
Major Mitchell Monument, 7801 Wimmera Highway, KOOREH



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Study, 2004

Location

7801 Wimmera Highway KOOREH, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Major Mitchell Memorial, 7801 Wimmera Highway, Kooreh, has significance as a monument to the exploration of this part of Victoria by Major Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor-General of the Colony of N.S.W., and his party, in 1836. This monument forms part of a chain of Mitchell memorials throughout Victoria and, after War Memorials, are the most common form of public commemoration in the region.

The Major Mitchell Memorial, 7801 Wimmera Highway, Kooreh, is historically and **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with commemorating the expedition through the western plains of Victoria by Major Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of the Colony of N.S.W., and his party, in 1836. It also has associations with

the Kooreh and district residents who erected it in 1955. The Memorial is recognised by the district as a significant legacy of this critical part of early 19th century Australian exploration.

Overall, the Major Mitchell Memorial, 7801 Wimmera Highway, Kooreh is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The Major Mitchell Memorial, 7801 Wimmera Highway, Kooreh, has a rural bushland setting. The Memorial comprises smooth-faced random stonework forming a broad, rudimentary obelisk and on an elevated concrete base. Centrally positioned on the memorial is a plaque that reads: "Major Mitchell Explorer Passed This Way on July 9th 1836. Erected by Kooreh and District Residents. Oct 5th 1955".

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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