
RAILWAY STATION (FORMER)



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Location

Pilleau Street COLERAINE, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 10, 2003

What is significant?

The former Coleraine Railway Station is located on former railway land which is now a public park at the eastern end of Pilleau Street, two blocks south of Whyte Street (Glenelg Highway), and approximately 300 metres east of the central activities area of Coleraine. It was constructed in 1889 after the completion of the Hamilton-Coleraine railway extension in the previous year. The principle building is single-storey and is constructed of tuckpointed red brickwork on concrete footings with bluestone windowsills. The hipped main roof, segmental platform roof and large sunshades are corrugated iron. The platform verandah and roof plumbing are cast iron. The long rectangular building is a symmetrical composition. A central elliptical arched doorway with entry gable is flanked on each side by five windows with a continuous hood and plaster bands. On the platform side a series of double doors and windows, and a central arched doorway give access to the platform under the continuous verandah.

The building is in very good condition and retains a good degree of integrity although the track and subsidiary structures have all gone. Near the station there is a mature Peppercorn Tree (*Schinus molle*), a traditional shade tree planted at stations.

How is it significant?

The former Coleraine Railway Station is of architectural and historical significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Coleraine Railway Station is of historical significance because the arrival of the railway and its infrastructure represented an important stage in the development of the town and its hinterland which had hitherto relied on horse or bullock drawn transport. The arrival of the railway also brought about the demise of the Cobb and Co depot in Whyte Street. The station was used extensively to convey freight into and out of the district, and to carry passengers for business and pleasure.

The former Coleraine Railway Station is of architectural significance as a modified version of a standard design and as a substantial landmark building, being the largest surviving station in the Shire. Its conventional setting is complemented by the Peppercorn Tree in the grounds.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002; |
| Construction dates | 1889, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Other Names | COLERAINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE, |
| Hermes Number | 23066 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Conditions

The former Coleraine Railway Station has remained largely intact and is in very good condition.

Physical Description 1

The former railway station is a single storey building constructed of tuckpointed red brick on concrete footings, with bluestone windowsills. The lower third of the brick walls have been cement rendered in an attempt to prevent rising damp. The hipped main roof, the segmental platform roof and the large sunshades are corrugated iron. The platform verandah and roof plumbing are cast iron. The long rectangular building is a symmetrical composition. A central elliptical arched doorway with an entry gable is flanked on each side by five windows with a continuous hood and plaster bands. A pair of chimneys are symmetrically placed. On the platform side are a series of double doors and windows and a central arched doorway. The original plan consisted of six rooms comprising a telegraph office, booking office, general waiting room, ladies waiting room, baggage room, and porters room. Near the main building there is a mature Peppercorn Tree (*Schinus molle*). The ancillary structures and the railway track have been removed or demolished.

Usage/Former Usage

Railway station

Visitor Information Centre

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

4 Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

Integrity

High

Physical Description 2

Messrs. Tippett and Campbell - local tradesmen

Messrs. Greed and Son - painters and plumbers

Mr. G Thompson - brick maker

Mr. N Irving

Physical Description 3

Former Railway Reserve

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