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# NATIONAL HOTEL



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## Location

70 Whyte Street, COLERAINE VIC 3315 - Property No 108

## 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 National Hotel, formerly the Shamrock Hotel, at 70 Whyte Street, Coleraine is the second hotel building on the site. The original licence was issued in 1868. The present building was constructed under the ownership of the Ballarat Brewing Company in 1934, an unusual time for such a large building, considering the Depression. The building, which retains its original function, is located in the centre of the town and is one of a cluster of hotels, some now demolished or delicensed. It is in excellent condition and is substantially intact externally and internally.

How is it significant?

The National Hotel, 70 Whyte Street, Coleraine is of architectural and historical significance to the community of Coleraine.

Why is it significant?

The national Hotel is of architectural significance as one of the largest and most imposing buildings in the main street, and of historical significance as the site of one of the earliest hotels in Coleraine and for its continuing role in the provision of accommodation, food and other services to the travelling public.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1934,
Other Names	SHAMROCK HOTEL,
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## Physical Conditions

The building is in excellent condition and retains an excellent degree of integrity.

## Physical Description 1

The National Hotel is a very large, symmetrical two storey red brick building with public bar, lounge, dining room and commercial premises on the ground floor and twenty-five bedrooms on the upper floor. (The provision of shops on the street frontage is rare but not unknown even in the nineteenth century.) It is unusual for the hotel not to be located on a street corner. The facade is dominated by a pedimented portico, recessed into the building on the upper floor, and marking the main entrance to the hotel. The portico is rendered and uses abstracted classical details as trabeation and to form a pediment. The original 'oatmeal' tiles survive as the dado to the facade. The main roof, clearly visible from the street, is a simple hip with eaves and is covered with terra cotta tiles. This, along with the small scale of the fenestration, suggests a domestic quality to the architecture.

## Historical Australian Themes

3. Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.22 Lodging people

3.23 Catering for tourists

4. Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

8. Developing Australia's cultural life

8.4 Eating and drinking

## 8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

### **Usage/Former Usage**

Hotel

### **Integrity**

Very high degree of integrity

### **Physical Description 2**

Smith and Molloy, Ballarat Brewing Company architects.

### **Physical Description 3**

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