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# MOUNT KOROITE HOMESTEAD (ORIGINAL SITE)



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## Location

Heffernan Lane 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

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What is significant?

The original site of Mount Koroite Homestead is located about eight kilometers east of the township of Coleraine, and north of the second homestead, which is located at the top of the hill. The only fabric which remains at the site of the original homestead are two Italian Cypress (*Cupressus semprevirens*), several fruit trees and potential archeological artifacts. The Mount Koroite run dates from the very early 1840s and has been associated with a variety of important pastoral families, including the Whyte Brothers, Pubrick family, the Turnbull's and the Youngs. The site and the remaining fabric of the site is in poor condition, and has been damaged by cattle, although the archaeological potential may be high.

How is it significant?

The former Koroite Homestead site is of historical and archaeological significance to the community of Coleraine, and the Southern Grampians Shire as a Heritage Inventory Site.

Why is it significant?

The original site of Mount Koroite homestead is historically significant as one of the earliest runs in the area, for its associations with key individuals and as an example of an abandoned homestead site. It is of archaeological significance for the information it may reveal about the early squatting period generally, the establishment at Mount Koroite in particular and families of the earliest pastoral times.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1840,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23431
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The remaining plantings are in poor condition, and damaged by cattle. There is a high archaeological potential at this site.

## Physical Description 1

This, the original site of the first homestead is located in Heffernan Lane off the Cavendish-Coleraine Road. It is in a small creek valley rather than on a hillside, which is unusual. Nor is it close to the main route between Hamilton and Coleraine. It is not known when or why this site was abandoned in favour of the higher site. It was most probably linked to the purchase of the pre-emptive right. Several early (possibly pre-dating 1860) plantings survive at the original site including four Italian cypresses (*Cupressus sempervirens*), apple and pear trees, possibly a mulberry tree, and some minor bulbs. Most interestingly, there is a rare private cemetery located on the hillside opposite the original homestead site. The three sites, of the old homestead site, the new homestead site and the cemetery should be viewed as a whole, and in relation to each other. Mount Koroite was subdivided from the Koroite or Dundas run

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working on the land

## Integrity

No built remains surviving. Several tree including two *Cupressus sempervirens* and several fruit trees.

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