
POLICEMAN'S HOUSE (FORMER)



23158 Police House Nareen
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Location

Coleraine Road NAREEN, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Policeman's House, Coleraine Road, Nareen is a single storey symmetrical stone and pise cottage of simple, even primitive construction. The date of its construction is given as 1865 but may be earlier. The cottage was used as a police station from 1875 to 1880 and subsequently as a saddler and bootmaker's. It is located just north of the settlement of Nareen. The cottage, now abandoned, is substantially intact and is in fair condition.

How is it significant?

The Policeman's House, Coleraine Road, Nareen is of historic and architectural significance to the community of Nareen and to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Policeman's House, Coleraine Road, Nareen is of historical significance as possibly a very early building in

the Wando district, dating at least from the time of the Land Selection Acts. Its usage as a police station was a direct reflection of the tension between squatters and selectors. It is of architectural interest for its early form, type of construction and detailing.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1865,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23158
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in fair condition and retains a high degree of integrity. For the most part, the walls are structurally sound and the roof is watertight.

Physical Description 1

The building is a single storey symmetrical stone house with a verandah at the front and a stone skillion at the rear. The walls are coursed random rubble and are limewashed or painted. There are four rooms with two stone and brick chimneys at the northern end, the one in the rear room being used for cooking. The gabled roof is corrugated iron with weatherboards filling the gables, suggesting that an earlier hipped roof may have been replaced. There is a mid-twentieth century skylight in the kitchen roof. The verandah posts are timber. The windows are small six-paned casements and the ledge and brace front door is half-glazed. There is a corrugated iron porch with a timber floor at the rear of the kitchen. The whole suggests a relatively primitive form of construction.

There is no surviving front garden and there are only three substantial trees associated with the dwelling, a plum tree [*Prunus* species] in the rear yard and peppercorns [*Schinus molle*] on the northern side. The front fence and gate are a simple picket design.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies
3.19 Marketing and retailing

Theme 7
7.6 Administering Australia
7.6.3 Policing Australia

Usage/Former Usage

vacant

Integrity

High degree of integrity.

Physical Description 2

Mary Willis, first land owner

Mounted Constable John Baird no. 1689, from 17.3.1875

John Balchin no. 2682 from 15.6.1878

Albert Mastin no. 2370 from 4.4.1879

R H Bennett no. 2823 from 6.3.1880

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