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# ETHANDUNE WOOLSHED



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Ethandune woolshed former  
SS Coleraine

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## Location

306 Coleraine-Edenhope Road 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 Ethandune Woolshed, formerly Koolomurt State School No. 2303, now located on the Coleraine-Edenhope Road, 3.0km north of Coleraine, was originally part of the primary education centred on Nareen. It was one of several small schools in the area including Nareen, a stone building commenced in 1870, Tarrayoukyan built about 1875 and Koolomurt built about 1877, which were managed together and sometimes shared teachers. They were required under the Education Act and as a result of the increased population after land selection but attendances fluctuated over the decades. They were requested and supported not just by selectors but by major landholders as well. The Koolomurt school building, which was associated with the squatting run of the same name, appears to have been a standard design and may have been prefabricated. The galvanised iron roof ventilators are also standard. It contained two rooms, one of which was the residence of the teacher, the first being William Corry. A few years after construction, the building was moved about 3.5km to the south. It was later

moved to Nareen. After the Second World War there was a policy of consolidating education into urban centres. Eventually, both the Tarrayoukyan and Koolomurt schools were relocated to private properties to become woolsheds. The Koolomurt school building is much altered and is in fair condition.

How is it significant?

The Ethandune Woolshed, formerly State School No. 2303, is of historical significance to the communities of Nareen and Konongwootong areas and to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Ethandune Woolshed, formerly State School No. 2303, is of historical significance as an expression of the government's and the community's efforts to provide education in remote places with small populations and for the rationalisation in school services and attendances, especially after the Second World War. Its relocation and conversion into a woolshed demonstrates a practical and typical sense of economy.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1877,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	(FORMER STATE SCHOOL NO. 2303),
Hermes Number	23784
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The building is much altered and extended and is in fair condition.

## Physical Description 1

The main part of the single storey timber building is approximately 5m by 8m in plan and 6m high. Externally, the unusual use of exposed timber framing with shiplap boards, suggesting possible prefabrication. Internally, the main space is lined with conventional pine lining boards. The interior has been much altered for use as a small woolshed. Various additions, such as corrugated iron skillions and timber yards, have been made on east, south and west sides, which are of low significance. The north wall retains its pair of unusual small paned windows.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 6 Educating

6.2 Establishing schools

6.5 Educating people in remote places

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

woolshed

## **Integrity**

Very low integrity

## **Physical Description 2**

William Corry, first teacher.

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