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# ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH



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## Location

Winter Street COLERAINE, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 16, 2003

What is significant?

The present Uniting Church is the second former St Andrew's Presbyterian Church on the site. It is located at the south-west corner of Winter and Church Streets and faces Winter Street. With the Anglican and Catholic Churches, it is several blocks south of the main street of Coleraine and positioned on rising land overlooking the town. The first church was built in 1865 and the present church was built in 1892. The architect was C D Figgis of Ballarat who was working on nearby Wando Dale Homestead at the time, the owner of which, William Moodie was a leading member of the congregation.

St Andrew's Uniting (former Presbyterian) Church is of architectural, historical and social significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

St Andrew's Uniting (former Presbyterian) Church is of social significance to the township of Coleraine as the focus for the strong Presbyterian population who settled the area in the mid to late nineteenth century. Historically, it is significant for demonstrating the strong Presbyterian faith in the Shire. Architecturally, it demonstrates a style of building which is typical of Presbyterian churches in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1892,
Architect/Designer	Figgis, Charles Douglas,
Other Names	ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Hermes Number	23072
Property Number	

## Physical Conditions

The church is in excellent condition internally and externally although iron bolts and bars have been introduced to control previous structural movement.

## Physical Description 1

The church is designed in a free Romanesque revival style, with some Gothic details, which uses predominantly red bricks with cream brick and unpainted cement render in contrasting details. The cream bricks include some formed to create 'dog's tooth' and other shapes. The red and cream brick voussoirs are coloured with an ochre wash and they are tuck pointed. The render simulates stonework on the buttresses, cornices and copings.

The deliberately complicated massing of the building includes the nave, a square tower incorporating a porch and canted side bays, and triple gabled transepts on both north and south sides. The south transept includes an asymmetrically placed door. At the rear the separate vestry and storeroom create a porch. The front porch has two entrances, one through each of the canted side bays. A small central window has a stained glass memorial, dated 1964, dedicated to the "Pioneer [Women's] Guild Members". The floor tiles have been replaced but the originals presumably matched those at the threshold of the south entrance.

There are several significant trees in the church grounds including: *Eucalyptus citriodora* x 2; *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* x 2 (marking the corner entrance); *Fraxinus* sps.; and *Ulmus* sps.. There are also tennis courts.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.6 Worshipping

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.4 Making places for worship

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Church

## **Intactness**

The spire was demolished otherwise the church has excellent interity externally and internally.

## **Physical Description 2**

Charles Douglas Figgis, FRIVA architect

H Bradbury, contractor

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