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## SHOP AND RESIDENCE



23083 Shop Residence 102  
Whyte St Coleraine 0438



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Whyte St Coleraine 1489

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### Location

102 Whyte Street, COLERAINE VIC 3315 - Property No 11

### 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 small brick shop and attached timber residence at 102 Whyte Street Coleraine are an example of a vernacular building type typical of small towns in the mid-nineteenth century. They can be compared with examples of similar scale and date or contrasted with later, grander examples elsewhere in Whyte Street. The shop seems to date from before 1866. It was first occupied by John L'Estage as a store. It was sold in 1874 by the Crown to Robert C Miller, a chemist. Miller added a residence to the shop in the same year. He remained the owner until the early twentieth century and during this time leased the shop to four consecutive chemists: William Tate in 1877; John Nicholas from 1883-1894; Frederick Spooner, from 1894-1899; and Robert Poynter from 1899-1906. Poynter was an important person who served the local community as a chemist, and later as a dentist. In 1906 Poynter moved his business to the store at the corner of Whyte and Winter Streets, the former S

G Henty & Co Store, which was then renovated. He left Edward Poynter in charge of the shop at the corner of Whyte and Gage Streets. The shop is now unoccupied. The shop and residence are in fair condition and retain a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The shop and residence at 102 Whyte Street, Coleraine are of historical and architectural significance to the community of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The shop and residence at 102 Whyte Street, Coleraine are of historical significance for their early date, believed to be among the earliest surviving commercial premises in Whyte Street. The shop and residence have further historical significance for their constant occupation by a series of chemists and particularly for their association with Edward Poynter, a chemist who subsequently became a dentist, and who was one of the leading citizens in Coleraine in the first half of the twentieth century.

The buildings are of architectural significance for their simple vernacular forms and intact conditions which help demonstrate the range of shops and residences in Whyte Street.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1866,
Hermes Number	23083
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The building is in poor condition with one purlin of the verandah already failed. The brickwork has been painted. The shop window may have been altered.

## Physical Description 1

The shop at 102 Whyte Street is a simple single storey brick shop with a canted corner door, partly glazed and in two leaves, and a large window divided into three panes on the main street frontage. Although old, this window may be a replacement of an earlier window with smaller panes. The shallow pitched roof is corrugated iron. The very short sheets of iron suggest an early date of construction. The timber verandah over the footpath in both Whyte and Gage Streets has lost its simple cast iron brackets, visible in 1988 photograph. It also has a corrugated iron roof of short sheets suggesting the same date of construction as the shop.

The dwelling is weatherboard with a corrugated iron roof. It has the simple form of a symmetrical vernacular cottage. The verandah, possibly a later addition, is timber enclosed at the western end with weatherboards and has a corrugated iron roof with a bullnose profile. There is a weatherboard skillion addition at the rear of the shop. There are two brick chimneys, one on the north side serving the shop, the other on the western elevation serving the dwelling.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.19 Marketing and retailing

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

### **Usage/Former Usage**

Vacant

### **Intactness**

Fair degree of integrity.

### **Physical Description 2**

John L'Estage, first owner

Robert Miller, chemist and later owner

William Tate, chemist and tenant in 1877

John Nicholas, chemist and tenant from 1883-1894 (apparently no connection with George & Alfred Nicholas whose father was Michael Nicholas, a Cornish miner from SA)

Frederick Spooner, chemist and tenant from 1894-1899

Robert Poynter, chemist and tenant from 1899-1906

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