
KILLORAN

Location

Moree Road and Nareen-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?

Killoran, located on the Moree Road, approximately 20 kilometers north west of Coleraine is a typical Mount Gambier Stone house, set in extensive exotic and native garden. The house and garden were developed by the Coxon family over many years. There is no architect associated with the design, and the house was built by Mr. Coxon. The garden, developed by Mrs. Coxon is renowned through the district for its diverse plantings of native trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses. Many of the gardens in the area contain plants which have been grown from seeds and cuttings from the garden, and Mrs. Coxon has been considered a local garden expert for over fifty years. The house and the garden retain an excellent degree of integrity, and are in excellent condition.

How is it significant?

Killoran is of social significance to the district of Nareen and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The house and garden at Killoran are of social significance as an important place which is held in high regard by the community of Nareen. The garden, and Mrs. Coxon's knowledge have long been used as a resource by local gardeners, and the garden in a sense symbolises the knowledge which Mrs. Coxon has passed on to several generations of gardeners. It is of further significance as an excellent example of a vernacular house and garden designed and built by the owners, who have retained both house and garden in excellent condition. The garden is not only renowned throughout the area, but has a deep private significance to the Coxon family, trees have been planted to commemorate significant events in the life of the family. The garden and the house should be viewed as one, as they are both designed and built by the owners, from local materials, and illustrate the struggle and hardship of many young families after World War Two.

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

Physical Conditions

The house and garden are in excellent condition.

Physical Description 1

Killoran is a small, asymmetrical, single storey house built after the second World War in stages in the Austerity style. The walls are Mount Gambier stone, the roof is corrugated iron and the windows are timber double hung sashes. All detailing is simple and typical of the time. The house was built by Mr. Coxon. There are the usual outbuildings to the rear.

The house is surrounded by a well-developed garden. While it does include some exotics as specimen trees, the main theme of the planting is Australian natives. Important family events, such as the birth of each child, were marked by the planting of a tree.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 8: Developing Australia's Cultural Life
8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Theme 9: Marking the phases of Life
9.3 Forming families and partnerships
9.3.2 Bringing up children

Usage/Former Usage

residence and garden

Integrity

Excellent degree of integrity for both house and garden

Physical Description 2

Agnes Coxon, who, with her late husband, built the house and developed the garden.

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