

# Coleraine War Memorial



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## Location

78 Whyte Street COLERAINE, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Coleraine War Memorial is located in the Whyte Street, the main street in Coleraine. It has been situated in an important prominent location in front of the Court House. The Memorial assumes a typical form comprising a white marble statue of a soldier on a tapered granite pedestal. The soldier's face is downcast and his gun is inverted. The east and west faces of the pedestal bear the names and ranks of those who fell in World War One from the Shire of Wannon, and the southern face has a memorial dedication written on it. The pedestal stands on two shallow granite steps and a granite plaque bearing the names and ranks in gold of those who served and fell in World War Two rests against it. The War Memorial was erected by subscription from the people of Coleraine and cost seven hundred pounds. It was built by Messrs. Corbin and Sons from Clifton Hill, and was unveiled in front of the Coleraine Court House on Empire Day, May 24th, 1921.

How is it significant?

The Coleraine War Memorial is of historic, social and aesthetic significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Coleraine War Memorial is of historic significance because it commemorates at a local level some of the most important events in the national history of Australia and especially the roles of those from the community who served and died.

It is of social significance as the focus of acts of commemoration such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, and as a place of homage for the community.

It is of aesthetic significance for its use of traditional form, style and iconography to express deep meaning. This significance is enhanced by its setting and location.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1921,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	125536
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The memorial is in excellent condition.

## Physical Description 1

The Coleraine War Memorial is located in the centre of Coleraine, standing in front of the Court House in Whyte Street. The Memorial assumes a typical form comprising a white marble statue of a soldier on a tapered granite

pedestal. The soldier's face is downcast and his gun is inverted.

The east and west faces of the granite pedestal bear the names and ranks of those who served and fell in World War One from the Shire of Wannon. The Southern face reads "This monument is raised and dedicated to the memory of the heroic soldiers from the Shire of Wannon who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War 1914-1919 for King and country and the cause of right. Erected by Residents of Coleraine and District A.D 1921". The pedestal stands on two shallow granite steps and a granite plaque bearing the names and ranks in gold of those who served and fell in World War Two rests against it. The granite tablet reads "Dedicated to those who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II 1939 - 1945".

Formerly, there was a low fence of timber posts with turned tops and 'crinkle' wire around the base.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Theme 7: Governing  
7.7 Defending Australia  
7.7.3 Going to war

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life  
8.8 Remembering the fallen

Theme 9: Marking the phases of life  
9.7.3 Remembering the dead.

## **Usage/Former Usage**

War Memorial to World War One and Two

## **Integrity**

The memorial itself is intact, although the original fencing has been removed

## **Physical Description 2**

Those who served in the First and Second World War and in subsequent wars.

## **Veterans Description for Public**

The Coleraine War Memorial is located at 78 Whyte Street, the main street in Coleraine, in front of the former Court House. The Memorial takes the form of a white marble statue of a soldier on a two-stepped tapered granite pedestal. The soldier's face is downcast and his gun is inverted. The east and west faces of the pedestal bear the names and ranks of those who fell in the First World War from the Shire of Wannon, and the southern face has a memorial dedication written on it. The pedestal stands on two shallow granite steps and a granite plaque bearing the names and ranks in gold of those who served and fell in the Second World War rests against it. In total the memorial lists 101 names of the fallen.

The War Memorial was erected by subscription from the people of Coleraine and cost £675. It was built by Messrs. Corbin and Sons from Clifton Hill, and was unveiled in front of the Coleraine Court House on Empire Day, May 24th, 1921. Formerly, there was a low fence of timber posts with turned tops and 'crinkle' wire around the base.

The inscriptions on this memorial read as follows:

*This Monument Is  
Raised And Dedicated  
To The Memory Of  
The Heroic Soldiers*

*From The Shire Of  
Wannon  
Who Made The Supreme  
Sacrifice In The  
Great War  
1914 - 1919  
For King And Country  
And The Exercise Of Right  
Erected By Residents  
Of  
Coleraine And District  
Ad 1921*

Beneath this is a polished grey granite slab leaning against pillar:

*Dedicated To The Memory Of Those Who Made  
The Supreme Sacrifice In World War II.*

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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