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# CRICKETER'S ARMS HOTEL (FORMER)



23226 Cricketer s Arms  
Former Martin St Penshurst  
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## Location

Hamilton Highway PENSHURST, 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 former Cricketer's Arms Hotel is located east side of the Hamilton Highway, to the immediate north of the historic never fail spring , some 200 metres north of the central point of Penshurst. The former hotel has been converted into a private residence, but still retains the form and stylistic details of an early restrained classical Victorian period commercial building. The former hotel is single storey, built of dressed bluestone, with eight bedrooms and three living areas. A bluestone and timber stable is located to the rear of the property.. The hotel was constructed in 1871 for Publican William Coleman, who was associated with early hotels such as the Mount Rouse Inn from 1863, and continued to be operated by the Coleman family until William Coleman's wife committed suicide in 1888. After this, the hotel went through a variety of owners until it was delicensed and converted into a private residence in the later twentieth century. The property is in good condition, although its integrity has been compromised by replacing the original timber windows with aluminium frames and sashes, and

interior renovations have been undertaken.

Why is it significant?

The former Cricketer's Arms Hotel is of historical and architectural significance to the township of Peshurst and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Cricketer's Arms Hotel is of historical significance as one of the major early hotels in Peshurst. Although prior to 1907, there were up to seven public houses, only two were substantial commercial premises, the Peshurst Hotel and the Cricketer's Arms. Of further historical significance is the association with William Coleman, a publican and early land holder in the township, who was associated with early public houses, including the Mount Rouse Inn and the Albion Hotel. The siting of the Cricketer's Arms is also historically important as it provides us with an understanding of hotel's clientele, and status in the township. This is evident by the buildings prominent location and imposing classical facade which would have dominated both the major route from Hamilton to Warrnambool (now the Hamilton Highway), as well as Dickens Street, facing the popular nineteenth century public gardens, now known as the Peshurst Botanic Gardens. Of further historical interest is its proximity to the never fail spring, immediately to the south of the hotel, in the Peshurst Botanic Gardens. This was a traditional gathering and meeting point for local townspeople, landholders and travellers from the late 1830s, the hotel was sited to capitalise on this focal point of the township. The design of the building also provides us with an historical and architectural insight into the layout of early hotels, with eight bedrooms and three living areas (presumably sitting rooms), illustrating a previous commercial practice. The restrained classical of the building was typical of the period.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1871,
Other Names	MOYNE,
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## Physical Conditions

The condition of the former Cricketer's Arms Hotel is very good.

## Physical Description 1

The former Cricketer's Arms Hotel is a single storey building of dressed bluestone, with a corrugated iron roof. The main structure consists of 8 bedrooms and 3 living rooms. Situated at the north east corner of the Hamilton Highway and Dickens Street, the hotel presents restrained classical facades to both streets. The verandah was added in later years and all the original timber windows have been replaced with aluminium frames and sashes. A bluestone and timber stable building is located to the rear of the property. There is an extensive mature garden including several traditional fruit trees.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.22 Lodging people

## Usage/Former Usage

residential

## **Integrity**

high

## **Physical Description 2**

William Coleman, first licensee

Owen McKenna, later licensee

Albert David Looker, licensee

James Callander, , licensee

S Matthews, licensee

Mary Grogan, licensee

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