
COLERAINE BUTTER FACTORY (FORMER)



23224 former Butter factory
Coleraine 2037



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Coleraine 2038



23224 former Butter factory
Coleraine residence 2039

Location

26 Robertson 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 - May 1, 2003

What is significant?

The former Coleraine Butter Factory is an industrial complex situated in Robertson Street, on the eastern edge of the township of Coleraine. Its tall chimney stack is one of the most visible landmarks in Coleraine. The main factory building is constructed of brick, with a corrugated iron roof, and a large lantern window across the main roof ridge. To the east of the main building is a tall shed with a timber open-slatted wall on the south side and corrugated iron roof, together with a brick office building. On the south side of the complex is a large open shed, and a timber house with tiled roof built in 1943 for the factory manager. The factory buildings are in good condition and retain a good degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former Coleraine Butter Factory is of architectural and historical significance to the township of Coleraine.

Why is it significant?

The former Butter factory is of historical significance to the township of Coleraine as a representation of a dairy industry which started in the area around the turn of the Century. It is of historical significance for the physical reminder of a previous industry within the township associated with closer settlement, and a way of life which is no longer supported. The Coleraine Butter factory is historically important as it is only one of two such factories in the study area. It is of architectural significance as one of the few surviving industrial complexes within the township of Coleraine, and the visual impact of the smoke stack which is a dominating landmark in the township.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1927,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	COLERAINE WOOL,
Hermes Number	23224
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The condition of the factory buildings is good. The loss of the large steel windows in the main factory detracts from its integrity, and has prevented light and air from circulating. All equipment related to butter and cheese making has been removed, and the site is now devoted to wool processing. The chimney appears to be in very good condition, which is significant, given the reactivity of the local soil, and the instability of many old brick buildings in Coleraine.

Physical Description 1

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Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding People

3.12.2 Developing sources of fresh local produce

3.12.4 Preserving food and beverages

3.13 Developing an Australian manufacturing capacity

Usage/Former Usage

Wool processing plant

Integrity

Good degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

Charles Edward Payne, first owner of the land

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