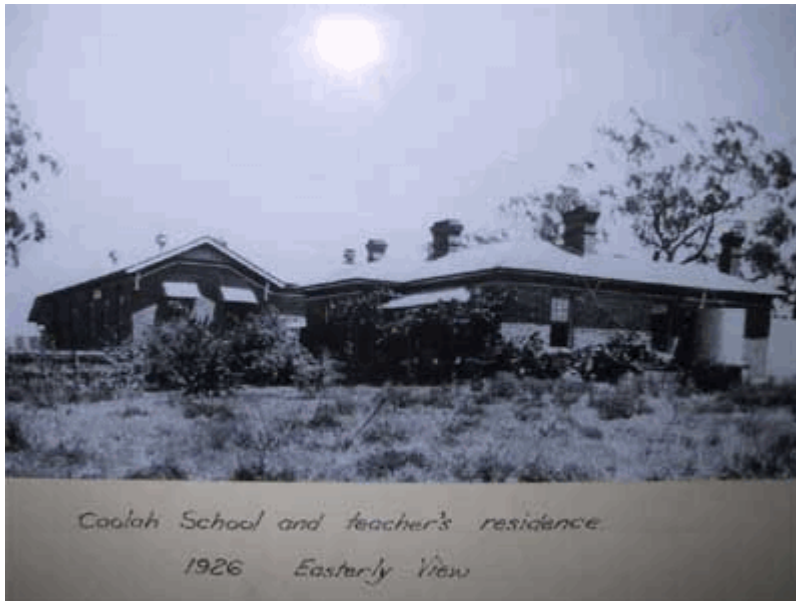
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Item name: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms)

Location: 13 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle



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

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Caption: Coolah School - original classrooms.

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Item name: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms)

Location: 13 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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Caption: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms), view looking north east

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Item name: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms)

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Caption: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms), south elevation

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Caption: Coolah Central School (Old Classrooms), view looking north west

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

Warrumbungle

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

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

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

Historical notes prepared by Coolah Historical Society:

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

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

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

Themes: National theme
4. Settlement**State theme**
Utilities**Local theme****Designer:** Department of Public Works**Builder:****Year started:****Year completed:** 1968**Circa:** No

Item name: Coolah Fire Station

Location: 33 Booyamurra Street Coolah 2843

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

Physical condition level: Excellent

Physical condition:
Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

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

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

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

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

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

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

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

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

Intactness/Integrity:

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

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

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

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Item name: Coolah Fire Station

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Caption: Coolah Fire Station, view looking north east

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Caption: Coolah Fire Station, view looking north

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Item name: Coolah Hospital (Group of Older Buildings)

Location: 111-135 Martin Street Coolah 2843

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Address: 111-135 Martin Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Coolah

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Health Services

Category: Hospital

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Public Hospital

Former uses: Public Hospital

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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also had a hospital vegetable garden he had to attend.

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

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

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

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

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

Designer:

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

Year started: 1908

Year completed: 1913

Circa: No

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

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

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

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

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good

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Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

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

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

- Continue to maintain buildings in good order.

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

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

Further comments:

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

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

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

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

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

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

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Coolah District Hospital	2005

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

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Caption: Former isolation ward built in 1913.

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Caption: Coolah Hospital former Morgue

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Caption: Plaque inside aged care facility.

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Caption: Former main wing, east elevation

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Caption: Former isolation wing, east elevation

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Caption: Former morgue, view looking north west

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Location: off Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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Address: off Binnia Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Coolah

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Transport - Rail

Category: Railway Platform/ Station

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use:

Former uses:

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

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

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

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Location: off Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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

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

Coolah Railway Station:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dairy products to the butter factory

Sheep and wool

Cattle

Superphosphate

Gypsum

General freight

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

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

Themes: National theme
3. Economy

State theme
Transport

Local theme

Designer:

Builder: NSW Department of Railways

Year started: 1920

Year completed:

Circa: No

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

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Now abandoned, poor to fair condition.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

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

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

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

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

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

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

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

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

References: Author Title Year

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 5	2004
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Image:



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

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Caption: Coolah Railway Turntable

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

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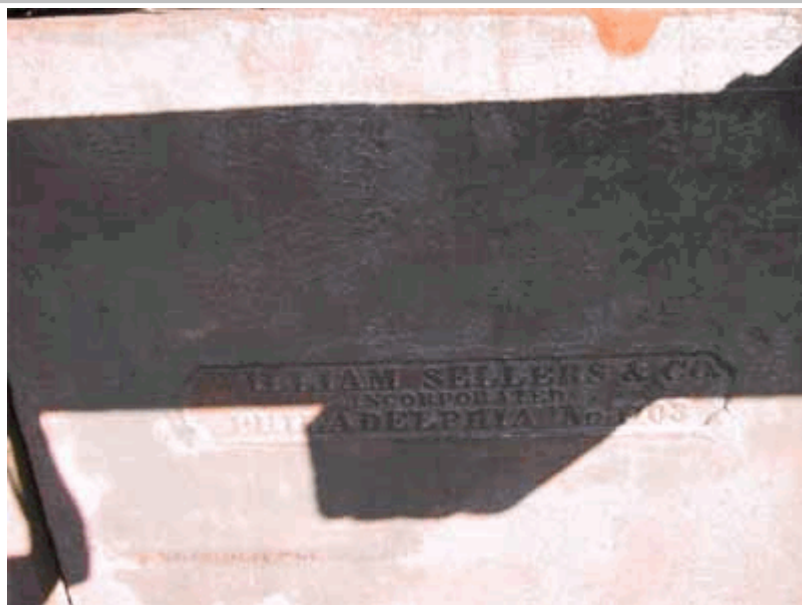
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Caption: The 'brand name' manufacturer's of the turntable

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Caption: Coolah Railway Yard Group, view of water column

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

Warrumbungle

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

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

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

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

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

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

No gambling is permitted on the premises.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	3. Economy	Events	
	8. Culture	Social institutions	

Designer: J. G. Gildea

Builder: W. V. Holland

Year started: 1920

Year completed: 1921

Circa: No

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

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

Physical condition level:

Physical condition:
Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

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

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

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

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

Further comments:

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

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

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

Criteria d): The building has social significance as a former gathering and educational space for the community in the Twentieth Century and is significant as a memorial for those who enlisted and served in Australia's overseas wars. The School of Arts serves as the site for ANZAC Day dawn and main commemorative services for the local community.
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

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

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

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

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Status: Completed

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Location: 89 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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Caption: School of Arts building in Coolah

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Caption: The Plaque on the School of Arts building listing personnel who served in various theatres of war.

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Caption: Coolah School of Arts, front elevation

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

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

Warrumbungle

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

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

Historical notes of provenance: The Shire of Coolah was declared by proclamation in the Government Gazette of 7th March, 1906. By a further government proclamation in the Government Gazette on 16th May, 1906 the Shire was divided into three ridings with equal representation and a total of five temporary Councillors was established. The appointees for the Coolah Shire were Charles Frederick Dean, Andrew Fraser, John McMaster, Francis John Piper and Edward James Scully. Mr. J. McMaster was elected chairman of the temporary Council. The first meetings of the Council were held in the Coolah Courthouse.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Governing

Government and Administration

4. Settlement

Towns, suburbs and villages

Designer: J. Aubrey Kerr

Item name: Coolah Shire Council Chambers (former)

Location: 59 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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Builder: Homestead Services Pty. Ltd.

Year started: 1954

Year completed: 1955

Circa: No

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

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

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

Physical condition level: Good

Physical condition:
Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Rear brick addition added.

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

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

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

Further comments:

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

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

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

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

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

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

Intactness/Integrity: High

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

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

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Item name: Coolah Shire Council Chambers (former)

Location: 59 Binnia Street Coolah 2843

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

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Item name: Cunningham Camp Site and Plaque

Location: Warrumbungle

Address:

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish:

State: NSW

County:

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Landscape

Group: Exploration, Survey and Even **Category:** Explorer's Campsite

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use:

Former uses: Surveyor and bontanist campsite.

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

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

Item name: Cunningham Camp Site and Plaque

Location:

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

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

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

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

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

Footsore and weary after weeks of fruitless search, Cunningham and his party pitched camp in a valley and, climbing to the top where the range opened out onto a saddle back, saw below them, stretching away to the North the long sought Liverpool Plains. Rejoiced in heart Cunningham wrote a message which he buried in a bottle beneath a tree, giving the location as latitude 32 degrees 15 minutes and 99 seconds South and longitude presumed 149 degrees 30 minutes East, and requesting the message, if found, be carried to the settlement at Bathurst. With his usual forethought he planted peach stones on the site of his camp and also on the Liverpool Plains side of the range. It is commonly believed that Cunningham's bottle was never found, although the Rev. George Grimm writing in 1888 said 'The bottle was found a few years ago and the explorer's direction carried out'. There seems to be no authentic record of its return.

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

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

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

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Cunningham Plaque - Pandora Pass	2005

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 7	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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Item name: Cunningham Camp Site and Plaque

Location:

Warrumbungle

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Caption: Cunningham camp site and plaque- interpretive signage

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Item name: Girragulang Sidings, Ramps and Stockyards**Location:** Girragulang Road Coolah 2844

Warrumbungle

Address: Girragulang Road**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2844**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Collier**State:** NSW**County:** Bligh**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Transport - Rail**Category:** Railway Platform/ Station**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Railway siding, goods and stock loading ramp**Former uses:****Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

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

Item name: Girragulung Sidings, Ramps and Stockyards

Location: Girragulung Road Coolah 2844

Warrumbungle

Historical notes of provenance: The Girragulung Siding on the now defunct Craboon-Coolah railway line, constructed the year 1919, was one of the larger sidings on the line. It was situated in the Coolaburragundy Valley, 22m 60c from Craboon and 7m 10c from Coolah, just a little from the Collier Creek trestle bridge within both portions 7 and 8, Parish of Collier, County of Bligh. This property was originally owned by Nelson Simmons Lawson, son of the explorer William Lawson. The siding derived its name from the adjoining property called 'Girragulung', which for some time belonged to Kevin Scully of Coolah and then to Longeragan Brothers, merchants of Mudgee, who changed the name of the property to 'Orana'.

R. G. Preston, in his 1978 article, 'A Short History of the Craboon to Coolah Branch Line' for the NSW Division of the Australian Railway Historical Society wrote:

"Girragulung Aboriginal word for 'star' is located at mileage 253m 37c from Sydney. An altitude of 1513 feet. The original 100 feet timber faced platform on the upside of the line has been refaced with rail frame and timber facing. Original 'out of' shed was provided but this has given way to a small 'box on legs' with a station name in small letters across the front. On the down side, the loop siding, designed to hold 31 wagons provided a loading bank and stock race with salient features. Perhaps one of the last loads to be received was super phosphate the spilling of which lies adjacent to the rails."

A property owner who once lived nearby confirmed that the siding was extensively used for the delivery of super phosphate in the 1950's. Besides the enrailing of sheep and cattle the unattended siding was used for the receipt and despatch of goods, and the loading of locally grown wheat.

The train from Craboon to Coolah, initially, ran both ways on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, in the morning up to Coolah and leaving Coolah at 2.30pm on the return journey, and reach Girragulung at about 3.00pm. Thus the service allowed residents in the area to obtain from Coolah and delivered to the siding their groceries, bread and other necessities. The 3.00pm train through Girragulung permitted local residents to join at Craboon, the passenger train from Gwabegar through Mudgee to Sydney.

Special trains on occasions ran on Saturdays and Sundays, through Girragulung to important events such as football finals at Dunedoo, Mudgee and Coonabarabran. In late 1936 an aerial pageant was held in a paddock near the siding. As most of the district had never seen an aeroplane, anticipated attendance caused the Department of Railways to put on two special trains for two days running to Girragulung from Coolah and Dunedoo, conveying passengers for the aerial display. Attending the pageant for flight instruction was Darcy G. Wentworth of the adjoining 'Belang' property, who later became a Wing Commander in the RAA.F. Another pageant was visited by an autogyro the forerunner of the helicopter.

The larger size and additional facilities at the Girragulung siding was occasioned by the fact that the Government proposed in 1917 a Soldier Settlement Area of 8 blocks in the vicinity of the siding. Land was acquired from Mrs. A. M. Jones of 'Turee' Coolah and became known as 'The Folly settlement'. There was only one local among the new settlers, James Bolton from Leadville. Another was Jefferys who was gassed in France. There was also a Scot named Watson and another block owned by Rodney Learoyd.

Those working dairy farms on the settlement railed their cream to the butter factory at Coolah. Should the train be late, particularly in the Summer, there was a possibility the cream would be sour before it reached the Coolah butter factory. In the early days of the line if one wished to catch the train at Girragulung, one had to ring the stationmaster at Coolah. At nearby Hannah's Bridge and Weerman platforms passengers wishing to board the train had to exhibit to the driver a green disc during daylight hours and light the lamp on the platform during dark. The railway line that passed the Girragulung siding came into use on 30th March, 1920 and closed for passenger service on 27th February, 1982.

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

State theme
Transport
Land tenure

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Item name: Girragulang Sidings, Ramps and Stockyards

Location: Girragulang Road Coolah 2844

Warrumbungle

Year started:

Year completed: 1919

Circa: No

Physical description: This railway siding served the working properties around the Orana Road area and today the siding itself is almost a ruin. This section of the railway line closed in circa 1968 and so the facilities have long been disused. There are a number of elements:

1. A goods siding: This construction consists of a retaining wall built from spaced vertical posts, a heavy timber top rail consisting of a half round timber pole, bolted down onto the vertical timber support posts. This structure is then filled in behind with horizontal timber slabs.
2. Cattle and sheep loading ramp: with sheep and cattle yards behind. This is an interesting structure. The two ramps are designed for loading cattle up to 1.2 metre above ground, and sheep another 1.8 metres higher (this would also accommodate multistory carriage of sheep on the train). The structure is made from bolted heavy timber beams, approx 300 x 150mm, probably old sleeper sections. Some ingenuity is used to make the sleeper of set length of approx 2.5 to 3m extend higher with staggered joints and pairs of bolted slabs together to form posts.
3. Pens behind the ramps are designed to accommodate the different animals with the cattle yard rails approximately 2m high, and the sheep fence 1 metre high.
4. Two rail lines (only one now complete) and points for changing the rail lines from siding to main line. Of the rail line that ran in front of the loading bay and the ramp structure, only the sleepers remain. Various other minor pieces of equipment are scattered about.
5. Passenger siding constructed of a steel frame with timber slabs behind a retained earth bank. It is on the opposite side of the rail line to the goods siding.

At one end is a large olive tree, and on the opposite to the rail line is a primitive timber loading bay or dock again constructed out of railway sleepers.

The whole is set behind fence lines amongst Eucalyptus trees, many young ones now growing between the lines. A railway owned reserve.

Physical condition level: Poor

Physical condition: Ruins

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. In some cases a fence around the place may exist and if possible this should be maintained to stop large animal damage.

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

- The curtilage or setting of this site that this refers to, for purposes of listing where applicable 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): The Girragulang railway siding is significant for its historical values as a tangible link to the development of the Craboon-Coolah line during the early Twentieth Century as well as the development of the NSW railways generally. It is also significant as evidence of expanded rail infrastructure expected to serve the ultimately failed nearby soldier settlement 'The Folly'.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

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Criteria c): The siding is significant as one of the largest and best examples of a intact loading ramp and stockyards associated with the railways and dating from the early Twentieth Century.
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural
significance]

Criteria e): The place has some potential to reveal information about rail travel generally and about the operation of loading and receiving goods via rail in the early to mid Twentieth Century.
[Research
significance]

Criteria f): This siding is highly rare in the region.
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Girragulang Siding	

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

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Caption: Girragulang siding

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Caption: Girragulang Sidings, Ramps and Stockyards, view of cattle and sheep ramps

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Caption: Girragulang Sidings, Ramps and Stockyards, view looking south west towards stock yards

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Caption: Cattle and sheep ramp from railway line side.

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Caption: Detail of goods siding at Girragulang.

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Item name: Gotta Rock**Location:** 3045 Black Stump Way Coolah 2843

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Address: 3045 Black Stump Way**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Other/former names:** Coolah Rock**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Landscape**Group:** Landscape - Natural**Category:** Other - Landscape - Natural**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Landmark**Former uses:** Landmark and local picnic spot**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:****Statement of significance:** A large Munnamurra Sandstone monolithic outcrop rock that is well weathered and which marks the place where N.S Lawson had a run in 1840.

Sketched by Colonial Geologist Samuel Stutchbury in 1852.

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Historical notes of provenance: The first document known to have recorded the presence of Gotta Rock was a sketch, dated 1830 prepared by Surveyor, Mortimer William Lewis (1796-1879), of the Valley of the Coolaburragundy, showing Boyamurra (his spelling) or Harrison's Plains near Coolah with the location of Gotta Rock and several huts occupied by the shepherds of Cox and Lawson. A note on the sketch names the fine grazing country between Gotta Rock and Coolah as Buggabel Valley.

Lewis was a surveyor and architect who came to Australia in 1829 and was engaged by the Surveyor-General, T. L. Mitchell, to carry out land surveys including the mapping of the Dividing Range west of Sydney. However, Lewis is better known for architectural works such as the Gladesville Hospital, the Darlinghurst Court House and many other government buildings of the time.

There is no doubt that the Cox brothers and the Lawsons were illegally grazing stock on the area in the vicinity of the Rock from the early 1820's. However, Nelson Simmons Lawson's 1840 'Gotta Rock' run would have included Gotta Rock and may, on occasions, have provided shelter for his shepherds.

The next record is an entry in a diary by Samuel Stutchbury (1797-1858) who visited the Coolah area in 1852.

In his diary Stutchbury describes as remarkable, the Gotta Rocks, noting they were 4 miles south of Coolah (his spelling) and added that these were masses of sandstone conglomerate occupying about one acre of land and standing up abruptly in the midst of the plains to a height of 40 to 60 feet. He added that it was difficult to account for these isolated masses being preserved, and holding together in a valley of denudation. Stutchbury provided sketches in his diary there being one of the valley near Booyamurra and two others of Gotta Rock. He lists Gotta Rock as being in the Coolah Plains thus disregarding the early name of Alcocks Plains given by Allan Cunningham in 1823.

Samuel Stutchbury was the first Government Geologist in NSW. In 1849, the Secretary of State for the Colonies considered that a qualified geologist should be sent to NSW as traces of gold had been found. After making surveys at several places in the Central West he travelled from Mudgee, through Cobbora and Mendooran to Coonabarabran and then past Weetatiba to Coolah. Before leaving Coolah for Gunnedah his men visited Cassilis and Uarbry.

In the 1850's and a little later the Denison Town-Coolah bridle and dray track ran on the river side of The Rock and then in a northerly direction over Buggabel flat to Coolah. Today, the sealed road runs past the other side of The Rock and follows a more flood free route to Coolah. The present road was on 13th April, 1877, opened as a 'high road' (an early term meaning high-way under the Act of William IV as most roads were prior to the Public Roads Act, 1901).

Early parish maps show that an area of land, possibly over 400 acres, extending past the Rock to the Coolaburragundy River was a Travelling Stock Reserve, gazetted on 31st May, 1880. This stock reserve in 1910 was taken up by a person named James Gook, whose Conditional purchase extended into the higher land to the west and included an area which was known as 'Paddy's Station' no doubt named after a shepherd who from this higher area was able to watch over his flock. Later this site became a trigonometrical station for surveys in the parish of Coolah.

According to Roley Regan, who lived in Coolah for many years, Gotta Rock before it was fenced out, was a popular picnic spot in the late 1880's and a little later. It must be remembered that during this period there were little recreational facilities in the village and picnicking by a creek, a water hole, or a prominent feature was a popular pastime on a Sunday. Roley claimed that in his days, the Coolaburragundy River flowed closer to the nearby Rock and his enjoyment, as a small lad, was throwing pebbles from the Rock into the river. Born in Coolah in 1892 he recalled a picnic and sports day being held at The Rock. A coach load of school boys were driven down, possibly by Jack Randall. When they climbed to the top of the Rock, three or four rock wallabies rushed out of a crevice and a man later pulled a huge carpet snake out of a rock rift. He added that it seems strange that a carpet snake which is harmless, is now practically extinct in the Coolah district, while many others of the venomous type are still to be seen in the area.

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The Munmurra sandstone Rock is today situated on 'The Rock' property which formerly belonged to the Stephens family for many years. A nearby dry gully has been officially named 'Rock Gully'. Thomas Leeson was killed at Gotta Rock on 10th June 1857 by a kick from his horse and the first person to be buried at the Coolah Cemetery.

Themes: National theme

1. Environment
9. Phases of Life
3. Economy

State theme

- Environment - naturally evolved
Persons
Exploration

Local theme**Designer:** N/A**Builder:****Year started:****Year completed:****Circa:** No

Physical description: A large Munnamurra Sandstone monolithic outcrop rock that is well weathered. There are a number of large trees around the rock, some growing from the rock itself. The rock has been used socially as a local picnic spot and is particularly important as a local land mark.

Physical condition level:**Physical condition:****Archaeological potential level:****Archaeological potential Detail:****Modification dates:****Recommended management:** Maintain as an open site.**Management: Management category****Management name****Further comments:****Criteria a):****[Historical significance]****Criteria b):** Sketched by Colonial Geologist Samuel Stutchbury in 1852. Gotta Rock marks the place where N.S Lawson had a run in 1840.**[Historical association significance]****Criteria c):****[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]****Criteria d):****[Social/Cultural significance]**

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Criteria e):
[Research
significance]**Criteria f):**
[Rarity]**Criteria g):**
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Geologist Samuel Stutchbury (1798 - 1859)	

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

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Item name: Gotta Rock

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Caption: A landscaped image of 'Gotta Rock' Leadville.

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Caption: Signage of Gotta Rock reads - leased in 1840 as run to N.S. Lawson.

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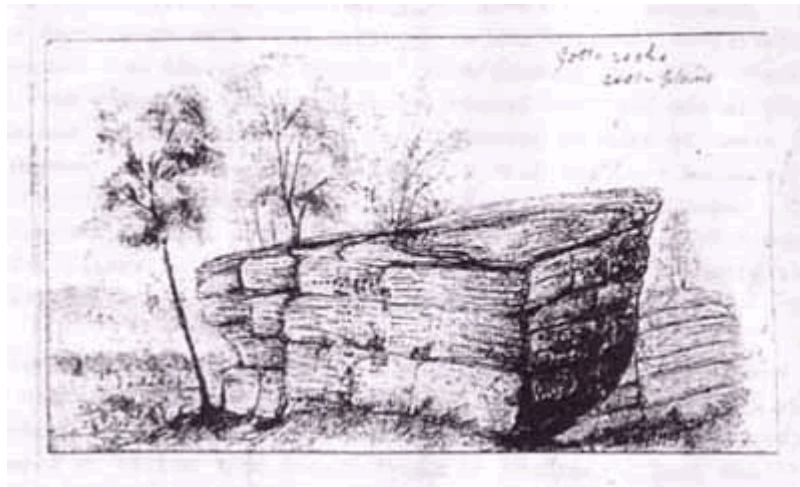
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Caption: Gotta Rock Sketch by Samuel Stutchbury 1852.

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Location: 3045 Black Stump Way Coolah 2843

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Caption: Gotta Rock, view looking south east

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Item name: Grave of John Jones**Location:** 429 Tongy Lane Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Address: 429 Tongy Lane**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Turee**State:** NSW**County:** Bligh**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Complex / Group**Group:** Cemeteries and Burial Sites**Category:** Isolated Grave/Burial Site**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Private Cemetery**Former uses:** Cemetery**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: Exceptional early settler's lone grave dated 1837. John Jones was a prominent citizen in the early Colony of New South Wales and an early settler of both Bathurst and Turee. His historical stature is reflected in a substantial monument which is complemented by a complete set of grave elements - unusual in an isolated grave. The grave is very early for this area and pre-dates the 1856 Civil Register. The circumstances of Jones' death have passed into local folklore and add to the site's social significance.

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Location: 429 Tongy Lane Coolah 2843

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Historical notes of provenance: John Jones, aged about 23 years, arrived a free man in the Colony of New South Wales on 14th December, 1801 on the 'Nile'. He soon became a prominent settler in the Colony, residing at Windsor. He may have been the builder of Claremont Cottage, which stands on land he owned between 1809 and 1822. He was a foundation committee man of the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society. After he allowed earth from his land to be used to make bricks for St Matthew's Church of England at Windsor, Jones petitioned Governor Macquarie for a grant of 500 acres of land at Bathurst. These representations were supported by endorsements from William Cox and Francis Greenway. Following receipt of this grant on 22/8/1822 it is presumed that Jones moved to Bathurst, where he may have stayed until 1835, at which time he applied for the purchase of land at 'Turee', Uarbry.

In the following years nineteen assigned servants and twenty one freemen worked on the property. Following an unfortunate incident on the night of 22nd October, 1837 when he was stabbed with shears by a drunken shearer, Jones died at Turee on October 26th. His assailant was found guilty of murder and sentenced to hang on February 27th, 1838. (See National Trust files for further historical information).

Notes from Roy Cameron: The most historic grave in the Coolah area is that of John Jones, superintendent on the construction of St. Matthew's Church of England at Windsor and the first grantee of land, now known as 'Old' and 'New' Turee. His descendants still live in the Binnaway area.

John Jones, arrived as a freeman in the Colony of NSW in December, 1801. He was accompanied by his wife, Mary and daughters, Mary Ann (aged 3 years) and Susannah (1 year) on the 'Nile' which brought out free settlers and convicts. Also on the 'Nile' was William Bowman and Richard Rouse, who eventually took up land in the former Coolah Shire area.

Jones, three months after his arrival was granted 100 acres of land at Toongabbie. For his advice given for the erection of St. Matthew's Church at Windsor, the Governor granted him 500 acres of land at Bathurst, with free victualling for himself and family from the Government Stores for a period of six months. He and his family arrived in Bathurst in about 1822.

In 1835 Jones applied for the purchase of portions 1 and 2, Parish of Turee. It is possible that he may have held the land under license for some years prior. Early in the second half of 1835 giving his address as 'Turee' he made application to the Court of Petty Sessions, District of Bligh, Cassilis, for the assignment of four additional convicts; a cook, a coachman, footman and groom. Two years later nineteen assigned servants and twenty one freemen were working on his 9,373 acre property at 'Turee'. At this time his land was running 500 head of horned cattle and 12,000 sheep.

On the night of 21st October, 1837 after a day's sheep washing in the nearby creek, the employees engaged in the wash were issued with their usual issue of rum. One Edward Tuft had more than his fair share and attacked John Jones with a pair of shears. Jones was wounded in the thigh and groin, and died six days later. He was buried near the present stone homestead off Tongy Lane known as Old Turee. The grave enclosure is said to include two burials, the second that of John Jones, Junior. The son died after a severe illness at 'Turee' on the night of 10th May, 1849.

Edward Tufts, who attacked Jones with a pair of shears, was aged 25 years when he arrived on the 'Guilford' in 1822 with a life sentence. He was a house servant of John Jones at Bathurst and had been in his service for nine years. Tufts was tried in the Supreme Criminal Court in Sydney in February, 1838 before Justice Burton and a Military Jury and was found guilty. He was executed at the Sydney Goal a few days later.

John Jones's sons took over the running of the property and most of the 'Turee' properly remained in the name of the Jones family until the early 1900's.

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

State theme
Birth and Death
Pastoralism

Local theme

Designer:

Item name: Grave of John Jones

Location: 429 Tongy Lane Coolah 2843

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Builder:

Year started:

Year completed: 1837

Circa: No

Physical description: The grave of John Jones is contained within a small fenced area of wrought iron railings. Around the grave site were a number of plantings including Iris and roses. The National Trust recorded the site in 1988 and wrote the following:

John Jones' grave is located on the north side of a hill on 'Turee' overlooking the original homestead. The grave faces south and is enclosed by a 3m x 5m iron surround which has had a second storey, corner posts and double rail added since its original construction. It features ornate corner pickets and finely crafted wrought iron fence pickets. Inside the surround are Oxalis, plentiful irises and two roses. The monument itself is a 1.5m gabled sandstone stele. There is a matching footstone. The monument has minor damage on its top left hand corner.

The headstone reads 'Here Lieth the body of John Jones, who departed this life the 26th October 1837 aged 60 years.' The grave is set on a sloping hill above Old Turee Homestead, in open grassland with scattered mature eucalyptus trees. The grave is reported to contain a second body: that of John Jones Junior who died in 1849 aged 26.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: This is in poor condition. Surmounting iron railing and posts have fallen off the palisade fence it was previously mounted on.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended - Encourage active recording of information of isolated graves.

management: - The curtilage or setting of this place or building that this refers to, for purposes of listing where applicable shall be taken as being the place as described and an area of 5 metres around it.
- With assistance from Council and conservation advice carry out urgent repairs to this item.

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

Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): The site has associations with John Jones who was a prominent figure in the colony at that time. It has a high level of local historical association significance.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Item name: Grave of John Jones**Location:** 429 Tongy Lane Coolah 2843

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Criteria e):
[Research
significance]**Criteria f):**
[Rarity]**Criteria g):**
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	National Trust	Cemetery Conservation: Lone grave of John Jones	1988

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

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Item name: Grave of John Jones

Location: 429 Tongy Lane Coolah 2843

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Image:



Caption: headstone at John Jones's grave

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Caption: Grave of John Jones

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Address: 429 Tongy Lane**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Turee**State:** NSW**County:** Bligh**Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Complex / Group**Group:** Cemeteries and Burial Sites**Category:** Isolated Grave/Burial Site**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Isolated grave**Former uses:** Isolated grave**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: A elegant, well proportioned sandstone sarcophagus is an unexpected marking for a relatively isolated lone grave. Lone graves provide tangible evidence of land development patterns and land holdings, and the hardship and isolation faced by pioneers. The sophistication of this memorial is therefore significant as evidence of social conditions which prevailed in the district in the mid 19th century.

Historical notes of provenance: William Robert Elliott held part of 'Turee' in the 1860's and 1870's. He came to the Colony with his wife Mary in 1840. Mary died at 'Turee' on 22nd October, 1864. Her above ground sandstone vault stands in a paddock about one kilometre off Tongy Lane, in the vicinity of the grave of John Jones. Mary often wore a red dress and old timers who worked in the area claim that on many occasions at night an apparition dressed in red has been sighted near Mary's vault. To this they add the story of the headless horse rider that scares many late night travellers in the nearby Croppy Greek area. Mary was the daughter of Thomas Crosier, born in Fermanagh, Ireland in 1806. Mary and William were married in 1825 when she was 19 years of age. She was survived by 5 children. One daughter married Alfred Thomas Jones, the second son of John Jones and the original grantee of 'Turee'. John Jones' grave lies nearby on this same property.

Themes: **National theme**
9. Phases of Life**State theme**
Birth and Death**Local theme****Designer:****Builder:****Year started:****Year completed:** 1864**Circa:** No

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Physical description: The grave of Mary Elliot is a vault siting above the ground. It is located high on a sloping hill above Old Turee Homestead. One side of the vault is engraved and the words, which are becoming illegible read 'Sacred to the memory of Mrs Mary Elliott, who departed this life October 22nd 1864, aged 57 years.' The stone work of the vault is beautifully carved with corners decorated with fluted columns.

The vault is surrounded by a modern steel pipe fence .set on the corners with star pickets.

The vault is in poor condition and is broken open at one end.

When visited by the National Trust in 1988 the following description was recorded: The grave of Mary Elliott is a single sandstone neoclassical altar standing on the north side of a hill on Turee property, some 400m east of the grave of John Jones. It is 120m south of stockyards behind a water tank, with a field behind to the south. There are glimpses of rural countryside and timbered hills, viewed through a copse of eucalypts to the north and west.

The monument is approximately 1.8m long, 0.8m wide and 1.2m tall It rests on a carved sandstone plinth with moulded top. It has a single panel on each side and four square fluted pilasters, one on each corner. A grooved inlay frames each panel. The inscription is in the panel on the western side. The capping is an enormous piece of sandstone, finely crafted and chamfered on the corners. There is no planting evident. The area around it is sparsely covered with a mixture of native and introduced grasses. A post and wire fence runs along a boundary to the west of the site. The cap stone has recently come adrift and sits at an angle. There is evidence that stock have used the monument for rubbing as some of its corners are worn and chipped. Inscription:

Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Mary Elliott
Who Departed This Life October 22, 1864 Aged 57 Years
Her Children Arise Up and Call her Blessed
Her Husband Also and He Praiseth Her
Proverbs XXXI Chap XXVI Verse

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Poor, top of vault is dislodged.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: - Encourage active recording of information for isolated graves.

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

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

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

Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

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Criteria c): The grave of Mary Elliot is a good example of a stone vault with carved, fluted corners and inscription [Aesthetic/ Technical significance] surmounted with a moulded sandstone cap. The sophistication of this memorial is therefore significant as evidence of social conditions which prevailed in the district in the mid 19th century.

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	National trust: Cemetery Conservation	Lone grave of Mary Elliott	1988

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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Image:



Caption: Mary Elliott's tombe on the Old Turee Private Cemetery.

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Location: corner Hospital and Martin Streets Coolah 2843

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Address: corner Hospital and Martin Streets

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Coolah

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Monuments and Memorials

Category: Memorials

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Memorial

Former uses: Memorial

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: A worthy memorial to a local soldier, Private Paul Large, who gave his life in the well known battle of Long Tan in the Vietnam War.

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Historical notes of provenance: The Vietnam War Memorial Avenue which exists on the northern side of upper Martin Street and adjacent to the Coolah Hospital was planted on the evening of the military funeral of Paul Andrew Large by members of the Coolah Sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers League. A tree was planted in memory of each of Paul's fellow soldiers who were killed in the Battle of Long Tan. The tree seedlings were Fawcett's Pink flowering Ironbarks, being a natural hybrid found growing on the outskirts of Mudgee and were selected for the avenue because they flowered, in a rich red colour for 6-9 months of the year.

Paul Andrew Large, of Coolah NSW, was the son of Victor Allan and Olga Dulcie Large and grandson of Harold Percival 'Duke' Tritton, bushman, folk singer and shearer. He was the only boy among five sisters, Patricia, Gloria, Lorraine, Robin and Sandra. Upon leaving school in about 1960, Paul worked in the Coolah and then the Mudgee Post Office. It was his ambition to become a top shearer, but this desire was frustrated when he, like other lads of his age, were conscripted to do two years compulsory military training which could involve service in the Vietnam War. He left Australia for Vietnam on his 21st birthday, 8th June, 1966 and ten weeks later he laid dead in a Vietnam rubber plantation, near the village of Long Tan.

He lost his life in a ferocious battle which started when a patrolling force of 108 from the nearby Nui Dat Army base, south east of Saigon was ambushed by a vastly superior force of Viet Cong and North Vietnam group, probably totalling 2,500 of the enemy. The small Australian company fought bravely against the superior number until the tide of battle turned in their favour when reinforcements from another troop company arrived. The enemy then melted away into the jungle leaving 245 of their number dead.

The Australian casualties were 18 dead, with 17 from D. Company, including private Paul Large, and 24 wounded. Paul's company D, became the second unit in Australian military history to be awarded a United States Presidential Unit Citation. Australia's military involvement in the Vietnam War was from August, 1962 to January, 1973 during which time 50,001 Australians took part and 520 lost their lives. A total of 23 local lads served in the Vietnam War.

Two commemorative plaques are erected at the beginning of the Avenue. One reads:
"This Avenue was planted to perpetuate the memory of Private Paul Large 6th RAR, and formerly of Coolah, and seventeen of his fellow servicemen who were killed in Vietnam on 18th August, 1966."

The plaque and the large stone on which it was affixed was provided by the Coolah Shire Council. The second plaque which was placed upon the same stone bears the following inscription:

"These servicemen of the 6th RAR unit sacrificed their lives at the Battle of Long Tan on 18th August, 1966
Pte. Richard Alfred Aldersea, Pte. Glen Alfred Drabble, Pte. Kenneth Howard Gant, Pte. Ernest Francis Grant,
Pte. Victor Roy Grice, Pte. James Michael Houston, L/Cpl. Jack Jewry, Pte. Paul Andrew Large, Pte. Alfred
Frederick McCormick, Pte. Dennis James McCormick, Pte. Warren David Mitchell, Pte. Douglas Javing
Salverton, 2/Lt. Gordon Cameron Sharp, Pte. David John Thomas, Pte. Francis Brett Topp, Pte. Maxwell Ray
Wales, Pte Colin Joseph Whiston and T/Cpl. Peter Edward Clements,
unit 1 APC Squadron who died from wounds on 27th. August, 1966. This plaque was unveiled on 28th. April
,2003."

For the unveiling ceremony family members of the deceased soldiers travelled from far and wide including Wollongong, Newcastle, Sydney and parts of Queensland. On Anzac Day 2004, a memorial service was held at Paul's graveside in the Anglican Cemetery at Coolah attracting over 50 visitors many being Vietnam veterans from the Metropolitan area.

Paul was buried on 7th September, 1966 and the inscription on his headstone reads: 'In loving memory of Paul Large killed in action in Baria, Vietnam, 18th, August, 1966 - forever in the hearts of your proud and loving parents, sisters and brother in laws.' Then follows the names of his sisters, brother -in-laws and fiancée, Noeline.

Coolah's Vietnam Memorial Avenue and its initial associated plaque was the first memorial recognition in Australia of the Battle of Long Tan. The avenue and plaque has attracted many visitors over past years,

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particularly from veterans, relatives, and friends of soldiers who served in Vietnam.

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	3. Economy	Events	
	9. Phases of Life	Birth and Death	
	3. Economy	Environment - cultural landscape	

Designer:

Builder:

Year started:

Year completed: 1966

Circa: No

Physical description: An avenue of Eucalyptus Sideroxylon var. Fawcett's Pink, a pink flowering ironbark, extending along Martin Street on the southern boundary of the Coolah Hospital site. At the corner of Hospital and Martin Streets lies a large boulder and plaque on it, naming soldiers who lost their lives in the Battle of Long Tan in Vietnam.

This memorial was instigated by the death of a local soldier Paul Large who died in the Battle of Long Tan in the Vietnam War. The trees were planted on the same day as the funeral of Paul in 1966. The plaque records all the names of the seventeen allied servicemen who lost their life at the Battle of Long Tan.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: - Continue to maintain.

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments:

Criteria a): The memorial avenue and plaque in Martin Street is significant as the first memorial in Australia in recognition of the men who fought and died in the Battle of Long Tan.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): The memorial has high associative significance with Paul Andrew Large, of Coolah, who was conscripted into the army and fought and died at the Battle of Long Tan in Vietnam.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

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Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Barbara Hickson	From Information at the site	

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

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Caption: Memorial to Australian soldiers who lost their lives at Long Tan.

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Caption: Long Tan Memorial, view looking west along Martin Street

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Address: 1100 Gundare Road

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Gundare

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Farming and Grazing

Category: Homestead Complex

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Residence

Former uses: Residence

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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away on 24th August, 1962.

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

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

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

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

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

Builder:

Year started: 1877

Year completed:

Circa: Yes

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

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

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Very Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

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

- Continue to research the history of the place.

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

Management: **Management category**

Management name

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Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical
significance]

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

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

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural
significance]

Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

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

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

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Image:



Caption: Mount Oeba Homestead - approx photo taken 1970.

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Caption: Mount Oeba Homestead- formerly the front steps.

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Caption: Mount Oeba Homestead- lighting and power shed.

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Item name: Mount Oeba Homestead

Location: 1100 Gundare Road Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle



Caption: Old power switchboard at Mount Oeba

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Item name: Mount Oeba Homestead

Location: 1100 Gundare Road Coolah 2843

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Caption: Mount Oeba Homestead

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Item name: Oban Homestead

Location: 94 Oban Road Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Address: 94 Oban Road

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Coolah

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Farming and Grazing

Category: Homestead Complex

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Residence

Former uses: Residence

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

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

Item name: Oban Homestead

Location: 94 Oban Road Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Location: 94 Oban Road Coolah 2843

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Greenhalgh and 1970, Mark Powell.

Themes: **National theme**

9. Phases of Life

3. Economy

4. Settlement

State theme

Persons

Pastoralism

Land tenure

Local theme

Pastoral Homestead

Designer:

Builder:

Year started:

Year completed:

Circa: No

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

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

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

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

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

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

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

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

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

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

Management: **Management category**

Management name

Further comments:

Item name: Oban Homestead

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

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

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

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

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

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author Roy Cameron	Title Oban Homestead	Year 2004
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Studies:	Author Hickson & Cameron Peter Duggan	Title Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Number Heritage Day 2	Year 2004 2018
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Item name: Oban Homestead

Location: 94 Oban Road Coolah 2843

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Image:



Caption: The front view of Oban Homestead

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Caption: Side view of the Oban Homestead complex.

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Item name: Queensborough Park Rotunda

Location: Queensborough Street Coolah 2843

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Address: Queensborough Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Coolah

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Parks, Gardens and Trees

Category: Bandstand/Rotunda

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Abandoned

Former uses: Bandstand, shelter, servery

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: A very rare Victorian style band rotunda.

Item name: Queensborough Park Rotunda

Location: Queensborough Street Coolah 2843

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Historical notes of provenance: Queensborough Park is situated on the southern side of the Town of Coolah, which is the Parish of Coolah, County of Napier. It fronts Queensborough Street, which forms part of the Coolah-Neilrex Road. Oliver's Gully which flows into the Coolaburragundy River cuts through the middle of the Park. On several occasions during extreme heavy down pours the gully has flooded part of the Park.

The first area of the park containing a little over 16 acres was notified on 12th December, 1885, about 20 years prior to the formation of the former Coolah Shire Council. It is interesting to note that prior to the 1885 gazettal this 16 acres was part of a temporary common, notified in 1866, stretching from the present Coolah Common down to the Coolaburragundy River. In 1900 an area on the eastern side of the park, a shade over 2 acres was added attached to the park, which gave it access also from New Street. The last additions were attached to the park in 1915 by the closing of adjoining streets on the southern and western side of this recreational ground.

It is assumed that upon gazettal in 1885, the park would have been under the control and management of public trustees appointed by the Lands Department from local citizens. Apparently by 1905 management by trustees had collapsed. The Coolah Shire Council was inaugurated in 1905 and on 24th October, 1906 the Council was appointed trustee. The Council may have been assisted in the early years by a local Committee in the running of the park.

The park was at one time extensively used as it was the only sporting field in the town. The existing well used sporting field at the other end of town did not come into existence until the 1950s, about 55 years after the gazettal of Queensborough Park.

Cricket was the most extensive sport played in the park This sport was still being played in the park in the 1970s. There has also been horse and pony events and even an attempt made to establish an annual show. Unfortunately, part of the park becomes rather boggy in wet weather, and although this disadvantage could be rectified no local organisation has been prepared to tackle the task.

The Park Rotunda was constructed early in 1907. However, its erection did not please the local scribe for he wrote in the Mudgee Guardian of 16th May, 1907: 'A few months ago we had a small pavilion erected in the park, but needless to say, it is absolutely useless, and is better suited to the racecourse as a judges box. Such is the work of those who presume they know what is wanted.' However, the public did not agree and despite the fact it had neither a wooden or concrete floor, it was used by the Coolah Town Band as bandstand for week-end and holiday appearances. After World War II the Easter Monday Sports Day was revived and the Rotunda served as a servery and bar.

In the early 1960s a local go-kart club was formed, and on most week-ends the Park was used for go-kart racing. The Club intended to obtain from the Lands Department, with the consent of the local council, a special lease over an area of the Park set aside for go-cart racing. Their proposal envisaged bitumenising a track, the construction of safety fences, and other amenities for the public. No works were carried out and the Club was abandoned in May, 1964.

When the use of the park decreased the Council leased the area on an annual basis for grazing purposes. The public still had the legal right to use the Park. To prevent stock damage to the Rotunda, the Coolah Lions Club fenced the surrounds of the structure in c.2000.

Themes: National theme

State theme

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Year started:

Year completed: 1900

Circa: Yes

Item name: Queensborough Park Rotunda

Location: Queensborough Street Coolah 2843

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Physical description: Once a sporting park, today appears to be unused. The Rotunda is a small structure on the far side of the park. The park is a large open field with advanced trees around the edge. Two cricket pitches lay in the field. The Rotunda itself is a hexagon shaped plan supported on 6 outer posts and a central post supporting a tall timber finial that penetrates the roof line. The posts at the outside are 5 sided, with a flat face towards the centre. The central post has six sides. The roof which is high pitched at approx. 40 degrees, is clad in corrugated iron which is corroded and trade marked 'Redcliffe'. A collar tie stretches across the structure keeping it plumb. The posts were once supported on wider timber stumps, but most are now very deteriorated. The structure has no floor, just bare earth. This structure was often used as a band stand.

Very old pepper trees stand nearby. The nearest with a girth in excess of 5 metres.

Physical condition level: Fair

Physical condition: Presently abandoned.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: - Continue to maintain.

- The curtilage or setting of this site that this refers to, for purposes of listing where applicable 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): The Queensborough Park rotunda, constructed 1907, has historical significance as part of the Queensborough Park, designated 1885, which up until 1955, was the towns public recreation grounds. During the Twentieth Century the rotunda was used as a bandstand, shelter and servery during sporting events.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Item name: Queensborough Park Rotunda**Location:** Queensborough Street Coolah 2843

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

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	History of Coolah- Queensborough Park Rotunda	2005

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	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 5	2004

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Item name: Queensborough Park Rotunda

Location: Queensborough Street Coolah 2843

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Caption: Band Rotunda - Coolah

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Caption: roof frame detail on the Park rotunda

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Item name: Queensborough Park Rotunda

Location: Queensborough Street Coolah 2843

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Caption: Large pepper trees near Park Rotunda

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Location: Queensborough Street Coolah 2843

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Caption: View looking south west towards the rotunda across Queensborough Park

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Item name: Rotherwood Homestead Group

Location: 84 Bounty Creek Road Coolah 2843

Warrumbungle

Address: 84 Bounty Creek Road

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Rotherwood

State: NSW

County: Bligh

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex: Rotherwood Group

Group ID: 1391109

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Farming and Grazing

Category: Homestead Complex

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Residential homestead / Pastoral station

Former uses: Residential homestead / Pastoral station

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: An historically significant homestead with many outbuildings reflecting its long history as a pastoral holding. One of the oldest properties in the Coolah area, with the homestead probably built by George Bowman of Richmond in 1846 and subsequently owned and lived in by two more generations of Bowmans.

A number of outbuildings and structures have high significance as very rare colonial period farm infrastructure such as the convict gaol, whipping tree and convict built dry stone walls.

Item name: Rotherwood Homestead Group

Location: 84 Bounty Creek Road Coolah 2843

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Historical notes of provenance: 'Rotherwood' is one of the oldest properties in the Coolah area. The original buildings were constructed to last, even today the eighteen inch wide slabs to part of the homesteads walls are as solid as when erected over 170 years ago. Old parish maps show the original owner of 'Rotherwood' as Alexander Ellison Dare. He was born in 1807, a son of Captain John Dare of the Merchant Service. In 1824 A. E. Dare was a Captain's clerk on the East Indian Company ship 'London'. Later he became a ships purser, and at the age of 23 years in 1830 he travelled to Van Dieman's Land, where he was involved in the whaling industry, before moving to Sydney in 1832.

On 21st July, 1834 A. E. Dare applied for the purchase of 730 acres of land on the upper Talbragar River near Doolaganmulla, an aboriginal name for the Rotherwood area. His selection was bounded on the north-west and south by properties owned by Richard King and on the east by the Talbragar River where Major George Druitt had a large holding. The existing 'Rotherwood' homestead stands on the north-eastern portion of the grant on a rise above the junction of Bounty Creek and the Talbragar River.

In August, 1836, Mr. Dare wrote;

'In July last year by the recommendation of an acquaintance I came to this part of the country and selected the land I am now living on, which lies N.N.W. from Sydney, distant 250 miles, and 150 miles from Maitland, a small town at the head of navigation on the Hunter River. In December I became the purchaser of 750 acres at five shillings per acre. I bought a dray and seven bullocks which brought up all the necessary articles for commencing - such as tools, provisions, etc., and four assigned servants and two freemen. I arrived on my land in the middle of February - of course you are to understand it was forest land where the sound of an axe had never been heard. My first business was to rig a tent which we did with a few forked sticks and the tarpaulin of my dray and under this all my goods were stowed and I lived in it for the first six months of my arrival - my men lived under the dray.

The first annoyance I had was the straying of my working bullocks. As we were unacquainted with the surrounding country it was ten days before they were found which put a stop to work as nothing can be done without them. On their recovery we went to work to build two huts which were constructed of trees split into stout slabs and roofed with large sheets of bark. In one of these my men lived and the other for myself. My hut was 14 feet by 12 feet with a fire space 5 feet square, which provided a blazing log fire. In one corner of the hut is a beef cask, in another a flour hogshead, in another a stretcher for a bed, a case for a table, and around piled boxes, tools and all the thousand and one necessities of a new settler.'

Due to a drought, Mr. Dare was forced to sell 'Rotherwood' to the adjoining owner Major George Druitt. In 1836. Major Druitt and a friend, Richard Scougall had taken up a lease of land at 'Elderslie' on the Hunter where they grazed sheep and cattle and grew wheat. Druitt had become the Chief Engineer of the Colony in 1817. His work involved supervision of the construction of all public works in Sydney, Liverpool and Newcastle. In 1821 he was granted 3,000 acres at the land which now forms part of Mount Druitt, Sydney and was promised a further 3,000 acres in recognition of additional services he had performed as Chief Engineer. Six years later this grant had been confirmed on the upper Talbragar River east of the 'Rotherwood' grant. Three months after taking possession, Druitt drew plans for a substantial dwelling and marked the position on which the forge, convict hut and other buildings were to be constructed. Druitt's grant was known as 'Walter Park' and the first dwelling was probably constructed near the present 'Yarrowonga' homestead. Before 1837 he had acquired an additional 149 acres of land which was additional to the 'Rotherwood' property.

On the completion of their education, first George junior and later Edward, joined with great enthusiasm in their father's activities and began their journeys to the interior to instruct, manage and control the 27 convicts and free labour of the affairs of the Talbragar Estate. The highly improved properties, then regarded as the finest in the Colony, had now erected upon it a large single cottage with flagged verandah. The labourers were now accommodated in three huts and the blacksmith had his forge. On one large railed stockyards and two wheat paddocks of about 30 acres were enclosed with a three rail fence. This was followed with the digging of a well near the homestead.

Having borrowed heavily for the additional purchases Druitt placed his Talbragar Estate on the market in 1840 when it was bought by Robert Anderson of Singleton and Charles Steele of Port Macquarie. They were unable to

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Location: 84 Bounty Creek Road Coolah 2843

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meet the mortgage payments and the property, 'Rotherwood' was again advertised for sale in the Sydney Morning Herald, 15th March, 1844.

The property was purchased by George Bowman of Richmond in 1846 at five shillings and three pence per acre. During his life time George Bowman had interests in 'Archerfield', 'Oaklands', 'Strown', 'Arrowfield', 'Balmoral', 'Grampian Hill', 'Terri H Hi', 'Maiden Head', 'Rotherwood' and 'Merotherie' Stations, the latter two being situated near Coolah.

Andrew Bowman, son of George, took up the management of 'Rotherwood' Station in 1871. He was born at Richmond in 1830. After studying at the Sydney University he graduated with a B.A. and an M.A. While he was in charge, 'Rotherwood' carried 25,000 pure Merino sheep and was awarded prizes at the Australian and Philadelphia Exhibitions. Andrew Laing Bowman, born in May, 1886 at Muswellbrook was the eldest son of Andrew and Catherine S. Bowman (nee Laing). His pastoral experience began as a jackeroo on his father's 'Rotherwood', 'Gyarran' and 'Mungi Bandi' estates. He later became manager of 'Rotherwood', and in 1923 took over a portion of that property and named it 'Yarrowonga'. At that time it had an area of 21,000 acres and was carrying 500 head of cattle, 18,000 sheep and 80 horses.

'Rotherwood', containing 15,679 acres, was sold in 1929, on behalf of Hunter E. Bowman, to Keith Glasson of Dubbo and Kelvin Scott of Narromine for 100,000 pounds. Later the property was acquired by Messrs. Perry and Sons, western graziers of Nevertire and Warren, owners of 'Belaringar' and 'Gunningbar' stations. On 28th October, 1945 the Rotherwood Pastoral Company Pty. Ltd. sold 4,707 acres to Ivan Cholmondly Martin and 4,981 acres to Paul Barton Martin.

Themes: **National theme**

- 3. Economy
- 4. Settlement
- 9. Phases of Life
- 2. Peopling

State theme

- Pastoralism
- Accommodation
- Persons
- Convict

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1846

Year completed:

Circa: No

Item name: Rotherwood Homestead Group

Location: 84 Bounty Creek Road Coolah 2843

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Physical description: ROTHERWOOD HOMESTEAD

The Rotherwood Homestead which is located on a high stoney knoll has been built in 3 main stages. The original house, c.1845, still exists within the newer additions. Slab walls of ironbark still form the walls of some of the house living rooms, as do the stone chimneys, fireplaces and end walls. This simple styled Colonial stone residence was symmetrical in appearance with a verandah across the front. With stone quoining at each corner, a central door and timber framed double hung windows, one to each side of the door. The roof was high pitched and hipped, and broke to form a verandah roof along the front. Around the 1920s a major addition was built introducing decorative gables facing out towards the view and the valley, but leaving the original house intact. This was extended again in recent years with the new additions on each end of the existing house and again sympathetic to the earlier building especially the 1920s additions. The more recent additions are clad in horizontal boarding. The whole is set within an extensive home garden, which contains a tennis court in the front area.

ROtherwood Convict Gaol

This building was the original convict lock-up on the property. It still has bars on the windows. The walls are composed of vertical timber slabs with main posts at corners and each side of windows. The roof is hipped and clad today in corrugated iron, although most likely originally clad in shingles. Some alterations have occurred such as the partial enclosure of a verandah, but this building remains essentially intact. The goal is located close by the Homestead and is located within the homestead garden. It was previously converted for use as a meat house.

Convict Built Walls

The Rotherwood homestead, goal and shearing shed are sited on a rocky knoll. There are a number of convict built dry stone walls on this hillside and on the flats below Rotherwood. They are generally retaining type walls, forming steps in the landscape, approximately 1 metre in height, of dry stone construction, using the local natural stone that is prevalent near the homestead and adjacent paddocks.

Whipping Tree

Former whipping tree is approximately 4m tall. It is now dead and is supported with a post through it.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Good for the homestead.

Poor for the convict gaol, convict built walls and whipping tree.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Additions to the homestead in recent decades have been sympathetically carried out allowing the earlier buildings to still be recognised.

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

management: - The curtilage or setting of this place or building that this refers to, shall be taken as being the homestead and the outbuildings as described and the landscaped gardens surrounding it including the convict built walls.

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

Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

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Criteria b): Associative significance with George Bowman, and the Bowman family who retained the property for a number of generations.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): The collection of buildings demonstrate the practices of work and life on a pastoral property from the mid Nineteenth to early Twentieth Century.
[Research significance]

The Rotherwood convict gaol and whipping tree demonstrates the methods of disciplining convict servants on an isolated pastoral property.

Criteria f): Rotherwood is a locally rare c.1846 stone and timber slab homestead. It is also significant for a number of very rare convict era structures including the convict gaol (lock-up), whipping tree, and convict built dry stone walls on the property.
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Rotherwood	2004

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 6	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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Data entry: Data first entered: 04/11/2004

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Status: Completed

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Caption: Rotherwood Homestead - front view. The chimneys of the first building still visible after a number of sympathetic additions.

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Caption: Rotherwood Homestead - Circa 1920s photograph after the first major additions were added

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Caption: Rotherwood Homestead - early photograph of the first buildings at Rotherwood. In the background LHS the roof of the Lock-up or gaol can be seen and the shearing shed.

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Caption: Rotherwood Homestead - Mr George Bowman and 1 son Andrew with women of the house, possibly his wife is one of them. Image circa 1845.

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Caption: Rotherwood Homestead, original wing

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Caption: Rotherwood convict gaol

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Caption: Rotherwood convict built walls

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Caption: Rotherwood whipping tree

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Item name: Rotherwood Private Cemetery

Location: 84 Bounty Creek road Coolah 2843

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Address: 84 Bounty Creek road

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Rotherwood

State: NSW

County: Bligh

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Landscape

Group:

Category: Cemetery/Graveyard/Burial Ground

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Private cemetery

Former uses: Private cemetery

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: Two very different graves from very different eras and walks of life, 100 years apart, and now together in picturesque location overlooking a rural vale. Historical and social significance to connections and descendants.

Historical notes of provenance: There are two graves at Rotherwood side by side. One grave is that of Paul B. Martin, a Captain in the 2/13th Infantry Battalion in WWII. He died aged 36 years on the 21st of October, 1949.

The other grave is that of 'Ann Jane McGowan. Ann was the young wife of Mr Hugh McGowan. They had immigrated from Northern Ireland in 1841 and come to work at Rotherwood.

Chapter I of 'What is in a name' by the Rev. H. T. McGowan gives the following family history: 'Mine is usually regarded as a Scottish name. In Scotland there was a Clan McGowan in the 12th Century. It is really an old Irish name. Officially the name was in Armagh in North Ireland.

Nearer to the present time Mr Hugh McGowan, my grandfather, was a well educated, versatile landowner. With his brothers he was interested in a flour mill. A brother was a Presbyterian Minister. A grandson of that Presbyterian Minister in Ireland was the Rev. R. J. H. McGowan, minister of the Ashfield Presbyterian Church for many years. My brother Rev. F. H. McGowan was well acquainted with him and he invited my brother to conduct a service for him in the pulpit of his Church, the Ashfield Presbyterian which he did. That was the last service conducted by my brother.

In 1841 my grandfather was 24 years of age, his wife 21 years, and with their daughter Margaret they left North Ireland and came to Australia.

In Maitland he was Manager of a property nearby. He invested several hundred pounds in a land boom which crashed and the investment disappeared. With his family he went as Manager of Rotherwood Station near Cassilis. His wife died there leaving four children; Margaret, Samuel (my father), Andrew and Martha.'

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

State theme
Birth and Death

Local theme

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1849

Year completed: 1949

Circa: Yes

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Physical description: There are two graves located together on a slope not far from the Rotherwood Homestead. One grave is that of Paul B. Martin who was a Captain in the 2/13th Infantry Battalion in WWII. He died, aged 36 years, on the 21st of October 1949.

The other grave is that of 'Ann Jane McGowan, who departed this life 22 April 1849, aged 29 years.' A single large sandstone ledger, level with the ground, with the words carved into its top surface. It is fenced with a wrought iron fleur-de-lis picket style balustrade.

The corner posts and centres of the rails are supported on small formed sandstone bases that are in turn supported on brickwork.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: fair to poor, some repairs to brickwork needed, and need to improve drainage to prevent runoff affecting site.

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

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

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

- The curtilage or setting of this place 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): The graves are part of the history of Rotherwood Station, an early pastoral property in the district.
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c):
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d): The site has social significance to family descendants.
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

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

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Rev. H.T.McGowan	What's in a name	

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 6	2004
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Item name: Rotherwood Private Cemetery

Location: 84 Bounty Creek road Coolah 2843

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Image:



Caption: Rotherwood Private Cemetery - the graves are situated with an outlook up the valley.

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Caption: Rotherwood Private Cemetery - the grave of Ann Jane McGowan with descendant Noel Gilbert.

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Caption: Rotherwood Private Cemetery - Sacred to the memory of Ann Jane McGowan - 1849.

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Caption: Rotherwood Private Cemetery - Two graves 100 years apart:

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Caption: Grave of Ann Jane McGowan

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Caption: Grave of Paul B. Martin

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Item name: Sacred Heart Church and Grotto

Location: 9-11 Church Street Coolah 2843

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Address: 9-11 Church Street

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Coolah

State: NSW

County: Napier

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Complex / Group

Group: Religion

Category: Church

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Childrens library

Former uses: Church

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: A fine Federation period Gothic style stone church building is grouped with other related religious buildings including a grotto that served as a WWI memorial to local soldiers who had lost their lives. The church has great architectural merit with fine details such as squared random rubble stone walls, lancet windows, terracotta tiled plaque to the shaped front gable end and at the apex of the roof is an elaborate stone cross in fleuron style.

It is a place of great social and spiritual value to the local and regional community.

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Historical notes of provenance: When the first Catholic settlers came to the Coolah area or where in the town the first Mass was celebrated is a matter of conjecture. Tradition has it that Father O'Reilly was the first priest to service Coolah on his rounds from Merriwa, an established parish in 1874. The Merriwa Baptismal Book of that period records many baptisms of Coolah residents.

Coolah remained in the Parish of Merriwa from 1892 to 1910 when it was then attached to the Gulgong Parish. Father J. Barry was parish priest travelling by horse buggy. From 1911 to 1916 Coolah was part of the Coonabarabran Parish. In 1917 Coolah was again attached to the Gulgong Parish until it was joined with the Dunedoo Parish from 1922 to 1955. In 1956 it became an independent parish with Father John Scanlon (1956-1960) and Father Patrick Kelly (1961-1976), two well remembered priests.

Early Catholic Church services were held for several years in the card parlour of the 'Commercial Hotel' or the 'Top Pub' as it was then called. Sometime between 1885 and 1890 the first Catholic Church was built in the style of the day with weather board lining and a bark roof, on land secured from a publican named Wallace, now part of the grounds of the Coolah Central School. Masses were held quarterly.

The foundation stone for a new Catholic Church was laid by the Right Rev. Bishop Dunne on 9th July, 1905. Within 12 months the Church had been built on its present site, on one acre of land donated by E.J. Scully. It was opened on 10th June, 1906 by the Very Rev. Monsignor Long, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Bathurst, with Father Barry of Coonabarabran as his assistant. The Church was described in the Mudgee Guardian on 21st June, 1906 as follows:

'The church is a handsome structure of white sandstone occupying a commanding position in the township of Coolah, presenting a charming appearance of red roof contrasting with white walls. The exterior is of local sandstone, built up in rock-faced work supported on concrete foundation sufficiently strong to last for ages. The roof of Wunderlich tiles is painted with oxide of Iron of a terra cotta colour. The Interior presents a chaste appearance, the nave being 29 ft, the chancel 12ft by 8 ft of which the vestry is 10 ft by 9 feet. The ceiling, seats and fittings are of polished kauri pine, whilst the chancel rail is highly polished cedar, supported by elaborate brass standards. A richly worked arch divides the nave from the chancel, and the altar is of block design by Louis Gill, of Sydney. The windows are of cathedral glass of variegated tints with ruby margins.

The total cost of the edifice will be about 600 pounds, and the town of Coolah may be congratulated upon having such a fine ecclesiastical building in its midst. The architect was Mr. R.H. Hardwick, of Mudgee, and the edifice was erected by Mr. J. S. Nutt, a Mudgee contractor, who built the Havillah and Wollar Churches to Mr. Hardwick's designs. All these buildings have given every satisfaction, and are architectural triumphs, whilst the work of contractor Nutt is in all cases of the highest order.

On the right hand side of the main entrance there is a tablet upon which is inscribed : ' Foundation stone laid by the Right Rev. Bishop Dunne, July 9, 1905.' This shows that the building has been erected within a year. The land upon which it stands was donated by Mr. E. J. Scully, and comprises an acre on one of the best sites in Coolah.'

Stone for the church was quarried on the Coolah Common by B. Harvey, J. Newcomb and Mr. Ridout. The stone work for the construction of the Church was done by John Quigley. Before the completion of the building 400 pounds had been contributed to the cost of constructing the Church, leaving 200 pounds to be raised.

Erected next to the Church is a small building called the 'Calvary Grotto'. This structure was erected in about 1919 as a memorial to local soldiers who lost their lives in the 1914-18 War.

A new Sacred Heart Church was erected on land almost opposite to the old church and was blessed by the Most Rev. A. R. E. Thomas on Sunday 23rd May, 1982.

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Location: 9-11 Church Street Coolah 2843

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Themes: National theme

8. Culture

7. Governing

8. Culture

State theme

Religion

Defence

Religion

Local theme

Country Church

Memorial WWI

Grotto

Designer: R. H. Hardwick

Builder: J. S. Nutt

Year started: 1906

Year completed: 1919

Circa: No

Physical description: A beautiful stone church which faces the street with a bold shaped gable end. At the top of each apex of the roof is an elaborate stone cross with each end of the cross finishing in fleuron style. The facade towards the street has a central timber framed boarded door and to each side a tall lancet arched window. Above the door is a three pointed roundel window.

The gable above is further decorated with a small plaque of elaborate terracotta tiles. The church walls are constructed of squared random rubble stone with attached stone buttresses. The roof is clad in corrugated steel. It is broken by small dormer roof vents. At the rear side is a small projecting gable and door leading to the former sacristy. Inside the church is completely relined with a lowered ceiling of plasterboard. The rear sacristy and former sanctuary has been screened off with a partition and this is used for storage and other purposes.

This whole area is situated in relation to the Sacred Heart School.

Beside the church on the southern side is the Sacred Heart Grotto. This small building is constructed of face brickwork on a high dado of coursed random rubble stone. A large, open, lancet archway defines the entry into the grotto on the eastern side. Within this arched opening is a delicate wrought iron screen and palisade gate. On the side walls are small lancet window openings secured with barred screens. It has a high pitched gable roof originally clad in diamond pattern asbestos shingles, since replaced with corrugated steel, with exposed rafter ends. The roof also has a short central spire in flat steel sheeting with a cross above. Within the interior, the Grotto accommodates a sculpture of Jesus on the Cross and Mary Magdalene and Mary (the mother of Jesus) at the foot of the Cross.

Physical condition

level:

Physical condition: Good

Archaeological

potential level:

Archaeological

potential Detail:

Modification dates: The building no longer serves the purpose of a church and has been refurbished as a children's library.

The grotto had repairs made to cracks in the brickwork c2010s.

Recommended - Continue to maintain building in good order.

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

- The curtilage or setting of the church and grotto, for purposes of listing where applicable shall be taken as being the place as described and an area of 5 metres around them.

Management: **Management category**

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a):

[Historical
significance]

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Criteria b):
[Historical
association
significance]

Criteria c): The Sacred Heart Church and Grotto are a fine group of ecclesiastical buildings situated on a high hill overlooking Coolah. Constructed of local rubble stone and face brickwork these buildings make a significant contribution to the streetscape.
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]

Criteria d): It is a place of great social and spiritual value to the local and regional community.
[Social/Cultural
significance]

Criteria e):
[Research
significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Roy Cameron	Coolah Roman Catholic Church	2005

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

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Data entry: Data first entered:

Data updated: 09/06/2019

Status: Completed

Item name: Sacred Heart Church and Grotto

Location: 9-11 Church Street Coolah 2843

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Image:



Caption: Sacred Heart Church (original) and Grotto

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Caption: Sacred Heart church grotto

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Caption: Sacred Heart Church

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Caption: Sacred Heart church grotto, view of front

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Item name: Sacred Heart Convent and School (former)**Location:** 13 Church Street Coolah 2843

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Address: 13 Church Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Coolah 2843**Local govt area:** Warrumbungle**Parish:** Coolah**State:** NSW**County:** Napier**Other/former names:** Coolah Convent**Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Gamilaroi**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Religion**Category:** Convent/Nunnery**Owner:****Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Private residence**Former uses:** Convent and school**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

Statement of significance: The former Sacred Heart Convent and School is a good example of an Interwar period bungalow style building. It was officially opened and blessed by the Rev. Dr. O'Farrell C.M., Bishop of Bathurst, on 20 February, 1921 and served as a convent and school run by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, first established by Mary McKillop in Penola, South Australia in 1866.

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Historical notes of provenance: The convent and school was formally opened and blessed by the Right Reverend Dr. O'Farrell C.M., Bishop of Bathurst, on 20 February, 1921. The Rev. Fathers E. P. O'Donnell, P. P. and D. M. O'Reilly of Gulgong and Rev. Father Doran of Coonabarabran assisted. It was the third convent and school in the parish of Gulgong. Dr. O'Farrell had previously opened the Monte Sant' Angelo convent in Dunedoo the previous Sunday. 70 students were already in attendance and the structure and furnishings had cost 1800 pounds. (Freeman's Journal, 24 February, 1921)

The Mudgee Guardian of 2 October, 1919 describes the building:

'Situated as it is on a small hill which commands an excellent view of the greater part of the town, the convent is rapidly approaching completion. When handed over the building will prove a notable addition to the architecture of Coolah.

The building is of stone, quarried locally, and erected by Messrs. Bush and Trainor, who have the contract for the stonework. According to the plan supplied by Mr. W. J. Sproule, the front entrance is up a flight of steps on to a 7ft. verandah. The reception room, 10ft. x 12ft., is entered from an 8ft. porch. A 5ft. hall leads to the community room on the left, this room having the dimensions of 15ft. x 12ft. Both of these rooms have fire places. On the right is the oratory, 10ft. x 14ft. A 4ft. passage then leads to the rear of the building. On the left is a kitchen of 12ft. x 10ft. Included in the kitchen is the necessary fire place, whilst a pantry, sink, and cupboard are fitted up on three sides of the wall. There is also a serving window let into the community room. Continuing down the passage a bathroom and scullery are provided, and adjoining them is a cubicle, 7ft x 10ft.

On the northern side ... are three additional cubicles, each 7ft. x 10ft., and these will be occupied by the teaching sisters. On the northern side a wide verandah extends from the community room to the end of the building.

Mr. W. J. Gildea is the contractor for the woodwork required in connection with the building, and the work is proceeding apace under his direction.

When finished the convent building will present a very neat appearance, and in keeping with the church and Calvary erected alongside.'

It appears the construction was delayed and the teaching staff, comprising of four sisters of St. Joseph, were to temporarily reside in a house near the hospital and scholastic operations were to commence in the church (Mudgee Guardian, 15 January, 1920). The delay was due to the inconvenience in procuring the necessary timber to finish off the woodwork.

The primary school was opened on Monday 24 January, 1921 and held in the church with a large enrolment of pupils. In addition to primary education tuition was given in commercial subjects, in music and singing.

The school and convent were run by the sisters from 1921 until 1981.

The Sisters of St. Joseph were established in Penola, South Australia by Mary McKillop who was dedicated to the education of poor children in distant districts. It was the first religious institute to be established by an Australian. It was established within the Bathurst Diocese at Perthville in 1872 with a convent and had 24 children on the roll. By 1927, the year of its golden jubilee in the diocese, the order had grown to twenty two convents within the Bathurst Diocese where one hundred and twenty eight sisters taught 1,762 children. (National Advocate, 30 Dec, 1927)

Themes: National theme

State theme

Local theme

Designer: W. J. Sproule

Builder:

Year started: 1919

Year completed: 1921

Circa: No

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Physical description: The former Sacred Heart Convent and School is a good example of an Interwar period bungalow style building constructed of coursed random rubble stonework with a hipped and gabled roof clad in corrugated iron. There is a wide 'wrap-around' verandah with a hipped roof supported on paired timber posts set on sandstone piers to the south eastern corner of the building addressing both Church Street and Charles Street, which has been partially enclosed with lattice screening. There are timber slatted valances extending between verandah posts to the northern side. Two street facing gabled bays project forward on the southern and eastern sides. Windows are typically timber framed casement sashes with arched top rails, each sash is divided into two panes. Later weatherboard additions are located to the rear, western end of the building.

Physical condition level: Good

Physical condition:
Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

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

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

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

Management: **Management category**

Management name

Further comments:

Criteria a):
[Historical significance]

Criteria b): The former convent has association with the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, which was established by Mary McKillop in Penola, South Australia in 1866.
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): The former Sacred Heart Convent is a good example of an Interwar period bungalow style building constructed of coursed random rubble stonework with a hipped and gabled roof clad in corrugated iron.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d): The former convent has a high level of social significance at a local level. It was developed through community action and represents the aspirations of the Catholic community of Coolah.
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e):
[Research significance]

Criteria f):
[Rarity]

Criteria g):
[Representative]

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Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Cameron, R.	Around the Black Stump	1993
	Coolah Historical Society	Sacred Heart Convent and School historical notes	2018

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

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Caption: Sacred Heart Convent, view of entrance porch

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Caption: Sacred Heart Convent, view looking north west

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Caption: Sacred Heart Convent, detail of the north elevation, view looking south west

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Address: Coolah Tops National Park Hildegard Road

Planning: Northern

Suburb/nearest town: Coolah 2843

Local govt area: Warrumbungle

Parish: Warung

State: NSW

County: Bligh

Other/former names:

Area/group/complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal area: Gamilaroi

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Forestry and Timber Industry

Category: Forestry camp/settlement/housing

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Accommodation - overnight for Parks Rangers

Former uses: Originally a Shepherds Hut.

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: Traill's Hut in the Coolah Tops National Park is of high local significance as an illustration of the tough and remote life of early settlers. It represents an era of self sufficiency and resourcefulness.

It is a rare vernacular slab hut was constructed with minimal tools and material resources, home spun techniques and self labour and typifies semi-permanent accommodation in an isolated location in a clearing beside the Norfolk Island Creek which is part of the story of historic shepherding and stock trails in the Coolah Tops.

Together with other huts on the mountain, it represent a collection of buildings that display considerable architectural variety in materials used and construction techniques.

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Historical notes of provenance: In the early 1900s James Hamilton Traill, and later his two sons, Cecil Clyde and James Arthur, owned the property of 'Tuwinga'.

James Traill leased part of the forest on Coolah Tops for grazing purposes. He also owned a block of 40 acres (Portion 101 and formerly Portion 8) which was freehold and upon which he built a hut and later some stock yards. He also leased some other ground on the Cassilis side of the range. The headquarters of the Traill property was then at Cox's Creek where 'Telargra' is today.

Originally James or his workman would camp on the flat when they went there to check on the flocks, but he decided to construct a hut for better accommodation.

James kept a diary and on the 21st January, 1935 he noted that Arthur Chapman, a teamster working for him, was 'drawing timber for the hut'.

James Hamilton Traill was a renowned and successful breeder of sheep. He and William Windeyer established the Tuwinga Stud in 1925 which was based on selected ewes from the Collaroy Company, and others from 'Willy Wally' Cassilis which were also originally Collaroy stock. The breeding of pure 'Collaroy' stock, which were a pure merino breed, always remained an important part of the Tuwinga Stud.

The main purpose of the hut was as an out-station of the main Tuwinga station. However for a time during WWII, James grew potatoes on the clearing nearby, and presumably for this reason, when the hut came into Joe Barillari's possession it was known for a time as 'Spud' hut.

The hut was constructed of the locally grown forest timbers, with an iron roof and iron chimney lining. The iron, like that of Bracken's hut, was in 6ft lengths, to enable it to be brought up to the clearing on pack horse. The hut was built as a single room space, and inside there were sapling bunks and the fireplace at one end.

During the Traill's ownership of the Hut the central timber partition was added. The Traill's built a sheep yard complex and a sheep plunge dip.

James Hamilton Traill had given service in WW1 originally in the 1st Light Horse Regiment, in Gallipoli, and later in Egypt. He served then in the 4th Australian Camel Regiment and in 1917 was promoted as Lieutenant. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1918 for gallantry in flying operations.

James Traill passed away on the 15th August 1967 and the property passed to his two sons Cecil and James Arthur Traill. In 1972 they sold the parcel of land with the hut and yards to Richard (Tic) Leslie Carroll.

Tic became interested in the property through Peter Smith. Peter was a fine bushman and a man who was very familiar with the 'Tops'. He was enthusiastic about the 40 acre lot and told Tic about it. On approach to the Traills, Tic found that while they were willing to sell the land, they also wanted to sell a much larger area of land with it. Portions 41 and 42 Parish of Warung known as the 'Exley's block'. This contained an area of 1280 acres freehold and conditional lease.

Tic proceeded with the purchase of both parcels of land and during his ownership of the 40 acres did much to improve the property. He cleared the regrowth on the north side of the Norfolk Island Creek, put in a dam and pasture improved the land. He ran cross bred ewes and lambs on the block. He also did some work on the hut, building a verandah on the north side which subsequently either fell down or was removed, and he added the roof guttering and water tank on stand on the north east corner. Initially Tic and his family used the land as a summer retreat, a place they could go to escape the summer heat of their home in Eulaba. The Tops were very cool and moist by comparison. They would sometimes just go up for the day to bush walk and visit the falls.

The sheep yards that had been built in the Traill's time were reduced in scale by Tic who also removed the steel sheep plunge dip. A depression where it was remains today.

Because the Block was remote to his other holdings Tic gradually found that the property was extraneous to his needs and so took the decision to sell the land.

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Joseph Stephen and Glenda Margaret Barillari bought the land from Tic in 1978, and in 1983 it passed to Joe Barillari as sole owner. Joe bought the place with an idea to one day live there, but at the same time he recognised its great natural significance. He believed that one day it should belong to the National Park. Joe did not make many changes to the hut except that he altered the west window shutter to a glass casement window. When he bought the hut it was called the 'Spud Hut', having once been associated with the growing and storage of potatoes as noted above.

Joe came to live at Coolah as a telecom technician and spent weekends and breaks at the Hut. Joe decided to sell the acres and hut to NPWS in 2002. At this stage the block was the last freehold portion of land in the Coolah Tops. NPWS gave Joe the right of access to the land for a short period of time each year.

Themes:	National theme	State theme	Local theme
	3. Economy	Pastoralism	
	5. Working	Labour	
	4. Settlement	Accommodation	
	9. Phases of Life	Persons	

Designer:

Builder:

Year started: 1935

Year completed:

Circa: Yes

Physical description: A small two roomed timber framed slab hut with a simple gable ended roof which is clad in corrugated iron. The roof is pitched at approx. 40 degrees with a frame of light stringy-bark poles, cross braced with a sawn section of hardwood. The bracing extends over approx 2/3 of each side of the roof.

The building is a classic timber post and beam framed structure with main corner and central posts on a 12ft x 12ft x 2 bay grid. The long (24ft) side faces to the north.

Most of the timber framing is the local stringy bark. Corner posts and central posts are approx. 8inch (200mm) timbers in the round, set into the ground as a cantilever. A top and bottom plate spans between the posts, and are usually half housed into the posts. The building has an internal division, also in vertical slabs and planks, approx one third of the way along its length creating what, was at one time a bedroom space. Above the bedroom is a ceiling of slabs, that forms a loft. There is a timber batten clad hinged shutter in the centre of the South side, and a timber framed hinged casement window on the west side which may be a replacement of an earlier timber shutter. The single door opening of the hut faces north and towards the Norfolk Island Creek. On the East end a corrugated iron clad chimney almost covers the full width of the house. It is internally framed in light stringy-bark poles. The floor is generally lined in old timber planks, with some later sawn planks used in repair work. The planks are simply supported on their ends over a central support beam.

Internally the building has some remnants of furniture from the last occupant including a double bed (mattress on two timber bases), a wardrobe, a cupboard, tins, jars, drums, and an unconnected toilet pan. In the ceiling space, resting on the collar ties there are some loose timber frames that appear to be stored there, and a window which is unrelated to this building.

Physical condition level:

Physical condition: Very Good

Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates: Extensive Repairs carried out by NPWS in 2003

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

- Continue to maintain building in good order.

- Consideration be given to an interpretation scheme.

Management: **Management category****Management name****Further comments:****Criteria a):** Traill's Hut is historically important as it represents a valuable record of the past land-use practice of a large property in the Coolah Tops.
[Historical significance]**Criteria b):**
[Historical association significance]**Criteria c):** Traill's Hut is a rare vernacular slab hut constructed with minimal tools and material resources, home spun techniques and self labour and typifies semi-permanent accommodation in an isolated location.
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]**Criteria d):**
[Social/Cultural significance]**Criteria e):**
[Research significance]**Criteria f):**
[Rarity]**Criteria g):**
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

References:	Author	Title	Year
	B.J. Hickson	Coolah Tops National Park CMP	2003

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Hickson & Cameron	Coolah Shire Community Based Heritage Study	Heritage Day 7	2004
	Peter Duggan	Warrumbungle Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2018

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Caption: Traill's Hut - just after completion circa 1935.

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Caption: Traill's Hut, view looking south west

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Caption: Traill's Hut, north elevation

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