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38 Culturally Significant Churches in Moira Shire

Historical Statement

In the early years of settlement of the area there was not a concentration of ethnic or religious groups that resulted in the predominance of any individual religion. The first churches were established in the Shire in the late 1870s with many religions being represented across the region by the 1890s. Early services were often held in private homes and halls and not all centres had a purpose built church.

Some of the churches established by the various denominations in the Shire are noted below. Most of them still exist and used for religious purposes. Some have been relocated for use by a different denomination, some have been adapted to a new use such as a residence. However, some, such as the Church of England at Almonds have been destroyed by fire.

The Church of England established churches at Almonds, Barmah, Boweya North, Cobram, Katamatite, Katunga, Nathalia, Numurkah, Picola, St James, Strathmerton, Tungamah, Waaia, and Yarrawonga.

Roman Catholic missions were first established in the region at Yarrawonga, Numurkah and Shepparton, each having a church and presbytery. In 1890 Sisters of Mercy, direct from Co. Wexford, Ireland, established their convent in Yarrawonga and in 1897 a convent was established by the Sisters of Joseph at Numurkah. Roman Catholic churches were established at Barmah, Bundalong, Burramine, Cobram, Katamatite, Nathalia, Numurkah, Strathmerton, Tungamah, Wilby, and Yarrawonga.

The Bible Christian Church established a mission and their headquarters in the region in 1879 at Wunghnu under the Rev. John Orchard. A parsonage was later erected and a new church built in 1918. In December 1879, the Numurkah church was opened however this was destroyed by fire, and its brick replacement was also damaged by fire. In 1882 the Bible Christians erected buildings at Baulkamaugh, Yalca and Bearii.

Wesleyan services were established at Wunghnu and Numurkah soon after the Bible Christian churches. The Rev. J.J. Brown, a Wesleyan minister stationed at Shepparton, established services at Katamatite, Youanmite and Dunbulbalane between 1878 and 1879.

The first Methodist services in the region were held in private homes in Nathalia until a church was erected in Nathalia and Yielima in 1878. The Nathalia church was replaced by a brick church in 1882 and churches were built at Yalca (1882), Picola West (1885), Narioka (1886) and Kotupna (1892). The Yielima church was later moved to Nathalia as the transept of the old church which became the Sunday School.

Methodist services in Cobram were first held in 1887 at Grant and White's foundry and W.H. Curtis's general store until the church was opened in 1890. This church was sold to the Presbyterians c. 1894 and Methodist services lapsed until an arrangement was made to hold alternate services in the building.

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Wesleyan / Methodist churches were also established at Bundalong Village, Cobram, Katunga, Peechelba, Strathmerton, Waggarandall, Yarrawonga and Yarroweyah.

Leading up to and following the amalgamation of the churches into the united Methodist Church of Australia in 1902, some buildings were sold or relocated in a rationalisation of churches in individual towns. The Wesleyan church in Wunghnu was moved to Numurkah and the Primitive Methodist church in Wunghnu was purchased by the Bible Christians.

Presbyterian churches were established at Burramine, Cobram, Katamatite, Lake Rowan, Nathalia, Numurkah, Tungamah, Yarrawonga and Yarroweyah; Congregational at Boweya North, Bundalong, Peechelba, Wilby, and Yarrawonga; Church of Christ at Yarrawonga; and Salvation Army at Bundalong Village, Numurkah and Yarrawonga. Most Wesleyan/Methodist and Presbyterian churches in the area have amalgamated into the Uniting Church.¹

Description

The majority of nineteenth and early twentieth century churches are characterised by a garden or bush setting.

They have a large open rectangular space with a steeply pitched roof, which is raked inside. This created a picturesque form on the outside and an impressive and lofty space within. They were built of red brick whenever possible, but many were built of timber weatherboards. The churches are generally decorated inside and out. The outside usually has features such as timber fretwork, finials, lead light, crosses, contrasting bands of brickwork or concrete render, buttresses, pointed windows and doors and gable ends. The interiors have decorative trusses, lined ceiling, glass, pews, alter, pulpit, communion rails, baptismal font, piano or organ, hymn panel, and wall paintings.

The mid to late twentieth century churches usually have flatter roofs, more variety in the plan form, cream brick walls, and other more recent materials, but less decoration.

The 38 churches are listed and illustrated in the Moira Shire Heritage Database and in the table below.

Statement of Significance

The Churches are aesthetically, historically, socially and scientifically significant on a local level.

The churches are aesthetically significant for their landmark orientation and locations, garden and bush settings, picturesque forms, fine decorative treatments, lofty interior spaces, interior

1 *Some of the Fruits of Fifty Years: Annals of the Catholic Church in Victoria*, A H Massina & Co., Melbourne, 1897, pp. 78-80; Allen, Maree G. RSM, *The Labourers' Friends*, Hargreen Publishing Company, North Melbourne, 1989, pp. 133-4, 140; Benson, C Irving, *A Century of Victorian Methodism*, Spectator Publishing Co., Melbourne, 1935, pp. 486, 489-90, 491-2; *St James 1988 : Southern Riding of Tungamah Shire*, "Back-to" St James 1989 Committee, St James, 1989, pp. 29, 39; *History of the Churches of Yarrawonga and Mulwala and district townships*, Yarrawonga-Mulwala Ecumenical Committee, Yarrawonga, 2001; *Vision and Realisation*, Vol. 3. pp. 784, 828.

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decoration and colours, high degree of creative accomplishment and represent many variations of primarily gothic architecture. (AHC D 2, E1)

The churches are historically significant on a local level for their association with the development of cultural and religious institutions in their respective localities. (AHC A.4) Many of the churches date to the late nineteenth century and are thus also associated with the history of the area in the colonial period. (AHC A.4)

The churches are socially significant on a local level for their formal association with marking major phases in the lives of the community, such births (Christenings), marriage ceremonies and funerals, community fund raising to pay for the construction and maintenance of the properties and as ongoing places of worship. AHC G.1).

The churches are scientifically significant as places which have been used extensively and continuously by many generations of people and thus are important for their strong presumption of archaeological research potential to educate, and provide further cultural understanding of the community. (AHC C 2)






The following is an illustrated list of the 38 churches in the Shire recommended for Heritage Overlay listing.

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CHURCHES	No. 38	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in a Precinct?
	1	Barmah	937	Barmah Anglican Church,	Barmah Bridge Approach,	No
	2	Barmah	939	Barmah Catholic Church, ,	Murray and Tinkler Streets	No
	3	Bundalong	1084	Uniting Church,	McPherson Street,.	No
	4	Burramine	312	St Mary's Catholic Church,	Yarrawonga Katamatite Rd	No
	5	Cobram	240	St Josephs Catholic Church.	2 Broadway St	Yes







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CHURCHES	No. 38	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in a Precinct?
 	6	Cobram	243	St Joseph's Church and Carillon,	41 William Street	Yes
	7	Cobram	244	Weatherboard Church Uniting Methodist (Red Cross centre),	3 William St	Yes
 	8	Cobram	245	Former Methodist/Presbyterian Uniting Church, Gates, Halls,	40 Hay Street	Yes







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	9	Cobram	247 & 282	St Margaret's Church of England, 1906, Windows, Gates, Fence, Hall,	8 High St	No
	10	Cobram East	92 2	Former Church & exotic trees, ,	2575 Murray Valley Highway	No
	11	Katamatite	605	Uniting Church & Hall,		No
	12	Katamatite	611	Anglican Church, 18	Beek Street	No
	13	Katamatite	617	Catholic Church	Beek Street	No







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	14	Lake Rowan	107 2	Uniting Church and Hall.	Savage Street	No
	15	Nathalia	166	Uniting Church	Bromley Street	Yes And HO19
	16	Nathalia	22	Catholic Church 1892	1 Robertson Street	Yes And HO6
	17	Nathalia	156	Anglican Church	37 Robertson Street	Yes and HO1
	18	Nathalia	164	Former Presbyterian Church	24 Veldt St	Yes and HO15
	19	Numurkah	484	Anglican Church	Melville Street	No
No Photo available	20	Numurkah	557	Uniting Church 1888 & Hall	Quinn Street	No

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	21	Numurkah	562	St Andrews Presbyterian Church 1883,	58 Saxton Street	yes
	22	Numurkah	563	St Andrews Presbyterian Hall	60 Saxton Street	yes
	23	Numurkah	570	Catholic Church, and trees	20 Tocumwal Road	Yes
	24	St James	87	St Thomas Anglican Church, fence and trees,	Main St	Yes
	25	Strathmerton	583	St Aidens Anglican Church	98 Murray Valley Highway	no
	26	Strathmerton	584	Uniting Church and Hall	Murray Valley Highway	no

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CHURCHES	No. 38	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in a Precinct?
	27	Strathmerton	586	St Patrick's Church	Murray Valley Highway	No
	28	Tungamah	639	St Albans Anglican Church	Tungamah Road or Barr st	yes
	29	Tungamah	641	Uniting Church	Barr Street	yes
	30	Tungamah	642	Catholic Church And associated buildings	Barr Street	Yes
	31	Waaia	596	Former Anglican Church	Bearii-Waaia Road	No
	32	Waaia	593	Former Church	Katunga-Picola Road	No

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	33	Waggarandal l	254	Uniting Church & Graves c 1880s, ,	2186 Benalla Tocumwal Rd	No
	34	Yalca	947	Yalca Uniting Church and Fence,	Brown Bridge Road,	No
	35	Yarrawonga	388	Sacred Heart Church 1897	Witt Street	No
	36	Yarrawonga	395	Uniting Church and Hall	Piper Street	Yes
	37	Yarrawonga	409	St Cuthbert's Anglican Church and hall.	Piper Street	No
	38	Yarrawonga	798	Former Church	McNally Street	No
TOTAL	38					

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21 Culturally Significant Halls in Moira Shire

Historical Statement

The twenty-one public halls in the Study Area represent a number of public institutions and cultural associations in the history of the shire. While a number of the halls originated as public meeting places for local communities, there are also among their number Mechanics Institute halls (Katamatite, Nathalia) and Scout halls (Yarrowonga, Katunga). These are associated with the development of educational institutions in the shire. The Mechanics Institutes were largely founded in the nineteenth century, while the scouting movement had its origin at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria provided a community facility for "the diffusion of literary, scientific and other useful knowledge and the literary advancement and recreation of its members and the community generally" as well as a venue for social and civic functions. Many were used for court sessions, church services and schools until buildings were erected for their specific needs. Of the education sites, the Nathalia Mechanics Institute (1886) is the earliest.² The original Katamatite Mechanics' Institute was built in 1884 and a Free Library was added in 1885. After the Second World War the building was handed over to the RSL and renamed the Katamatite Memorial Hall. The present building appears to date from the post war period, which was a period of the greatest population growth for the township.³ Other halls, such as the Nathalia Masonic Lodge (1914), reflect significant cultural associations in the history of the localities.

Description

The form of most halls is rectangular with some auxiliary rooms at the front, side and or back. The early halls usually have a steeply pitched roof. The wall materials range from face brick, rendered brick, timber weatherboard, corrugated galvanised iron, but the roofs are universally made of corrugated galvanised iron (not zincalume). The 21 halls are listed and illustrated in the Moira Shire Heritage Database and in the table below.

Statement of Significance

The public halls are aesthetically, historically, socially and scientifically significant at a local level.

The halls are aesthetically significant as landmarks in the streetscape and some are good representative examples of the architectural styles of the period, including the large open and sometimes decorated interiors. (AHC D 2, E1)

The public halls as a group are historically significant on a local level for their association with the development of educational, social and cultural institutions in the history of their respective

² *Environmental History*, p.53.

³ *Environmental History*, p.35-36;

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localities. (AHC A.4) Many of the halls date to the late nineteenth century and are thus also associated with the history of the area in the colonial period. (AHC A.4)


They are also socially significant on a local level for their ongoing public use and recognised value as places interwoven with the history of the area and for their association with the social aspect of marking major phases in the lives of the community, such wedding receptions, debut balls, and funeral wakes, and community fund raising to pay for the construction and maintenance of the properties. AHC G.1).

The halls are scientifically significant as places which have been used extensively and continuously by many generations of people and thus are important for their strong presumption of archaeological research potential to educate, and provide further cultural understanding of the community. (AHC C 2)







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HALLS	No. 21	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct
	1	Barmah	945	Public Hall,	12 Schier Street,	no
	2	Burramine South	691	Burramine Hall	Katamatite – Yarrowonga Road	no
	3	Katamatite	606	Public Mechanics Institute Hall,	Beek Street,	no
	4	Katunga	303	RSL Hall and Plaque,	1 Bristol Street	no
	5	Katunga	304	Scout Hall,	5 Bristol Street,	no
	6	Nathalia.	20	Mechanics Institute and Public Hall, 1889	43 Pearce St	N
	7	Nathalia	1035	Masonic Lodge, et,	25 Gifford Stre	No





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HALLS	No. 21	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct
	8	Numurkah	462	Former Mechanic's Institute, 1883	Melville St	Yes
	9	Numurkah	522	Former Hall	McDonald Street	No
	10	Numurkah	561	RSL Hall	Saxton Street	No
	11	Peechelba	1088	Peechelba Memorial Hall,	Murray Valley Highway,	no
	12	Picola	957	Picola Hall,	Moran St,	No
	13	St James	97	Hall, (former Mechanics' Institute)	St James Road	yes

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HALLS	No. 21	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct
	14	Strathmerton	587	Public Hall	Murray Valley Highway	No
	15	Tungamah	107	Tungamah Mechanics Institute Soldiers Memorial Hall	Barr St	Yes
	16	Wilby	175	Wilby Memorial Hall	Swanston St.	No
	17	Wunghnu	44	Former Mechanics Institute Hall		No HO22 H518
	18	Yalca	946	Yalca North 1925 Public Hall, ,	Murray Valley Highway	No
	19	Yarrowonga	723	Scout Hall	Cnr Pearce & Irving Sts	No

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HALLS	No. 21	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct
	18	Yarrawonga	762	CWA rooms	21 Hovell Street	No
	19	Yarrawonga	401	Masonic Lodge	Piper St	Yes
	20	Yarroweyah	331	Yarroweyah Memorial Hall	Murray Valley Highway	No
	21	Yundool	273	Yundool Hall, Yundool	School Road,	No
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19 Culturally Significant War Memorials in Moira Shire

Historical Statement

Many people from the Shire were involved in both World Wars and experienced many losses from their communities. Places of enlistment during the Second World War included Bundalong, Cobram, Katamatite, Nathalia, Numurkah, Picola, St James, Strathmerton, Tungamah and Yarrawonga. Although many may have moved to Melbourne or other larger centres prior to enlistment, the Second World War Nominal Roll showed that 1,596 were residents in the Shire at the time of enlistment and 3,014 were born in the Shire.

As well as civic monuments of the kind built in Lake Rowan, Tungamah, Nathalia, Numurkah and Yarrawonga, civic beautification in the form of Memorial Trees and Avenues of Honour were also significant living memorials to the fallen and to those who served. In Nathalia both poplar trees (1941) and peppercorn trees (1919) survive in the main commercial street while the Avenue of Honour of Kurrajong trees continues to flourish in Bromley Street. In Yarrawonga a magnificent Avenue of Honour was created using 230 Kurrajong trees which were individually named for each of the 230 soldiers who enlisted from the district. It extended from the Monument, down Belmore St, the commercial centre, McNally, and Lott Streets to the railway station. Since the 1950s, 198 of the Yarrawonga trees have been destroyed by poor drainage, neglect, and removal for vehicle priorities and some of the Peppercorn trees in Nathalia were recently removed for the construction of an asphalt car park in the centre of the road.

Honour Rolls for the First and Second World War were hung in many halls throughout the Shire and monuments, memorial windows, plaques and buildings were dedicated in memory of the fallen and those who served.ⁱ

Description

The memorials are usually located in prominent positions and designed to be landmarks in the town. They were most often designed to beautify the town with trees and or high quality design and craftsmanship. Avenues of Honour were popular around Victoria as they were a living monument, beautified the streets by creating a green canopy, aesthetically pleasing structure, created much appreciated shade and each tree could be dedicated to an individual soldier. In the drier areas such as those in Moira Shire, the species chosen reflected the need for green trees which provided relief from the hot, dry and sometimes dusty environment in the streets. Both Peppercorn trees and Kurrajong trees were very hardy, green, created shady canopies and had natural longevity.

They were created and built by local communities through voluntary labour and public subscription and therefore vary in design, size, materials, trees species, location and craftsmanship. Government assistance was generally in the form of permission to erect the monuments on crown land or road reserves. In the case of the Yarrawonga Avenue of Honour, the returned soldiers were engaged to dig the holes as a form of employment. Most of the memorials have been well cared for, (Yarrawonga Avenue of Honour being an exception) and continue to be used during Anzac Day services. Some survive in locations that have greatly changed around them: the Lake Rowan Monument is an example of this situation where the

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buildings, including a Mechanics Institute Hall, have all been removed and the monument stands in a bare allotment surrounded by vacant paddocks.

Statement of Significance

The war memorials across the Study Area as a group are aesthetically, historically, socially and scientifically significant on a local level.

They are aesthetically significant as landmarks, with unique designs, high quality craftsmanship, and beautification of public places. (AHC D2, E1).

They are historically significant for their association with remembering the dead and defending Australia. (AHC A.4) The war memorials are historically significant in particular for their association with the shared sacrifices made by each of the localities to wars in the history of Australia. Most of the memorials are associated first with the Great War (or First World War) of 1914-18, though many have also subsequently been associated as memorial sites for further conflicts. The Lake Rowan War Memorial column and urn are also historically significant as one of only 53 civic war memorials to the Boer War in Victoria and the oldest war memorial in the Study Area. (AHC B2)


They are socially significant for their continued use during annual remembrance services and their association with the shared financial sacrifices made by many members of the public in each of the localities to organise and raise funds to establish the memorials. (AHC C 2, G1).

They are scientifically significant for their materials, craftsmanship, tree species, and strong presumption of archaeological research potential. (AHC C 2)




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WAR MEMORIALS	No 18.	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct
	1	Cobram	224	War Memorial and flagpole.	Punt Road,	Yes
	2	Cobram	227	Cobram War Memorial Swimming Pool, gates and arch.	Gregory Street	No
	3	Cobram	246	War Memorial Plaque with Aleppo Pine ,	Hay Street	Yes
	4	Katunga	303	RSL Hall, War memorial, flagpole and Plaque	1 Bristol Street,	No
	5	Lake Rowan	1077	War Memorial Site, Monument, lone pien tree, plaque, flagpole.		No




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WAR MEMORIALS	No 18.	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct
	6	Nathalia	1028	War Memorial Peppercorn Avenue of Honour.	Blake Street	Yes
	7	Nathalia	1014	1919 War Memorial monument, plaques, flagpoles, 1949 Poplar trees..	Blake Street,	yes
	8	Nathalia	1044	WW1 Kurrajong Avenue of Honour. The trees were individually named.	Bromley Street	Yes
	9	Nathalia	1045	Memorial Pool,	Park Street,	No
	10	Numurkah	483	War Memorial, Gun, plaque & Trees	Melville Street	Yes
	11	Numurkah	566	POW Plantation and Plaque	Goulburn Valley Hwy	No
	12	Numurkah	579	Coombs Memorial Drive, plaque.	Katamatite Road	no

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WAR MEMORIALS	No 18.	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct
 	13	St James	119	War Memorial, flagpole, Stone plaque	Devenish Rd	Yes
	14	Strathmerton	587	War Memorial	Murray Valley Highway	No
	15	Tungamah	106	War Memorial Obelisk,	Barr St	yes
	16	Yarrawonga	357	WW1 War Memorial 1921	Belmore Street	Yes

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WAR MEMORIALS	No 18.	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct
	17	Yarrawonga	1100	1919 Kurrajong Avenue of Honour	Kurrajong tree and plaque.	Yes
	18	Yarrawonga	1096	1919 Kurrajong Avenue of Honour	Kurrajong trees.	Yes
	19	Yarrawonga	698	RSL Avenue of Honour War Memorial, plaque and 1919 granite pillars from Belmore St.	Dunlop Street	
TOTAL	19					

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17 Culturally Significant Cemeteries in Moira Shire

Historical Statement

Records of early burials in the Shire during the period prior to the land settlement of the 1870s generally exist only in individual certificates or documents. Land for cemeteries was set aside when towns were surveyed and volunteer cemetery trusts established to operate them. Cemeteries in the shire, showing approximate commencement dates, include: Barmah (1878), Barmah Forest (private cemetery) (1854), Bundalong (1880), Burramine (1875), Cobram (1876), Karrabumet / Lake Rowan (1879), Katamatite (1880), Nathalia (1854), Numurkah (1883), Tungamah (1883), Waggarandall (1886), Wilby (1891), Wunghnu (1880), Yabba (1867), Yalca North (1895) and Yarrawonga (1877).⁴ The gazettement of cemeteries were often established concurrently with other town infrastructure and generally preceded strong periods of growth and continued in use throughout the population peaks of individual towns. Therefore there are other private cemeteries and lone graves on private property which are earlier than most of the public cemeteries, however, although culturally important these have not been assessed in this study. The Tungamah cemetery (1883) for example was established at the same time as a new bridge, and served the town throughout the peak population growth period from the opening of the railway there in 1886 to the proclamation of the Tungamah shire when the population was over 400.⁵ The Nathalia Cemetery is the oldest public cemetery in the shire, dating from 1854.

Description

Cemeteries are cultural landscapes. The cemeteries were designed to provide a dignified place of rest for the dead and to facilitate quiet, calm reflection for visitors. This was generally achieved by creating a place of inspirational beauty, using a scenic plan form expressed by the layout of paths and landscaping features, planting of symbolic trees to create shade, beauty, and the construction of beautiful monuments of durable materials such as stone and cast iron. Decorative gateways, rotundas, toilets, and other facilities was an aspiration that has been realised at several of the cemeteries. Some of these were achieved by previous generations and have been demolished or fallen into disrepair.

Many cemeteries appear to be bare open spaces, but this was not the intended appearance and has occurred over time with difficulty in obtaining funds and volunteers to maintain cemeteries. Each grave is owned by individuals but over time these families have moved or not maintained their graves that they own. Therefore, pragmatic decisions have sometimes been made by cemetery trusts to burn, poison or cut down the historic vegetation, in order to prevent damage to graves, or control snake infestations, etc. Raising funds for maintenance is difficult for the voluntary Committee's of Management. Some of these cemeteries may be closed for new burials and maintenance may therefore be even more problematic.

4 *Environmental History*; Killion, Martyn C H & Garnsey, Heather E, *Cemeteries in Australia: A Register of Transcripts*, Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations, Sydney, 1994; Rogers, *The Story of Cobram*, p. 339; Cemetery Transcriptions, CD Rom, Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, Blackburn, 2003.

5 *Environmental History*; Ward & Butler, p.1.

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Statement of Significance

The cemeteries in the Shire are aesthetically, historically, socially and scientifically significant at a local level.

They are aesthetically significant as landmarks, with unique designs, high quality craftsmanship, and beautification of public places, some with individually significant tombstones, fences and gates, rotundas and paths. (AHC D2, E1).

The cemeteries are historically significant on a local level for their association with remembering the dead and for their association with the colonial history of the area and their close links with the development of the individual localities throughout the nineteenth century. (AHC A.4)






The cemeteries are socially significant on a local level for their ongoing association with the phases of life and for funerals and internment of the dead and are recognised as sites interwoven with the history of the area. They are also socially significant as a example of voluntary service to the community by members of the committees of management. (AHC G.1)

They are scientifically significant for their materials, craftsmanship, tree species, and strong presumption of archaeological research potential. (AHC C 2)





The following is an illustrated list of the 17 Cemeteries in the Shire recommended for Heritage Overlay listing.

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CEMETERIES	No. 17	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct?
	1	Barmah	936	Barmah Cemetery, (1878)	Barmah Bridge Approach,	No
	2	Barmah Forest		Barmah Forest private cemetery (1854)		No
	3	Bundalong		Bundalong Cemetery (1880)		No
	4	Burramine South	337	Burramine Cemetery, (1875),	Murray Valley Highway	No
	5	Cobram East	1069	Cobram Cemetery, (1876)	Cemetery Road,	No
	6	Katamatite	625	Katamatite Cemetery (1880),	Cemetery Road	No
	7	Lake Rowan	1070	Lake Rowan Cemetery, (1879)	Yarrowonga – Benalla Road,	No
	8	Nathalia		Nathalia (1854)		No

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CEMETERIES	No. 17	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct?
	9	Numurkah	573	Numurkah Cemetery (1883)	Madeline Street	No
	10	Peechalba				No
	11	Tungamah	681	Tungamah Cemetery, (1883)	Cemetery Road	No
	12	Waggarandall		Waggarandall (1886),		No
	13	Wilby	1083	Wilby Cemetery (1891)	Cemetery Road,	No
	14	Wunghnu		Wunghnu (1880)		
	15	Yabba		Yabba (1867)		
	16	Yalca North		Yalca North Cemetery (1895)		No
	17	Yarrowonga	696	Yarrowonga Cemetery (1877)	Gilmore Street	No
TOTAL	17					

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12 Culturally Significant Schools in Moira Shire

Historical Statement

Prior to the Education Act of 1872, denominational, non-vested, National and Common Schools provided education in Victoria. Due to the late development of towns and settlements in the Shire, the majority of the first schools in the region were State Schools.

The first formal schools opened in 1876 at Barmah East, Burramine, Katandra, Kaarimba (later Mundoona) and Tungamah. In 1877 schools opened at Bathumi, Pelluebla South, Waaia (later Waaia South), Wunghnu, Yarrawonga, Waggarandall (later Yundool), and in 1878 at Burramine East, Invergordon, Katamatite, Kotupna, Nathalia (Barwo), and Picola. Of these early schools, Tungamah (No. 2225), Wunghnu (No. 1938), Yarrawonga (No. 1819), Katamatite (No. 2069), and Nathalia (No. 2060) are still operating. Schools have also been sites of ongoing community effort and development. The Yarrawonga primary school in Tom Street for example, contains sections built in 1880, 1918 and 1961, linking it with three significant periods in the history of the town. It also contains Aleppo pines planted as war memorials.

Other nineteenth century schools still operating are Numurkah (No. 2134 opened 1879), Katunga South (No. 2269 opened 1880), Strathmerton (No. 2790 opened 1886), and Cobram (No. 2881 opened 1888). After the Second World War, a new school was built at Cobram which became Cobram Consolidated School No. 2881. Consequently many nearby schools were closed and the students transported to the Consolidated School.

Some schools commenced in huts constructed by local residents until the government agreed to provide portable buildings or erect formal schools. Many schools operated part-time as local populations fluctuated and one school, Baulkamaugh South, opened in 1889 in the local Bible Christian Church and appears to have continued in these premises until it closed in 1938.

Schools were also opened in areas that never became towns, servicing the local farming population. Since 1876, there have been 93 government schools allocated a school number in the Shire. In addition to the schools mentioned above, schools were opened at: Bajanna, Barmah, Barwo West, Baulkamaugh, Baulkamaugh East, Bearii, Boomahnoomoonah, Boomahnoomoonah East, Boosey North, Boosey South, Boweya North (formerly Karrabumet and also Almonds), Bundalong West, Burramine South, Burramine West, Cobram East, Drumanure, Dunbulbalane (formerly Naringaningalook), Esmond (formerly Bundalong), Invergordon (also known as Dunbulbalane), Invergordon South, Kaarimba, Katamatite East, Katandra North (formerly Dunbulbalane), Katunga, Katunga South, Koonoomoo, Kotupna East, Lower Moira, Marungi, Muckatah (formerly Katamatite North), Mundoona North, Mywee (formerly Sheepwash Creek), Naring East (formerly Naringaningalook East), Naringaningalook (Naring West), Narioka, Picola North, Picola West, St James / St James Railway Station, St James North, Strathmerton, Strathmerton East, Strathmerton West, Telford / Hill Plain, Telford West, Ulupna, Ulupna North, Waaia (formerly Baulkamaugh West), Waaia West, Waggarandall North, Waggarandall North West, Waggarandall West, Waggarandall West Wattville, Wilby (formerly Pelluebla East), Yabba Yabba, Yabba Yabba South, Yalca East, Yalca North, Yalca South, Yarrawonga South, Yarroweyah, Yarroweyah South, Yielima, Yielima North, Yielima North West, Yielima South,

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Youanmite, Youanmite (formerly Youanmite Township), Youanmite South, and Yundool (formerly Waggarandall).

Following the large population growth in the late 1940s, High Schools were opened at Numurkah (1951), Yarrawonga (1954), Nathalia (1959), and Cobram (1962).

Catholic schools were opened in Cobram, Nathalia, Numurkah and Yarrawonga. The Josephite Sisters opened St Joseph's School in Numurkah in 1889, the Sisters of Mercy who arrived in 1890 established Sacred Heart School in Yarrawonga, the Mercy Sisters also opened St Joseph's School in Cobram in 1922, and Franciscan Sisters opened St Mary of the Angels in Nathalia in 1961.ⁱⁱ

Description

The 11 schools vary in size, age, style and materials. Some are architecturally significant and some are standard government school designs. They are built of red brick or timber weatherboards. Refer to the photographic list for more details.

Statement of Significance

The schools are aesthetically significant as they form landmarks in the towns, especially those in the very small towns or areas, and those that are architecturally significant. (AHC D2, E1)







The schools are historically significant on a local level for their association with the development of educational institutions in the history of the Study Area. (AHC A.4)

The schools are socially significant as the site of ongoing community efforts and social activities, many schools are also socially significant on a local level for their recognised value as places interwoven with the history of the local area. (AHC G.1)

The following is an illustrated list of the 12 culturally significant schools in the Shire recommended for Heritage Overlay listing.

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SCHOOLS	NO 12	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct?
	1	Cobram	240	St Josephs Catholic Church, School 1922	2-27 Broadway St	Yes
	2	Cobram	75	Cobram State School No. 2881	47-49 Punt Road	No
	3	Katunga South	306	Katunga South School No 2269,	Hays Road and Katunga North Road,	No
	4	Kotupna	917	Kotupna Primary School No. 1999	Hancocks Bridge Road	No
	5	Nathalia	1040	School,	Bromley Street,	No
	6	Numurkah	556	Primary School	Quinn Street	No

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SCHOOLS	NO 12	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct?
	7	Numurkah	572	St Joseph's School	16? Tocumwal Road	No
	8	Sandmount	277	Former Old Sandmount School,	Sandmount Road,	No
	9	St James	115	Primary School former.	Devenish Road St James	Yes
	10	Yarrawonga	726 763	Yarrawonga Primary School	Tom and Hovell Streets	Yes
	11	Yarrawonga	64	Convent and Primary School	Murphy St	No
	12	Yundool	274	Yundool School Site, Yundool	School Road,	No
TOTAL	12					

GROUPED PLACES

4 Culturally Significant Police Lock-up Cells in Moira Shire

Historical Statement

When the region was opened up for land selection in the 1870s, towns were surveyed in the region and areas reserved for police paddocks. The Victorian Police had been established for more than twenty years by the time towns in the area were established, and police were assigned to these locations as the settlements developed. In Cobram the first policeman was appointed in 1888 and the station, lock-up and stables built in 1889. Police, and later police stations, were at: Cobram (1888); Numurkah; Yarrawonga; Katamatite (1881); Tungamah (by 1891); Yarrawonga; Nathalia (pre 1882); Numurkah; St James; and Lake Rowan.ⁱⁱⁱ

Portable lock-ups were ideal for the small country police stations, and Katamatite, Nathalia, St James and Tungamah continued to use them for about one hundred years. Their use was discontinued when they failed to meet the minimum standards set by the Victorian Government. Some remain located behind police stations and others have been relocated to places such as Nathalia's historical society's premises.

The portable timber and iron lock-ups were imported from England in packages and assembled on site. Thus it was relatively easy to transport the packages on horse drawn wagons over unmade tracks. The portable gaol came in single and double cells.

Description

The rectangular building has a low pitched gable roof clad in corrugated galvanised iron, frame of the cells consists of iron rods which extend through the walls, above the ceiling and below the floor. The exterior is timber weatherboards, while the interior is lined with timber lining boards. There are small ventilation openings in the wall and in the gable ends. The timber beams and studs are numbered and the steel bars are located between every second one. There was no plumbing or electric lighting.

Statement of Significance




The police lock-ups are aesthetically significant on a local level as they illustrate the three dimensional scale and materials of the enclosed and forbidding design of the portable lock-up. (AHC D2)

The police lock-ups are historically significant on a local level for their association with the development of law and order in the history of the Study Area. (AHC A.4)

The following is an illustrated list of the 4 culturally significant police lock-ups in the Shire recommended for Heritage Overlay listing.

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POLICE CELLS/LOCK-UPS	No. 4	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Pret?
	1	Katamatite	14	Portable Timber Police Cell	Beek Street	No
	2	Nathalia		Two Portable Timber Police Cells.	43 Pearce St Mechanics Institute site	No
	3	St James	265	Lock Up at rear of former Police Station.	St James Main Road,	yes
	4	Tungamah	668	Police Lock Up,	Station Street	No
TOTAL	4					

GROUPED PLACES

5 Culturally Significant Community Heritage Precincts in Moira Shire

Historical Statement

The community heritage precincts are a relatively recent construct compared to the overall time of settlement in Moira Shire. They are the result of groups of citizens setting up historical societies, family history and genealogy groups with their accumulation of historic documents and artefacts. The post war loss of so many historical places has fuelled the motivation to collect and protect photographs, honour boards, farming implements and numerous other types of artefacts for the benefit of future generations. In some cases, buildings are among the collections. This grass roots movement has been recognised by the local council by providing premises which are now known as Community Heritage Precincts.

Description

The physical characteristics of the community heritage precincts vary in each town. They consist of large and small historic buildings often with artefacts inside and out. There are a large number of moveable heritage items.

Statement of Significance

The Community Heritage Precincts are aesthetically significant on a local level as community landmarks of historic importance. (AHC E1)

The Community Heritage Precincts are historically significant on a local level for their association with the development of a formal interest by the community in recording and protecting the oral, documentary and artefact history of the local area. (AHC A.4)






The Community Heritage Precincts are socially significant on a local level. They are recognised by the local communities as markers of changing cultural phases in community attitudes towards local history and its role in the development of the area. (AHC G1)

The Community Heritage Precincts are scientifically significant on a local level for their information contributing to an understanding of the history of human occupation and the cultural history of the area by way of the collection of technical artefacts and documents. (AHC C2, F1)

The following is an illustrated list of the 5 culturally significant Community Heritage Precincts in the Shire recommended for Heritage Overlay listing.

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COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRECINCTS		No 5	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in a HO Precinct ?
	Cobram Historical Precinct		Cobram		Old School (built 1893)	Punt Road, Cobram	
	Katamatite Historical Society		Katamatite		Katamatite Historical Society	Beek Street, Katamatite	
	Nathalia Historical Precinct		Nathalia		Mechanics Institute 1889	Pearce Street, Nathalia	HO14
	Numurkah Historical Society		Numurkah		Former Bank of Victoria 1892	Melville Street, Numurkah	
	Tungamah Historical Precinct		Tungamah		Former Tungamah Courthouse	Argus Street, Tungamah	HO33
	Yarrawonga/ Mulwala		Mulwala			NOT LOCATED IN MOIRA SHIRE	
	TOTAL	5					

GROUPED PLACES

52 Culturally Significant Plaques in Moira Shire

Statement of Cultural Significance

The various plaques and sites, some with historic trees, commemorating local history sites within the geographical area of Moira Shire are historically, socially and scientifically significant at a local level.

The plaques and the sites they commemorate are historically significant for the events and or places that they each commemorate and for the formal acknowledgment of the important role the place or event has in the historical development of that area or location and for the strong association they have with the local historical societies. They are generally located on or visually connected to the actual site and as such the site is also culturally significant. (AHC A4, C 2, H 1)

The plaques and the sites they commemorate are socially significant as they are highly valued for the association they have with the community groups who have researched the history of the place, prepared and organised the plaques and the events associated with the unveiling of the plaques. (AHC G1).

Many of the sites which the plaques commemorate are scientifically significant for their strong presumption of archaeological research potential. (AHC C 2).

The following is an illustrated list of the 52 culturally significant plaques in the Shire recommended for Heritage Overlay listing.


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PLAQUES	NO	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct ?
	1	Almonds	1141	Plaque and site of former Boweya North Congregational Church (1886-1914) and St Bede's C of E, Almonds (1921-1969), unveiled 16 April 1994..	Almonds Road and Lewis Road, Almonds	No
	2	Bathumi	1130	Plaque and site of Bathumi School No. 1850, unveiled Nov 1991.	Murray Valley Hwy	No
	3	Boomahnnoo moonah	1132	Plaque and site of Boomahnnoomoonah School No. 2249	Hammon's Road Keenans Road	No
	4	Boomahnnoo moonah	1123	Plaque and site of Boomahnnoomoonah East School No. 2801 unveiled Nov 1991.	Angle Road	No
	5	Boweya North	1140	Plaque and site of former Boweya North State School No 3122, 1891-1947, unveiled 16 April 1994.	Lewis Road and Boomahnnoo moonah Road.	
	6	Bundalong Village	1136	Plaque and site of former churches. Esperance, Salvation Army (1895-1908), Methodist (1908-1918) unveiled 16 April 1994. .	Yarrowonga Wangaratta Road	No
	7	Bundalong South	1131	Plaque and site of Bundalong South School No. 2109.	Post Office Rd and Yarrowonga Wangaratta Rd.	No
	8	Bundalong West	1129	Plaque and site of Bundalong West School No. 3282 unveiled Nov 1991.	Carmichaels Road and Whites Road	No





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PLAQUES	NO	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct ?
	9	Bundalong West	1137	Plaque and site of former Bundalong Congregational church (1882-1915) unveiled 16 April 1994. .	Munroe Road	No
	10	Bundalong	1138	Plaque and site of former Bundalong St Brendan's RC church (1886-1970) unveiled 16 April 1994.	Chapel Lane.	No
	11	Burramine South	1118	Site of Burramine Sth St Mary's Catholic School Feb 1887 – 1925 (plaque adjacent to church.).	Yarrowonga Katamatite Road	No
	12	Burramine South	1135	Plaque and site of former Burramine South school No 2203.	O'Dea Road	No
	13	Burramine	1146	Plaque and site of Burramine. Presbyterian Church, 1883 -1950, unveiled 16 April 1994.	Murray Valley Hwy and Nevin's Road.	No
	14	Burramine	690	Former Burramine School No 1766 Site. Plaque unveiled Nov 1991.	West Nevin's Road and Murray Valley Hwy	no
	15	Burramine East	1120	Site of former Burramine East School No. 2101, unveiled Nov 1991.	Telford Yarrowonga Rd and Connell Rd.	No




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PLAQUES	NO	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct ?
	16	Cobram	187	Punt Development Plaque, Rd	Corner Bank St and Punt Rd	Yes
	17	Cobram	189	Sesqui Centennial Plaques,	Bank Street	Yes
	18	Cobram	227	Cobram Memorial Swimming Pool, gate, plaques	Gregory Street,	No
	19	Cobram	228	Apex Reserve Plaque,	Campbell Street,	Yes
	20	Cobram	233	Pump House, and Steam Pumps Site,	River Road,	No



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PLAQUES	NO	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct ?
	21	Cobram	246	Plaque with Aleppo Pine, Pinus Brutia, obtained from the seeds from the Lone Pine on Gallipoli and planted on Anzac Day 1981 by Paul McKay President Cobram RSL in memor of departed comrades.	Hay Street	Yes
	22	Cobram	248	Captain Charles Sturt Cairn and plaque,	Murray Valley Highway	No
	23	Esmond formerly Bundalong Village	1127	Plaque and site of former school No 3444 Esmond. unveiled Nov. 1991.	Montrose Rd	No
	24	Esmond formerly Bundalong McPhail's	1128	Plaque and site of former school No 2593 Esmond formerly Bundalong McPhail's, unveiled Nov. 1991.	McPhail's Road	No
	25	Lake Rowan	1074	Site of Congregational Church Plaque,	Savage Street	No
	26	Lake Rowan	1075	Site of Lake Rowan School Plaque,	Savage Street,	





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PLAQUES	NO	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct ?
	27	Naringaning alook	685	Plaque and Peppercorns at site of Church of England	Nathalia-Katamatite Road	No
	28	Numurkah	566	POW Plantation and Plaque	Goulburn Valley H'way	No
	29	Numurkah	903	Signage for Historical places.	Melville Street	No
	30	Ovens Bridge near Peechelba	1126	Plaque and site of former school No 4343 of Ovens Bridge unveiled Nov 1991.	Nish Road and Yarrawonga Wangaratta Rd	No
	31	Peechelba	1124	Plaque and site of former township school No 3105 of Peechelba unveiled Nov 1991.	Yarrawonga Wangaratta Rd	No
	32	Peechelba	1139	Plaque and site of former Peechelba Congregational Church (1887-1901) and Peechelba Methodist Church (1902 - 1934) unveiled 16 April 1994.	Mattamia Road.	No
	33	Peechelba	1125	Plaque and site of former school No 2245 of Peechelba unveiled Nov 1991.	Blatchs Road	No
	34	St James	115	1994 centenary plaque for St James Primary School.	Devenish Road	Yes



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PLAQUES	NO	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct ?
	35	St James	114	1983 Plaque, 100 Years of Rail Service 1883-1983	Devenish Road	Yes
	36	St James	112	Plaque, site of North Easter Stores and George J Coles' First Store	ST James Main Road	Yes
	37	Telford	1121	Plaque and site of Telford. Hill Plain-Telford West School No. 2241, unveiled Nov 1991.	Telford Tungamah Road and Telford Yarrawonga Rd.	No
	38	Telford	1145	Plaque and site of Telford. Presbyterian Church, 1883 -1950, unveiled 16 April 1994.	Telford Tungamah Road and Telford Yarrawonga Rd.	No
	39	Tungamah	111	Shire of Tungamah Farewell Celebration Plaque	Barr St	No
	40	Wilby	1119	Plaque outside Wilby Hall to Corporal Arthur Smith, from Wilby, who died at Gallipoli in 1915.	Swanston St	No
	41	Wilby	1222	Plaque and site of former Wilby School No. 2288, unveiled Nov 1991.	Yarrawonga Wilby Rd	No


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PLAQUES	NO	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct ?
	42	Wilby	1142	Plaque and site of former Wilby Congregational Church 1883-1963, unveiled 16 April 1994.	Swanston St.	No
	43	Wilby	1143	Plaque and site of former Wilby St Joseph's RC Church 1883-1963, unveiled 16 April 1994, Swanston St.	Swanston St	No
	44	Wilby	1144	Plaque at Wilby Cemetery (extant DB 1083) unveiled 16 April 1994.	Cemetery Road	No
	45	Yarrawonga	1147	Plaque and site of former Yarrawonga Wesleyan Church, 1885 – 1918, unveiled 16 April 1994.	11 Orr Street	No
	46	Yarrawonga	1148	Plaque and site of former Yarrawonga Salvation Army Barracks, 1891 – 1927. and Bible Christian Church 1885-1891, unveiled 16th April 1994.	42 Hume St.	No
	47	Yarrawonga	351	Plaque Holburd's Punt,	Belmore Street	Yes
	48	Yarrawonga	698	RSL Avenue of Honour Memorial	Dunlop Street	no

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PLAQUES	NO	TOWN	DB No.	Name	Address	Also in Precinct ?
	49	Yarrawonga	811	Plaque and site of former Stinking Goat Hotel.	Tungamah Road and Cummins Road.	no
	50	Yarrawonga	1134	Plaque and site of former Yarrawonga School No 1819	Tom Street	No
	51	Yarrawonga	1149	Plaque at Guide Hall to commemorate the building and site of the former Methodist Church 1937 - 1977, unveiled 16 April 1994.	Hume and McNally St	No
	52	Yarrawonga South	1133	Plaque and site of Yarrawonga South School No. 2194	Yarrawonga Rd and Prescotts Road	No
TOTAL	52					

- ⁱ World War 2 Nominal Roll, www.ww2roll.gov.au .
- ⁱⁱ *Vision and Realisation*, Vol. 3. Goulburn Region, pp. 753-875.
- ⁱⁱⁱ Loughnan, *From Ballanda to 1967*, pp. 14, 75; Rogers, *The Story of Cobram*, p. 51; 'History of Victoria Police', www.police.vic.gov.au .