



## **BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCTS STATEMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE 2006** (revised ~~August~~ May 20~~23~~14)

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## Introduction

This document is intended for use as an Incorporated Document within the Ballarat Planning Scheme in conjunction with the ***Ballarat Planning Scheme Heritage Controls 2004 Incorporated Plan***, the Heritage Overlay provisions found in clause 43.01 of the Ballarat Planning Scheme, the Ballarat Planning Scheme Municipal Strategic Statement and local and state planning policies.

The document includes the description of each heritage precinct extracted from the *Ballarat Heritage Study Stage 2, 2003* (Hansen Partnership in association with Wendy Jacobs & Dr Jan Penney and Naga Services) and the Statements of Significance that relate to each precinct.

The Statements of Significance for each precinct in this document have been refined with some minor modifications and are based on those Statements of Significance included in the *Ballarat Heritage Study Stage 2 July 2003* prepared by Hansen Partnership et al.

The document also sets out on a precinct basis, those buildings considered to be 'not significant' to the heritage precinct. These places are subject to exemptions from the need to obtain planning permits for certain types of development. A full description of the exemptions can be found in the ***Ballarat Planning Scheme Heritage Controls 2004 Incorporated Plan***.

# LAKE WENDOUREE HERITAGE PRECINCT

## Description / Precinct Boundaries

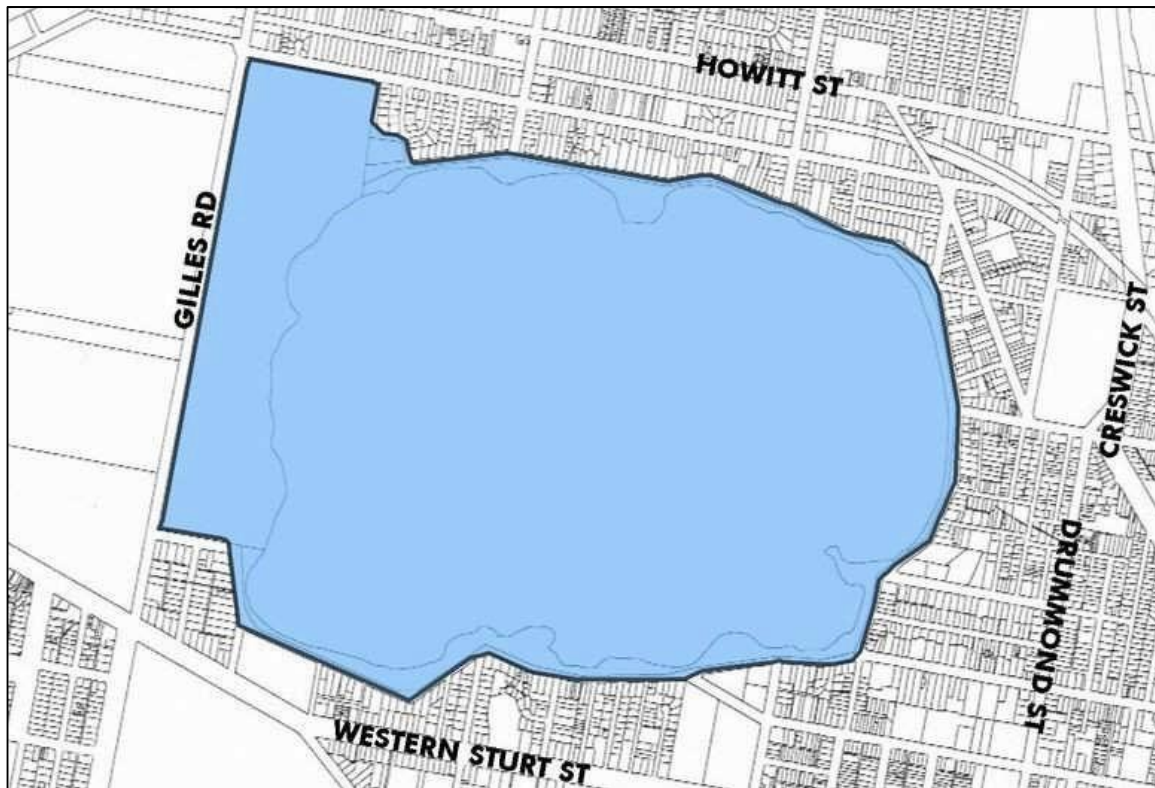


Figure 2

*Lake Wendouree Heritage Precinct Map, shown as "A" on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

Lake Wendouree and the Botanical Gardens are located to the west of the town centre. They are both icons of Ballarat, representing a recreational and horticultural history of the Region.

The Lake has an area of 259 hectares and is completely surrounded by public reserve. Dominant visual features are the expanse of the lake itself; surrounding tree plantings; broad grassed areas; structures associated with recreational uses such as rowing; and the footpath surrounding the Lake. There are two major promontories being:

- View Point located on Eastern Shore
- Durham Point on northern shore

The Botanical Gardens Reserve consists of forty hectares being:

- Southern Gardens;
- Botanical Gardens; and
- Northern Gardens

The Southern Gardens comprise four hectares of grassed areas used for active recreational purposes bounded by Wendouree Parade, Carlton and Gillies Streets. The Botanical Gardens cover 13 hectares using a formal layout with an emphasis on horticultural displays including avenue plantings of Sequoia and Horse Chestnut

trees, flower beds and a conservatory. The Northern Gardens consist of twenty- three hectares bounded by Gillies Street to the west, Gregory Street and the Boulevard to the north while Wendouree Parade defines the eastern boundary.

Lake Wendouree was originally known as Yuille's Swamp, as part of the Archibald and William Yuille pastoral run formed in 1839. The swamp was a favoured campsite for the regions indigenous inhabitants. The lake was also the water supply to urban Ballarat between 1852-1864.

Since that time the Lake has developed as a site for industrial and recreational uses. The Fry's Flourmill and the Rowlands and Lewis soda factory were established on the shores of the lake in the 1850's. The Ballarat Rowing Club (the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest in Australia) was formed in 1861 and the Regatta rowing course was constructed in 1902. The Lake was also the site for the rowing, canoeing and kayaking events for the 1956 Olympic games and subsequent world championships. Paddle steamers commenced sailing the Lake in 1865, with the "Golden Steamer" the only survivor of 15 steamers that once serviced passengers in the Lake.

Ballarat Botanical gardens are the oldest inland botanical garden in Victoria. The land for the Gardens was set aside in 1857 and was previously used as the Ballarat Police horse paddock.

A competition was held in 1858 for the design of the gardens, won by Messrs Wright and Longley. An on site nursery was established in 1859 and used for the propagation of plant material from the Melbourne and Geelong Botanical Gardens. The principal tree plantings occurred in the 1860's.

The Botanical Gardens and Lake Wendouree are important historically. They are evidence of the changing community perceptions and values relating to recreational pursuits. The Gardens also reflect the social aspirations of early Ballarat and are also important for their 19<sup>th</sup> century layout.

The Gardens and Lake are important landmarks, reflecting the historical and cultural development of the City and contribute to the setting of the town. The gardens and the lake play an important passive recreational role for the community.

The collection of plant material in the Gardens and surrounding the Lake are important scientifically. Fifty-two trees in the gardens are of state significance. The Lake is also important for its role in the development of the early town's water supply and drainage and as a habitat for wildlife and its role with the fish acclimatisation society. The gardens also contained a zoological section similar to other botanical gardens developed in this era.

Key landmarks include the memorials, significant trees, pavilions, the Robert Clarke Horticultural Centre, the boatsheds, fountains; and vistas to the lake and along the pathways in the gardens.

## LAKE WENDOUREE HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lake Wendouree Precinct is **historically** significant at a **STATE** Level. (AHC criteria A.4, H.1 and C.2).

- (a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*
- (a.4) the importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community;*
- (c) the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*
- (h) the place's special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Australia's natural or cultural history.*

The former Yuille swamp and environs, Lake Wendouree, is historically significant as an important campsite of the Wathawarrung, the Indigenous people of the region. Originally known as Yuille's swamp, the Lake was included in the run taken up by pastoralists Archibald and William Yuille in 1839, but renamed "Wendouree" by W.S. Urquhart, the first surveyor of Ballarat, who camped at Yuille's swamp in 1851. Since that time the Lake has developed as a site for industrial and recreational uses.

The evolution of the Lake as a pleasure garden and its associated manmade features are important for their ability to demonstrate changing community's perception and values in relation to the natural environment and recreational pursuits over 160 years.

Lake Wendouree was the source of the water supply to urban Ballarat between 1852 and 1864 prior to the formation of the West and East Ballarat Water Commissions. The Frys Flour Mill and the Rowlands and Lewis soda water factory were established on the shores of the lake in 1850s. The Ballarat rowing club (the second oldest rowing club in Australia) was established in 1861, and in 1902 a Regatta Rowing Course was established between Viewpoint and Gills Island. Paddle steamers commenced sailing the Lake in 1865, with the "Golden City" the only survivor of 15 steamers that once serviced passengers on the Lake. The Lake is of historical significance as the site for the rowing, canoeing and kayaking events for the regatta-rowing course in the 1956 Olympics, and subsequent world championships.

The Botanic Gardens developed from 1856-1858 on an extensive site overlooking Lake Wendouree are the oldest inland botanic gardens in Victoria, and one of the best known botanic gardens outside Australia's capital cities. The land set aside for the gardens in 1857, was previously used as the Ballarat Police horse paddock.

The Ballarat Botanical Gardens and Lake Wendouree are also historically significant as they reflect the social aspirations of early Ballarat and provide an excellent example of a gardenesque 19<sup>th</sup> century layout. A competition was held for the design of the Gardens in 1858, won by Messrs Wright and Armstrong. The first curator of the gardens was George Longley, a horticulturalist trained at Lowther Castle, England, who laid out the original design. A nursery was established in 1859, and used for



propagation of plant material received from the Melbourne and Geelong Botanical Gardens. The garden is important as confirmation of civic pride of Ballarat, whose gold riches were transformed into civic and cultural enhancement funded by both public and private benefactors. The chief glory was the "Wellington Walk", a superb avenue of *Sequoiadendron giganteum* (Giant Redwood) other conifers and deciduous exotic trees were freely planted during the early stages. In 1877 the first stages of the fernery was begun and from 1889 tuberous begonias were introduced into display beginning a glasshouse tradition highlighted by the annual Ballarat Begonia festival (1953). The collections of sculptures, in particular the 12 Italian sculptures donated by local stockbroker, Thomas Stoddart in 1887, housed in a statuary pavilion are outstanding.

The Lake Wendouree Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **STATE** level (AHC Criteria D2, E1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*

The Precinct demonstrates a variety of built forms associated with the recreational and cultural role of the Lake and environs. Of particular architectural significance is the collection of relatively low scale development typically simple vernacular timber structures of the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century boatsheds, picnic shelters, as well as the kiosks such as the Lake Lodge (1891), bandstands and tram shelter that abut the edge of the Lake.

The Lake Wendouree Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **STATE** Level. (AHC criteria D.2, E.1 and F.1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments;*

*(e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The Botanic Gardens and Lake Wendouree are important landmarks, forming a major urban foci of high aesthetic visual appeal that contributes to the historical and cultural setting of the City of Ballarat.

Lake Wendouree with an area of 259 hectares is surrounded by public reserve and is significant as a large shallow picturesque lake in the volcanic basalt plateau, located in the centre of the provincial city of Ballarat. The aesthetic significance derives from the panoramic skyline views across the lake and uncluttered landscape setting; the close visual relationship between the Lake and the Botanic Gardens; and the dominant groupings of mature exotic trees and floral bedding displays, as well as soft landscape treatment of the unsealed footpaths and blue stone kerbs and gutters that surround the Lake.

The Lake Wendouree Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **STATE** Level. (AHC criteria F.1).

*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The collection of plant material in the Gardens and the plantings around the Lake are of botanical, horticultural as well as scientific significance. Fifty two trees within the garden are of state significance. The Lake is also important for its role in the development of the early town's water supply and drainage.

The Lake is of scientific importance as a habitat for wildlife and for the traditional management of reed beds within the Lake. The Lake and the Botanical Gardens are of scientific significance associated with the acclimatization and zoological gardens movement, and the presence of the Fish Hatchery, which is Victoria's oldest fish acclimatization organization.

The Lake Wendouree Precinct is **socially** significant at a **STATE** Level. (AHC criteria G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Botanic Gardens and Lake Wendouree Precinct has social and cultural significance as an iconic landmark of Ballarat, well regarded for its visually aesthetic features and its recreational and horticultural history. It is a cultural landscape of great beauty, and has a long history as an important destination for tourism, recreation and leisure as well as for sporting events.

This area of Ballarat is highly valued by the community for cultural, aesthetic, natural and man-made landscape. It is also a significant destination for visitors from outside the local community, being the setting for one of the most visited provincial Botanic Gardens in Victoria.

## **Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct**

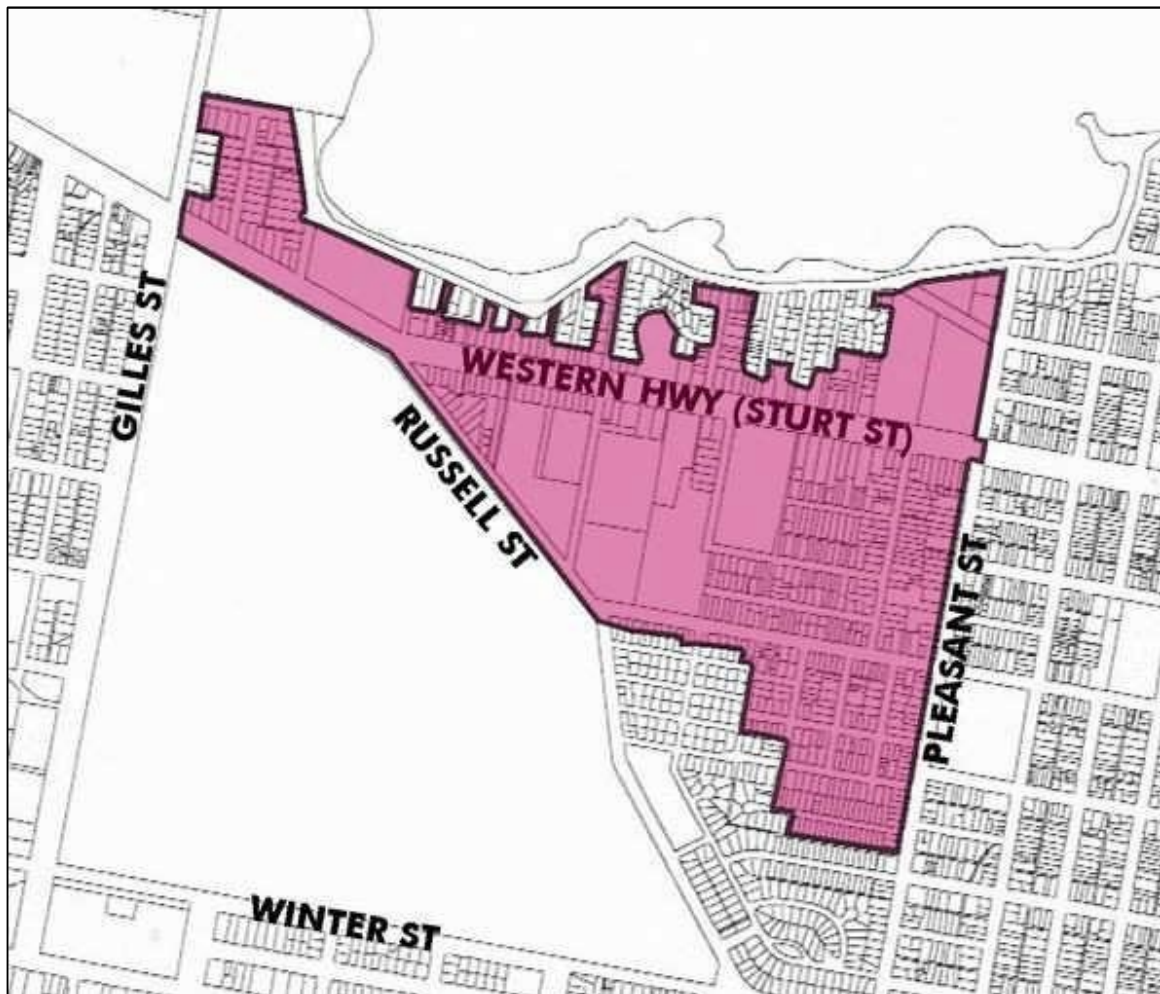
The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

**HO 163 LAKE WENDOUREE HERITAGE PRECINCT – NO SITES LISTED AS 'NOT SIGNIFICANT' TO THE PRECINCT.**

## WEST BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 3 West Ballarat Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “B” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The West Ballarat Precinct is characterised by a heterogeneous combination of substantially intact residential buildings constructed generally from the 1870s to the 1940s, and by a notable collection of educational and cultural/community buildings constructed from the 1860s onwards. Almost all of the buildings in the precinct are individually significant or contributory. The precinct is also characterised by the formal layout and mature tree plantings of Sturt Street, by other notable mature street tree plantings throughout the precinct, and by extensive areas of grassed and landscaped public and private open space including City Oval, school grounds, and many mature private gardens. Furthermore, the precinct is specially distinguished by the substantial integrity of its original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the extensive network of spoon drain channels constructed of bluestone pitchers.

The precinct is bounded on the east by Pleasant Street North and South (from Wendouree Parade to just south of Queen Victoria Street), and is terminated at its westernmost edge by Gillies Street. Running between Pleasant Street and Gillies Street, Sturt Street provides a distinctive east-west oriented axis in the northern half

of the precinct, with minor streets running off it, predominantly north towards Lake Wendouree. Along much of the north side of Sturt Street the precinct is effectively as deep as the facing allotments but extends at various locations, particularly along Alfred and Service Streets, to include a number of notable residences facing Wendouree Parade. At the western end of Sturt Street, the 1920s subdivision centred on Crocker Street forms one of the most homogeneous residential sections of the precinct and is bordered to the north by Carlton Street and the Botanic Gardens, and to the east by Wendouree Parade.

The south-west edge of the precinct is bordered by Victoria Park (a separate heritage precinct in itself) and Russell Street (from Sturt Street to just south of Eyre Street). Eyre Street provides a dominant east-west axis in the southern half of the precinct, with the western section forming part of the southern boundary of the precinct (to the depth of the allotments on the south side). Along the eastern section of Eyre Street, ending at Pleasant Street South, the precinct extends further south along minor roads with parts of Murray and Malakoff Streets forming the western boundary in this area. The southernmost boundary of the precinct is formed by the southern edge of the right-of-way to the south of Queen Victoria Street.

The West Ballarat precinct is south of Sturt Street and extends from Russell Street to Queen Victoria and Pleasant Streets. The history of the West Ballarat precinct is associated with the mining, residential, educational and religious themes in Ballarat's history.

The precinct was first surveyed in 1851 and the first private land sales occurred in July 1856. Sturt, Eyre, Pleasant, Mair, Russell, Carlton and Alfred Streets were laid out in 1851. Substantial residential development occurred in Ballarat in the 1860's-1870's, however, residential growth in this precinct occurred much later. This may be due to the continuing presence of deep lead mining, the large size of the initial crown allotments. Additional roads were laid out in the 1870's and by 1881, work began on installing the bluestone drainage channels in Sturt Street, between Gillies and Pleasant Street and street tree planting between Pleasant and Alfred Streets. In 1887, the horse drawn tram service was established along Sturt Street as far as Lake Wendouree, linking the central business area with outlying residential pockets. This spurred development in West Ballarat, which built on the precinct's reputation for a better class of housing, attracting businessmen and merchants. Further residential subdivisions occurred during the inter war period north and south of Sturt Street, forming lots in Croker and Carlton Street and Hamilton Avenue.

The precinct also contains some of Ballarat's key educational institutions. Their beginnings commenced during the gold rush. The size and stability of the schools show the strength and influence of religious communities in the early nineteenth century and are an indication of the priorities and attitudes of the gold rush citizens. The success of the schools was consolidated with the withdrawal of state aid from church run schools in the 1880's. The schools offered boarding facilities as a means of assisting funding and came to play an important role in the western district. No secondary state school existed in Ballarat at this time.

The precinct also includes a number of recreational facilities that had an important role in the precinct. The City Oval is the site of the Royal Saxon Company's mine. The grandstand erected in 1898 is of high historical and architectural significance and the complex now encompasses the City Oval Bowling Club and the Croquet City club. Other croquet clubs and tennis facilities were nearby.

The precinct is important as it retains a high number of individually significant detached Victorian, Federation and Interwar era residences. Typically, residential buildings are single storey in the southern part of the precinct or predominantly 1 ½ to 2 storey in the northern part of the precinct. Houses feature hipped and/or gabled roofs, clad with corrugated iron, Marseilles pattern terracotta tiles or slate, horizontal weatherboard or brick, unpainted chimneys, eaves, projecting verandahs or porches, decorative detailing, timber doors and windows, with some original metal framed windows in inter war homes. The Victorian, Federation and Inter war educational and cultural/community buildings are generally more than one storey in height, a dominant scale, brick, with tile, slate or galvanised iron roof cladding, timber framed windows and generally complex and individual detailing and decoration.

The precinct also features a number of key landmarks and views including the boulevard form of Sturt and Pleasant Streets, to the Arch of Victory, Lake Wendouree, Victoria Park, Western Oval, the churches and educational institutions, the City Oval grandstand and its landscaped setting and the mullock heap situated on the department defence land in Russell street.

Mature and juvenile street tree planting and gardens in private residences, the grass median strips, gravel/grass road and pockets of open space in the school grounds and Department of Defence land are important features of the precinct. Together, these gardens and open space compliment the dominant garden setting of the precinct. Some other features are the early timber tram shelters along Sturt Street and the wrought iron drain guard railings and the bluestone kerb and channelling throughout the precinct.

## WEST BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The West Ballarat Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria A.4 and H.1).

*(a) The place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(b)*

*(a3) Importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of built landscapes and cultural features;*

*(a4) & (h1) Importance for association with events, developments, cultural phases and individuals which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the region.*

The urban development and character of the Precinct, founded in 1850s, has historic significance for its association with a number of significant activities that links together some of the main themes in the historical, social and architectural development of Ballarat.

The Precinct is historically significant for its associations with underground quartz mining that was sustained over a long period of time. The importance of the late expansion of quartz gold mining on the basalt plateau, in particular the rich Inkerman Lead that wound its way through the precinct and was the target of a variety of mining companies from the late 1850s onwards is fundamental to understanding the pattern of development in the area.

The Precinct is historically important as an early example of a highly desirable mid 19<sup>th</sup> to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century goldfields residential area. It was surveyed by the colonial Government Surveyor W.S. Urquhart in late 1851. Its historic values are associated with the rectilinear street layout pattern which reflects typical 19<sup>th</sup> century geometric neoclassical planning style based on public order. While the street pattern in Ballarat was the primary focus of city development, in this area a number of individual buildings have become hallmark features of Ballarat. Sturt Street, part of the former cattle stock route between Geelong and Adelaide, forms the back bone of the Precinct. It was one of the earliest roads to have been surveyed in Ballarat. Its grandeur and scale moderates the form and structure of the Precinct and provides the setting for many prestigious institutions in the city. Sturt Street has become an elegant boulevard, enhanced by a ceremonial approach to its design that is defined by four avenues of exotic street trees that line the central median strip and service roads. The Sturt Street boulevard is the focus of city design in this area as the formal western gateway to the centre of the city, and to the east, it links with the commemorative Ballarat Avenue of Honour, where between 1917 and 1921, over 3,000 trees were planted along the Western Highway for 22km.

The availability of substantial crown allotments and vacant former mining sites attracted many prominent educational and religious institutions to the area towards the late 19<sup>th</sup> century as well as private residential speculative subdivisions during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The impressive nature of these developments that were mostly designed by leading Ballarat architects, have become important individual landmark symbols of the town. They illustrate the continued prosperity and progress of the gold

mining city of Ballarat throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century, in contrast with many other Victorian 19<sup>th</sup> century gold mining areas.

The Precinct is important as it demonstrates the lasting continuity of civic pride and urban beautification schemes that had defined the 19<sup>th</sup> century structure of the city. This is illustrated by major avenue plantings, and infrastructure development such as the extensive network of significantly intact bluestone channel drains, gutters and kerbs from the 1880s. The combined works contribute to the creation of a stately provincial City with magnificent wide thoroughfares, tree-lined avenues, parks, gardens and substantial educational institutions.

The Precinct's reputation for a better class of housing was encouraged by the introduction in 1887 of a horse drawn tram service along Sturt Street as far as Lake Wendouree, linking the central business area with outlying residential pockets. Improved access promoted the attractiveness of the area for the successful merchants and business people, who had begun to establish separate residences from their places of work in central Ballarat. Many of the residences in the area were designed by leading Ballarat architects.

The West Ballarat Precinct is **aesthetically and architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1 and F.1).

*(d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique);*

*(e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

*(f) its importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative design or artistic excellence, or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The Precinct is important for its outstanding collection of high quality denominational schools and associated buildings. They demonstrate a way of life and priorities of the gold rush citizens on which the reputation of Ballarat as a provincial city which excelled in educational institutions was founded. The size, architectural achievement and stability of these schools also indicate the strength and influence of the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and Anglican communities in the early nineteenth century.

The collection of buildings includes the first convent of the Loreto nuns in Australia, with the establishment of Loreto School in 1875. The development of the Bishop's Palace, built in 1876 as the home of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Ballarat Diocese. The construction of St. Patrick's College designed by Architects Tappin, Gilbert and Dennehy in 1889, the Ballarat and Clarendon College built in 1912 as well as the present Pleasant Street Primary School. The precinct contains three churches, the former St Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church (1911) and former Pleasant Street Wesleyan Church (c.1867) and the architecturally outstanding Spanish Mission Style Catholic Church, St Theresa of the Little Flower, in Wendouree Parade (1938).

The Precinct is architecturally important for its small groups of private residential development which consist of a wide variety of substantially intact residential buildings of outstanding architectural quality that are associated with Victorian, Federation and Inter-War eras.

Examples include development in Tennis Street which was laid out in 1888 and consolidated in the 1930s, Queen Victoria Street (between Pleasant Street South



and Malakoff Street) laid out in 1889, and Dawson Avenue laid out in 1894. Of particular architectural and aesthetic importance for their rarity value is the development in the western section of the Precinct, which includes a fine collection of Inter-War residences houses designed by local architectural firms including Richards, Coburn and Richards, and H.L. Coburn. These residences are of high integrity and condition and are important to the character of Ballarat. The developments occurred during the early 1920s and 1930s and include construction of houses along the north side of Sturt Street West between Gillies Street and Hamilton Avenue and Crocker Street in 1921, and on the south side of Sturt Street, west of Alfred Street in 1927 as well as adjacent land in the triangle between Sturt and Russell Streets, but individual examples are also scattered throughout the area.

The twentieth century residential developments found within the Precinct are examples of interwar prosperity in what was a growing provincial city. The harmony of colour and tone created by the predominate use of local clay textured bricks and red roof tiles, as well as individual interest provided by localized idiosyncratic detail and decoration of the residences form homogenous streetscapes of considerable aesthetic appeal. Many of the houses tend to be substantial brick residences, set in large mature gardens with rear garages. The houses are one and two storeys high, generally modeled on the English Domestic Revival style and Spanish Mission architecture of the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century with a notable absence of other architectural styles, such as American styled California Bungalow. Today these houses give us an indication of the prosperity of sections of the Ballarat community in the interwar years during periods of economic depression. While, to the south east of the Precinct, a defining factor of the urban fabric are the relatively narrow and short streets, the small allotments, scale, size and set backs and greater mix of residential architectural styles, which together with the narrow sealed pavements create distinctive changing internal streetscape views, which are unusual in Ballarat.

The Precinct has aesthetic significance for its outstanding visual qualities of its setting, urban layout and architecture. The important visual qualities reflect the historical, cultural and architectural development of the Precinct, and contribute to the contextual setting of Ballarat.

The important visual qualities of the Precinct are also enhanced by the street landscape design and layout that has contributed to the appearance of a gracious provincial City. These streetscape features include the tree-lined avenues, the soft landscaping of the gravel/grass road shoulders, turf nature strips and asphalt footpaths; the extensive network of bluestone drains, the extensive areas of grassed and landscaped public and private open space including the school grounds, parks, gardens with their mature canopy trees, all contribute to the outstanding wide thoroughfares and residential streets.

Other important aesthetic qualities include a variety of significant individual urban landmarks that stand out from the generally contextual appearance of the majority of buildings. A number of these individual buildings can be seen from outside of the Precinct such as the churches; the various educational institutions; the City Oval with its ornate grandstand and the mullock heap near the corner of Russell Street and Alfred Street South.

The West Ballarat Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria F.1).

*(c) its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history.*

The Precinct is of importance for contributing to a history of the infrastructure development of West Ballarat, as identified by the extensive network of significantly intact bluestone channels, gutters and kerbs.

The West Ballarat Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Precinct is recognized and highly valued by the local community for residential, educational, religious, and recreational reasons. The City Oval, home to the Ballarat Football Club and including the grandstand, tennis and croquets clubs, is of considerable social significance. It was originally the site of the Royal Saxon Company's mine and has been used for recreational activities since the 1850s.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO 164 WEST BALLARAT PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
2A	Ajax Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
9	Ajax Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
10	Ajax Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
17	Ajax Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
5	Alfred Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
7	Alfred Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
11	Alfred Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/1A	Balaclava Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2/1A	Balaclava Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
5	Balaclava Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
14	Balaclava Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1A	Carlton Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
3	Carlton Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
8	Crocker Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
16	Crocker Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
18	Crocker Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2	Dawsons Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
4	Dawsons Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
4A	Dawsons Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
5	Dawsons Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
6	Dawsons Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1	Duke Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
5A	Duke Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
6	Duke Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
7	Duke Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
16	Duke Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
21	Duke Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
26	Duke Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
27	Duke Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
31	Duke Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
40	Duke Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1A	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
10-12	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
4	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350

## HO 164 WEST BALLARAT PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
6	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
6A	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
8	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
9B	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1/20	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2/20	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
21	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
28	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
31	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
35	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
43	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
45	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
47	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
210	Durham Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1102	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1105	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1110	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1112	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1122	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1125	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1127	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1/1131	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2/1131	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
3/1131	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
4/1131	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
5/1131	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
6/1131	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
7/1131	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
8/1131	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
9/1131	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1145	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1159A	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1167	Eyre Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2A	Inkerman Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
4	Inkerman Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
4A	Inkerman Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2/20	Inkerman Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1/39	Junction Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2/39	Junction Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2A	Junction Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
3	Junction Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
5	Junction Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
6	Junction Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
12	Junction Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
15	Junction Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350

## HO 164 WEST BALLARAT PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
33	Junction Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
37	Junction Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
5	Malakoff Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
5A	Malakoff Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2	Morrison Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
9A	Murray Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2A	Nightingale Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2/2	Nightingale Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
3/2	Nightingale Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
5	Nightingale Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
14	Nightingale Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
35	Nightingale Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1/4	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2/4	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
3/4	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
4/4	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
5/4	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
6/4	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1/20	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2/20	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
3/20	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
4/20	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
38	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
210	Pleasant Street South	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
5	Queen Victoria Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1/24	Queen Victoria Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2/24	Queen Victoria Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
29	Queen Victoria Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
31	Queen Victoria Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1/1A	Redan Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
2/1A	Redan Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
11	Redan Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
13	Redan Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1A	Service Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
18	Stewart Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1401B	Sturt Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1403	Sturt Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1409	Sturt Street	NEWINGTON VIC 3350
1410	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1414	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1452	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1454	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1456	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/1530	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350

## HO 164 WEST BALLARAT PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
1530A	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1530B	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1530C	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1532	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1532A	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1532B	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1532C	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1534	Sturt Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2A	Tennis Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
8	Tennis Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
133	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
133A	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
203	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
203A	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
307	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
307A	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
307B	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
309	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1	White Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350

## VICTORIA PARK HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*

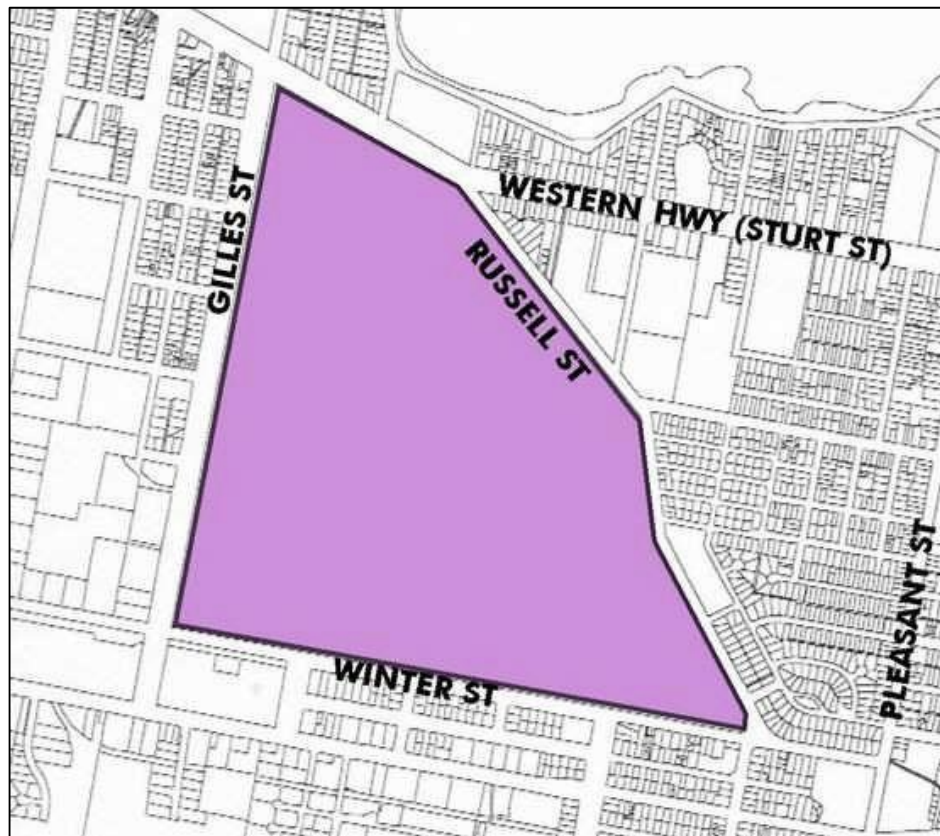


Figure 4 Victoria Park Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “C” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map

The precinct is all the land within the boundaries of Sturt Street West, Russell Street formerly known as Victoria Parade) Winter Street and Gillies Street.

### ***Historical Overview***

Victoria Park covers an area of 130 hectares at the corner of Sturt and Gillies Streets in Ballarat. The present day layout of the Park is historically significant, as it has remained substantially intact from the time it was first designed and planted between 1890 and 1910.

The citizens and public authorities of Ballarat appear to have considered the land a necessary public reserve within the first decade of the establishment of the city. In 1861, the Chairman of the Ballarat Council appealed to the President of Crown Lands and Survey to have the area ‘specifically reserved for a Park and Gazetted as such.’<sup>1</sup> The Council was concerned because the parkland was wrongly included in a 6000 acres parcel of land Gazetted for a Town Common at Ballarat West and the Council wished it to be protected under a separate reservation. As part of the

<sup>1</sup> Letter from William Smith, Chairman Ballarat Council to The Honourable The President of Crown Lands and Survey, 3 May 1861. Reserve File 654, Department Natural Resources and Environment, Ballarat Office.

process, Council agreed to compensate the owners of the small tenements located within the park area and the land was temporarily reserved by gazettal on 12 August 1861.<sup>2</sup> In this period the land was known and referred to locally as 'Royal Park'.

While the land was intended primarily as a public recreation facility, exceptions were made for mining interests here as they were in almost all areas of Ballarat. Approximately eight different companies had an interest in gold exploration at Victoria Park and the surrounding area, the largest being the United Hand-in-Hand and Band of Hope, Park, Ballarat Freehold, Western Freehold, Newington and Inkerman Companies. In October 1866, the United Hand-in-Hand and Band of Hope Company sunk a shaft within the Park as part of its exploration of the Inkerman Lead.<sup>3</sup> The value of gold obtained from this venture totalled £4517. In November 1867, this shaft and the portion of their claim within the Public Park was transferred from the United Hand-in-Hand and Band of Hope Company to the newly formed Park Company.<sup>4</sup>

The most distinctive element remaining within Victoria Park from the mining period is the large mullock heap at the southern end, formed from debris from the workings of the Park Company. After 1898 the mullock heap became known locally as 'Mount Holled-Smith', named in honour of Major General Sir Charles Holled-Smith, British commander of the Victorian Defence Force. Major General Holled-Smith supervised military exercises involving some 3000 men at Victoria Park during Easter 1898. An objective of one of the exercises was the defence of the mullock heap.<sup>5</sup>

The Governor in Council approved the Crown Grant for permanent reservation of the park on 6 August 1888. The land took the official name Victoria (Royal) Park and covered 325 acres 2 roods 8 perches. The Crown Grant was vested in "the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Ballarat and to their successors ... for the purpose of a public park and offices and convenience connected therewith and for no other purpose whatsoever."<sup>6</sup> The specific wording of the Crown Grant has proved contentious over the years, as successive Councils, property developers and various recreational interest groups have eyed the large parcel of vacant land and sought a proprietary interest. However the terms of the Grant have succeeded in protecting the size and nature of the Park and ensured that it remains a resource for the entire community.

On 23 May 1890, two years after the Crown Grant was issued, Arbor Day was celebrated at Victoria Park with a mass tree planting ceremony. This is believed to be the first Arbor Day planting in Victoria. The Mayor of Ballarat, William Little, initiated the event and invited citizens to share in the simultaneous planting of some 3000 trees. The aim was to transform the barren former mining site into a graceful park of tree-lined avenues, similar to the large parks of London. Elm, plane, cedar, oak and poplar were the trees of choice and were provided by the Council from local nursery stock. Minor plantings of various species of eucalypt and other indigenous trees also took place. Each of the avenues was then named after the appropriate species. The open spaces of the park were planted with small groves of these species, planted and sponsored by various community groups, businesses and institutions. Prominent among the community groups and institutions who participated in Arbor Day were the Old Colonists Association, the Australian Natives

<sup>2</sup> Reserve File 654, Department Natural Resources and Environment, Ballarat Office.

<sup>3</sup> R Brough Smyth, *The Gold Fields and Mineral Districts of Victoria*, 1980 edition, p489.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, p489.

<sup>5</sup> M Harris & J Burrell, *Panoramas of Ballarat*, 1998, p78 and *The Ballarat Courier*, 25 September 1987.

<sup>6</sup> Copy of Crown Grant, Volume 2110, Folio 421926 in Reserve File 654, Department Natural Resources and Environment, Ballarat Office.



Association, the Trades and Labour Council, the Mining Board, the School of Mines, the Agricultural Society and the Horticultural Society.<sup>7</sup>

The trees were carefully planted according to a plan drawn up by Messrs Clegg and Nicholls and modified by the respected curator of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Melbourne, William Guilfoyle.<sup>8</sup> During the ceremony, the Mayor planted trees on behalf of Lord Hopetoun, the Governor of Victoria, while Mrs Little planted a tree for Lady Hopetoun. The entire task of the first planting was accomplished within ten minutes and followed by a picnic and an official banquet hosted by the Mayor in honour of Queen Victoria.

The local printing company F W Niven & Co. produced a souvenir plan of Victoria Park to commemorate Arbor Day 1890.<sup>9</sup> This shows in detail the species of tree planted and the location, as well as the various groves of trees and the sponsor group. Comparing this plan with the present day layout of Victoria Park shows that the area has maintained a high level of integrity. The plan was also used in a 1983 study<sup>10</sup> that identified original trees and groves which have survived to the present day. Planting continued according to the layout plan over several years. The events of the first Arbor Day 1890 were repeated 100 years later, when representatives of schools, community organisations and surrounding municipalities planted 100 Plane trees to mark the original ceremony and to re-establish Plane Avenue.<sup>11</sup>

In keeping with the pro-British patriotism of nineteenth century Australia, an avenue of evergreen oaks was planted during 1901 to commemorate the visit to Ballarat of Their Royal Highnesses, The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. It was named 'York Avenue' but has not survived to the present day. By 1914, considerable public works and improvements had been carried out within the northern sections of Victoria Park. This area sported established tree-lined avenues interspersed with flowers. Paths and roadways provided public access through the Park and to the cleared playing fields. There were three grounds for both cricket and football, two shelter houses including a rustic summer house in Cedar drive constructed in 1909<sup>12</sup>, fences, hedges and a curator's residence.<sup>13</sup> The southern portions of Victoria Park were given over to commercial plantations of *pinus radiata* between 1917 and 1929.<sup>14</sup>

During the Second World war part of Victoria park was occupied by "Military Authorities" facing Sturt Street and extending south towards Eyre Street. This was an army base to house United States servicemen. From February 1942 until May 1943, it was home to some 8,000 US troops. A military hospital was also established. The remains of a concrete settling pond can still be seen in the park which was constructed as part of the military occupation.

In 1950, the Ballarat City Council tested the terms of the Crown Grant under which Victoria Park was reserved. Council sought to alienate 12 acres of the reserve for

<sup>7</sup> Plan, F W Niven & Co., 'Arbor Day Victoria Park 1890'. The Ballarat City Council holds the original of this plan. A reproduction can be found in M Harris & J Burrell, *Panoramas of Ballarat*, 1998.

<sup>8</sup> *Ballarat Courier*, May 24 1890 quoted in M Harris & J Burrell, *Panoramas of Ballarat*, 1998, p79.

<sup>9</sup> The Ballarat City Council holds the original of this plan. A reproduction can be found in M Harris & J Burrell, *Panoramas of Ballarat*, 1998.

<sup>10</sup> For further details see the study completed by Peter Lumley, John Dyke, Roger Spencer and Eve Almond and is published as *Ballarat Historic Landscapes, Trees and Gardens*, Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne & Department of Crown Lands & Survey, 1983.

<sup>11</sup> M Harris & J Burrell, *Panoramas of Ballarat*, 1998, p79.

<sup>12</sup> City of Ballarat Mayor's Annual report 1909.

<sup>13</sup> Reserve File 654, Department Natural Resources and Environment, Ballarat Office.

<sup>14</sup> Peter Lumley, John Dyke, Roger Spencer and Eve Almond and is published as *Ballarat Historic Landscapes, Trees and Gardens*, Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne & Department of Crown Lands & Survey, 1983, p88.

use by the Military, in exchange for a neighbouring parcel of land owned by the Department of Defence on the corner of Russell and Alfred Streets. At the time, substantial brick residences were being erected in a new subdivision along Sturt Street West and Council viewed the Russell Street land as suitable for the same purpose. After extensive correspondence between Council and the Lands Department, the proposal was dropped. The specific terms of the Crown Grant successfully prevented any portion of the Park being excised. This proved to be the outcome when successive councils raised similar proposals in 1968 and again in 1986-1987.

Recent additions to the built fabric of Victoria Park include picnic and barbecue facilities, children's play areas, a toilet block, pavilions for the sports grounds, clubrooms and a BMX track. The area is used for many recreational activities such as cricket, dog obedience lessons, dog walking, jogging, cycling and occasional events involving running, cycling and motor sport. The area is occasionally used for major events such as the 16<sup>th</sup> Australian Scout Jamboree in 1992 which echoed its use as a military camp. In the following years the City council erected arched metal name signs on posts with stone bases to mark the park at the corner of Sturt and Gillies Street. The first of these was donated by the Australian Scout Jamboree.

In the present day, Victoria Park remains a fine example of a recreation facility, located close to the heart of the city, modelled on a popular European design prominent in the late nineteenth century. It reflects the preoccupation of Ballarat's founding citizens to create a substantial provincial city with all the appropriate visual symbols and amenities consistent with stability and prosperity. It complements the street plantings along adjoining Sturt Street, also initiated in this period. Along with Black Hill Reserve, Victoria Park reflects a determination to transform the remnant eyesores of the mining era into peaceful and useful public facilities.

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### ***Urban Design & Engineering Infrastructure***

Victoria Park today retains the form of the main roads set out in the original plan: Elm Avenue, Plane Avenue, Poplar Avenue, Cedar Avenue, Oak Avenue and Quercus Avenue which was laid out on the original plan but planted later. The present day roads including Caretakers Drive, Military Drive and an un-named road linking Quercus and Plane Avenue have been added to the original road layout and there has been some realignment of roads – the major changes being the removal of two triangular planting areas near the east and west entries to the park and the termination of Quercus Avenue before it meets Russell Street.

The original avenues have retained their curvilinear natures with the added roads being straighter in nature. Caretakers Drive is the only rigidly straight road in the park and Military drive has a bend as opposed to a curved layout.

Most of the roads are sealed with black bitumen and have gravel verges. The only unmade sections are casual roads which have been formed by users, Plane Avenue between Cedar and Poplar Avenues, and Quercus Avenue south of Plane avenue.

The park also contains a network of gravel/crushed quartz walking tracks which generally follow the line of the main roads.

Areas of the park are fenced with low treated pine post and round rail fences to prevent vehicular access to grassed areas.

### ***Landscaping (Public & Private)***

The precinct is a landscape area. It retains the form of the main roads and tree avenues generally as set out in the original plan: Elm Avenue, Plane Avenue, Poplar Avenue, Cedar Avenue, and Oak Avenue. Remnants of the commercial pine plantations still remain in the southern section of the park. Some of the original avenues have not flourished and so the area is not uniform with regard to height and development of the trees and there have been some removals and additional planting over the years. Military Drive is the only road to not have avenue tree planting.

The former mullock heap Mount Holled Smith provides an important focus in the vicinity and also provides for views through the tree line and around the park. Its earlier development as a viewing place is now compromised by the tree growth.

The original design of densely planted curving avenues separating grassed areas with clumps of mature trees and single specimen trees is generally retained. Some

Avenues are striking such as Cedar, Caretakers, Oak and Quercus – they form a dense avenue with in some cases an overarching tree canopy producing a tunnel effect. Other plantings such as in Plane, parts of Poplar and Elm Avenue have been less successful partly due the selection of tree species which has failed to thrive. There has been replanting over the years to remedy breaks in the avenues with varying success. Other species have been interplanted in some area.

Two ornamental lakes have been introduced into the design.

The park planting has been strengthened by the avenue planting on the nature strips in Russell and Sturt Streets.

There are also two areas of significant native grasslands which have re-established themselves in the park.

### ***Buildings & Significant Details***

Two planned lodges, one at the Sturt Street entry and one at the Eyre Street entry, as shown on the early lithograph were either never built or have since been removed. The rustic summer house on Cedar Drive, near the intersection with Plane Avenue, appears to be the building constructed in 1909. The building has a wall of approximately 1100mm high of volcanic rocks set in cement with square timber posts rising though the walls to support a ten-sided timber roof structure clad in corrugated steel. A finial appears to be missing from the apex of the roof. One side is open to allow access. The shelter has a dirt floor.

There are two cannons near the Sturt Street/Russell Street vehicular entrance on the intersection of Cedar and Plane Avenue. They are English canons dated 1862 and 1853 respectively.

Across the road from the cannons is a specimen tree planted in memory of W.O. Allen curator who faithfully served the Ballarat community for 60 years marking his death in 1944 and erected by the Victorian Tree Planters Association.

There is a house on the southern edge facing Winter street on the corner of Cedar Avenue. It appears to have been constructed in the 1920s and is of horizontal weatherboards with a tiled gable roof and brick chimneys. The building appears in good condition and substantially intact.

At the intersections of Sturt Street with Gillies and Russell Street two signs were erected in the 1990s to indicate the parks pedestrian entries. These have volcanic rock bases, similar to the rustic summer house with circular painted metal posts with raised bands of decoration and shaped cappings which support two arched circular metal beams with flat metal lettering "Victoria Park".

In the south west area of the park is large area devoted to equestrian pursuits with utilitarian modern sheds, shelters and horse jumps.

In the south west corner are fenced animal pens currently unused.

On military drive is a collection of modern gable roofed brick buildings of varying detailing which provide toilet and changing facilities and rooms for the Dog Obedience Club. These have a large gravel car park adjacent.

On Sturt Street, mid way between Russell and Gillies Street is a picnic area and toilet block. The picnic and barbecue shelters were erected and the toilet block refurbished in 2000 to a design by Morton Dunn Pty Ltd Architects. The shelters are supported on square metal posts with a metal-framed roof clad in corrugated Colorbond with decorative metal "blade" rafters. The shelters have plywood screens for part of each side section. The toilet block is rendered masonry and dark glazed bricks with a skillion roof form.

The park includes two significant areas of native grasslands and three trees recorded on the Significant Tree register. These are:

- *Pinus Contorta* (Beach or Shore Pine)
- *Quercus robar 'Fastigiata'* (Fastigated Oak)
- *Podocarpus dacrydioides* (White Pine)

### ***Significant Landmark Features and Views***

The Park itself is a significant landmark feature terminating vistas when travelling west along Sturt Street, west along Eyre Street and south along Hamilton Avenue. There are also views into the park from the boundary roads. The avenue planting provides a defining strong edge to these roads.

Within the park there are views across the open grassed area from the shelter of the avenues and views from the open grasslands through the strong borders of the avenue planting to adjacent avenues and open grasslands.

The former mullock heap Mount Holled Smith provides an important focus in the vicinity and also provides for views through the tree line and around the park.

The three dense avenues along Cedar, Caretakers, Oak and Quercus Avenues are significant landmark features within the park.

## VICTORIA PARK HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Victoria Park Precinct is **aesthetically and historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria A, D, E, F).

*(a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; D.2 Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the range of human activities in the Australian environment (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique;*

*(e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The area has important heritage values for its association with gold mining in the 1860s, which has been central to the development of Ballarat. An unusual feature of the park is the large mullock heap, which marks site of the former quartz mine, and is one of the few visible signs of the former presence of extensive gold mining activities in this area of Ballarat. The place is important for its association with early military manoeuvres in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the use of the site as an army base to house United States servicemen during World War 2.

Victoria Park is significant as a landmark cultural landscape in the city of Ballarat. It a fine picturesque 19<sup>th</sup> century recreational park, that covers an area of 130 hectares at the corner of Sturt and Gillies Streets in the western area of Ballarat. It has both aesthetic and historic value as a substantially intact late 19<sup>th</sup> century parkland that has retained its original design layout and plantings that were established between 1890 and 1910. The designed parkland was modeled on popular English country estates and London Parks. In the fashionable picturesque landscape style, the park is designed with typically graceful curvilinear tree-lined avenues of different European exotic trees that create formal vistas offering glimpses of distant open landscape views of open grasslands, feature trees and densely planted woodland groves.

Like the Ballarat Botanic Gardens to the north, the area is significant as a fine example of late 19<sup>th</sup> century man-made cultural landscape that visually defines the limits of 19<sup>th</sup> century urban growth of West Ballarat and remains well preserved with a high degree of integrity without later intrusive development.

The Victoria Park Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC Criteria G.1)  
*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Victoria Park Precinct is important for its ability to demonstrate the civic pride of Ballarat citizens, whose gold riches were transformed into civic and cultural enhancement projects funded by both public and private benefactors. It is important as it illustrates the determination of the local community to transform the remnant eyesores of the mining era into fine public facilities, clearly continuing the tradition of civic beautification projects initiated by local authorities and community groups.

The parkland is significant to the local community as it has been continuously used as an open space for passive and active recreation with specific connections to equine pursuits, dog obedience, cricket, walking, jogging, cycling and motor sports since its development as a park.

The Victoria Park Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC Criteria F.1)

*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

It is significant for its collection of exotic and early planted native trees including the three unusual specimens recorded on the Register of Significant Trees, as well as significant areas of native grasslands which have re-generated.

## **Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct**

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

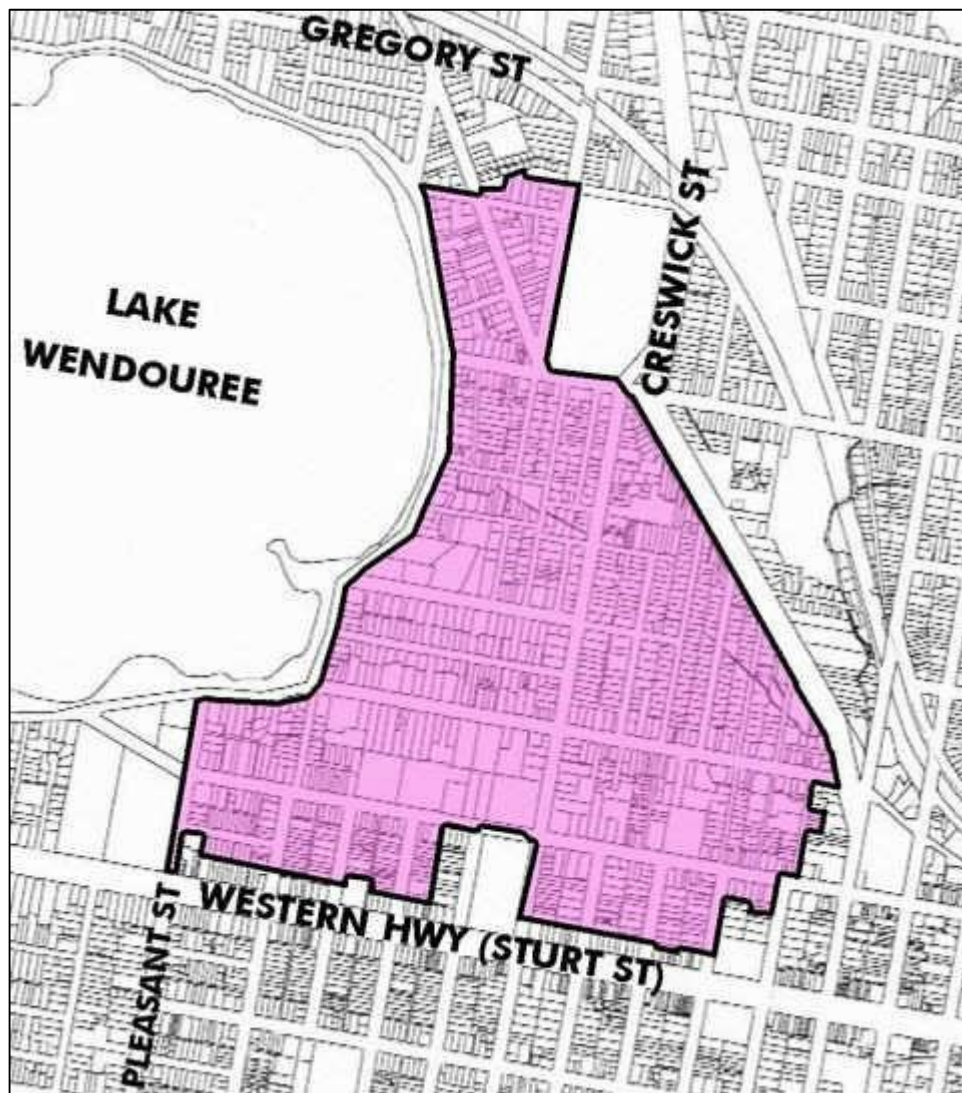
The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

**HO 165 VICTORIA PARK HERITAGE PRECINCT – NO SITES LISTED AS  
'NOT SIGNIFICANT' TO THE PRECINCT.**



## CENTRAL BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 5 Central Ballarat Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “D” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Central Ballarat Precinct is located directly to the north-west of the Ballarat City centre, within urban Ballarat. It is characterised by a heterogeneous combination of substantially intact residential buildings, which were constructed from the early 1860s (and possibly earlier) to the 1940s, and into the early 1950s. They are interspersed with a number of notable cultural/community, commercial, educational and industrial buildings constructed from the early 1860s onwards. The precinct is also characterised by the irregularly spaced grid layout of nearly all of its streets, many of which feature avenues of mature to semi-mature trees; by scattered areas of grassed and treed public and private open space including the grounds of various schools and other institutions, the small park within the Duncan Street road reserve west of Drummond Street North, and the lawns of the Servicemen's Memorial Bowling Club;

and by numerous well-maintained private gardens, some of which contain notable mature tree specimens. Furthermore, the precinct is specially distinguished by the substantial integrity of its original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the extensive network of bluestone spoon drains and gutters that can be seen along most roads in the precinct, sometimes in conjunction with wide gravel/grass shoulders. Other important engineering infrastructure

The north boundary of the Central Ballarat Precinct is effectively the narrowest part of the precinct and is generally formed along the north side of Cardigan Street (between Wendouree Parade and Burnbank Street) and along the rear boundaries of the allotments on the north side of Cardigan Street (between Burnbank Street and Lexton Street and including two allotments facing Lexton Street). The east boundary begins at the north-east corner of the intersection of Lexton Street with Pisgah Street and runs in a staggered line in a south-east direction. It is generally formed by the east side of Lexton Street, the north side of Macarthur Street (between Lexton Street and Creswick Road), the west side of Creswick Road to Webster Street, the east side of Yuille Street (including some allotments), the rear boundaries of the allotments on the south side of Mair Street (between Dawson Street North and Lyons Street North), and by the east side of Lyons Street North (between Mair Street and Sturt Street).

The south boundary is generally formed by the north boundary of the Sturt Street Central Heritage Precinct, which predominantly runs along the rear of the allotments on the north side of Sturt Street but also encompasses all of the Ballarat Base Hospital site. The west boundary runs along the west side of Pleasant Street North to Wendouree Parade, before turning to run along the east side of Wendouree Parade (the east boundary of the Lake Wendouree Heritage Precinct) up to the north-east intersection of Wendouree Parade and Cardigan Street.

The Central Ballarat precinct covers an area north of Sturt Street, south west of Lake Wendouree. The area was first surveyed in 1851 and 1852 with a formal grid layout and the first land sales occurred in 1852.

Residential and commercial development occurred amidst significant mining activity, although building development had not spread beyond Mair Street and the southern side of Webster Street. People were attracted by the close proximity to the commercial centre around Lydiard and Sturt Streets, the railway station, the recreational pursuits at Lake Wendouree. The residences reflected the prosperity of 1870-1880's Ballarat.

Small cottages appeared along the southern sections of Mair Street extending from central Ballarat to Pleasant Street. Most of the cottages were weatherboard and were predominantly owner occupied, again reflecting the prosperity of the town. Timber was preferred as it was plentiful and could be easily relocated if necessary. Housing in the northern sections of the precinct while still timber were more characteristic of workers cottages. The more modest homes can be attributed to the decline of mining from the 1870's, leading to a substantial increase in rented homes. The establishment of the railway workshops in 1914 may have been an added influence for the provision of affordable housing, within walking distance of the workshops. Some commercial businesses were also located in the precinct, including two flourmills and an electricity supply company on Wendouree Parade, taking advantage of the water supply. Hotels and breweries sprang up serving the miners working in the vicinity of Webster Street.

The precincts close proximity to the city centre made it a prime location for educational, religious and medical institutions such as the Australian Catholic University, St John of God and Ballarat Base Hospitals and Ballarat and Clarendon College.

The precinct is architecturally important as it contains many original and early examples of Victorian, Federation, Inter War and early Post War era residential, commercial and industrial buildings. These include key landmark buildings such as Nazareth House, the Ballarat Christian Fellowship Church and Hall especially the dominant spire, the educational buildings, shops, the three-storey terrace in Webster Street and the former William Bailey mansion in Drummond Street.

Typically, residential buildings in the precinct are single storey (although some are 1 ½ to 2 and rarely 3 storey), with hipped and/or gabled roofs clad in either galvanised corrugated iron, slate or terra cotta tiles.

Buildings were constructed of weatherboard, brick or bluestone and include verandahs or porches, eaves, unpainted chimneys, decorative detailing, timber framed doors and double hung or casement windows.

The commercial, educational, cultural/community buildings also show similar features as the residential buildings. However, they also have complex and individual detailing and decoration. Roofs are generally steeper and clad in slate or tiles. The buildings are one, two or three storey and constructed from brick with contrasting cement rendered details.

The important visual qualities of the precinct include views to Lake Wendouree and the City Oval, the Old Ballarat Cemetery, Mount Buninyong, Black Hill and the Soldiers Hill residential area. The precinct also features views of the highly significant Wendouree Creek Channel engineering infrastructure such as the extensive network of bluestone spoon or channel drains, bluestone inverted channel gutters, bluestone pitcher kerbs and deeper brick and bluestone storm water drains and wrought iron guard rails.

Other features of the precinct are the mature street plantings, grass/gravel shoulders, early tram shelters, the landscaped private and public open space, fences, private gardens and mature canopy trees.

## CENTRAL BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Central Ballarat Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. (AHC criteria A.3, 4 and H.1).

*(a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(a3) importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of built landscapes and cultural features;*

*(a4) & (h1) importance for association with events, developments, cultural phases and individuals which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the region.*

The urban development and character of the Precinct has historic significance for its association with a number of significant activities that links together some of the main themes in the historical, social and architectural development of Ballarat.

Aspects that contribute to the historic significance of the Precinct include its associations with underground quartz mining, particularly the main Inkerman Lead that wound its way through the precinct to the south.

The Precinct is historically important as an example of a highly desirable mid 19<sup>th</sup> century goldfields residential area, as evidenced by the physical fabric from the period 1870s-1890s. It is also associated with an unusually high incidence of home ownership in this period helped along by a policy of establishing residential areas with deep lead mining areas that has shaped the subsequent development of the area.

Its close proximity to the central business district of Ballarat made it a prime location for a number of educational, religious and medical institutions built from the early 1870s. Today, the Precinct still houses the Aquinas campus of the Australian Catholic University, a campus of Ballarat and Clarendon College and St. John of God Hospital. The western section of Mair Street, particularly from Talbot Street to Doveton Street has become a medical precinct due to the large campus of St. John of God Hospital and the neighbouring Ballarat Base Hospital. Medical practitioners now occupy many of the contributory timber Victorian and Edwardian cottages in the immediate vicinity of the hospitals.

The Precinct is historically important as the location for several early commercial and industrial enterprises that operated throughout the 1850s and 1860s. Two flour mills took advantage of the ready water supply of Lake Wendouree and located along Wendouree Parade. The Hassell and Monckton Mill included a substantial brick chimney and other buildings designed by architect Henry Caselli. In 1904, it became the site of the new powerhouse for the Electric Supply Company of Victoria. Hotels and breweries sprung up throughout the 1860s, hoping to take advantage of the many miners in the immediate vicinity working the 'mini-rush' along Webster Street.

The Central Ballarat Precinct is **aesthetically and architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. (AHC criteria D, E and F).

- (d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique);*
- (e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*
- (f) its importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative design or artistic excellence, or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The Precinct is architecturally significant for its many substantially intact residential, commercial, cultural/community and educational buildings and important early industrial buildings dating from the 1860s and 1940s, and into the early 1950s. Generally there is a good retention of original housing stock throughout the precinct with scattered examples of larger villas, terraces as well as small cottages (the latter predominantly erected in the Victorian era).

The historic urban design context of the Precinct is important for the harmony of the overall townscape derived from its rectilinear street layout pattern that reflects typical 19<sup>th</sup> century neoclassical planning ideals, the outstanding engineering infrastructure, in particular the bluestone drains, public street furniture, the landscape treatment of the streets, inclusive of European tree lined avenues and wide gravel/grass road shoulders. The success of a unifying aesthetic ideal derived from overseas 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century architectural and planning ideas adapted to a provincial Australian model is evidenced by the diverse array of building styles in the Precinct which collectively contribute to a visually unified townscape of beauty.

The residential architecture of the area is aesthetically significant for its high degree of integrity and condition, and forms an important collection of Victorian, Federation, Inter-War and early Post-War buildings. While there is considerable variety across the area due in part to different allotment sizes, within the same street or sections of streetscapes, groups of houses are quite similar in size, scale, set back, with a unity of materials as well as design characteristics. The roofline throughout the Precinct, is characteristically dominated by a forest of brick chimneys, some with complex brick patterning or render detailing, others have notable features including cement rendered caps and chimney pots.

The Precinct is architecturally important for the significant numbers of quality houses that date to 1880s. The area experienced a period of brisk development between 1861 and 1871, when a number of lucrative deep leads were mined. The reputation of the area as a fashionable town address, especially within the vicinity of Webster Street after the mid 1860s attracted a number of local mining magnates to the area. Houses along Webster Street were characterized by their large allotments and emphasis on formally designed private gardens with plantings of exotic trees. This street character, along with sections of neighbouring Drummond Street, remains largely intact and reflects the prosperity of Ballarat in the 1870s-1880s. Baileys's Mansion' (1883), on the corner of Mair and Drummond Streets and now part of St. John of God Hospital, is a visual reminder of the prosperity of this section of West Ballarat in the late 1870s-1880s. While it is a fairly typical example of a 'boom-time' mansion, complete with tower, it is a rare style for Ballarat and more common to Melbourne.

The Precinct is architecturally important for the number of terrace rows, or pairs of semi-detached residences scattered throughout the Precinct. The most notable of which is the three storey terrace at the east end of Webster Street. At the same time as these substantial residences were being erected, canvas dwellings had almost disappeared and almost ninety per cent of houses were wooden with between three

and four rooms. The existing houses in this precinct still tend to be timber with some fine examples of boom style Victorian villas and Edwardian and Federation style houses.

Wood was the chosen material for much of the housing in the Precinct and neighbouring precincts because it was cheap, plentiful and available locally through a thriving timber industry. Apart from the cost, miners often preferred timber residences because of the ease with which the house could be relocated if necessary. This was a fairly common occurrence throughout the 1870s, particularly if the house had been erected on a miner's right. Numerous small cottages had appeared along the southern sections of the Precinct. While housing in the northern sections of the precinct, are often later examples of typical timber framed workman's cottage. This can be partly attributed to the changing status of miners and the general decline in the mining industry at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The emphasis on affordable rental accommodation may have continued in the northern section of this precinct when the Railway Workshops opened at North Ballarat in 1914.

The western section of the Precinct including Wendouree Parade is architecturally significant for the collection of Inter-War houses that exhibit a great variety of individual architectural styles. These examples are aesthetically important as within a small locality it is possible to view a range of designs that illustrate the personal tastes and creative inspiration of a provincial mid 20<sup>th</sup> century Australian city.

Further important aesthetic qualities of the Precinct include the variety of significant urban landmarks, a number of which can be seen from outside of the precinct. The variety of framed and panoramic views, within the Precinct can be experienced in numerous directions and along streets as well as narrow rear access laneways or rights-of-way. The important visual qualities of the Precinct are also enhanced by the mature street tree plantings that are a significant component of many of the streetscapes; the soft landscaping of wider streets; landscaped public and private open spaces and the many private gardens with their mature canopy trees.

The residential gardens in the Precinct show a high degree of variety. Many gardens are well planted with native and exotic plants, expansive lawns and mature canopy trees which are often complemented by large, well-maintained front hedges. Some of the gardens are listed on the Register of the National Estate, and/or by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria). These varied residential gardens, along with the pockets of highly visible landscaped and treed grounds belonging to religious and educational institutions complement the treed lined avenues and contribute to an informal garden setting of the precinct.

The Precinct is also transected in the northern part of the precinct (from the north-west area to the south-east area) by the historic brick-lined Wendouree Creek Channel, parts of which are covered while other parts are open and visible from various local streets.

The Central Ballarat Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria C and F).

*(c) its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(f) importance for its technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement.*

It is of importance for contributing to a history of the infrastructure development of this area of the former municipality of Ballarat West, particularly as identified by the extensive network of significantly intact bluestone spoon or channel drains, and bluestone inverted channel gutters with bluestone pitcher kerbs, and by the brick Wendouree Creek Channel and some bluestone lined stormwater drains. The use of bluestone pitchers as the principal material to form much of this engineering infrastructure also demonstrates an early, and now rarely used construction technology, as well as the excellence of traditional craftsmanship. Many buildings and associated structures also demonstrate high standards of construction and craftsmanship.

The Central Ballarat Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. (AHC criteria G).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Precinct is recognized and highly valued by the local community for its early and ongoing residential, commercial, religious, and educational associations.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

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The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO166 CENTRAL BALLARAT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
42	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
46A	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
59B	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
71	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
73	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
119	Webster Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
128	Webster Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
144	Webster Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
3	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
5	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
6	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
7	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
7A	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/9	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/9	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
3/9	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
10	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
14	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
20	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
22	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
112	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
114	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/114	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/114B	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/114B	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
122	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
124	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
124A	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
124B	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
202	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
204	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
206A	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
208	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
214	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
222	Wendouree Parade	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
5	Yuille Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
9	Yuille Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350



19	Yuille Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
23	Yuille Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

## HO166 CENTRAL BALLARAT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
4	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
6	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
9	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
9A	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
11	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
11A	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/18	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/18	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/18	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/18	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5/18	Ascot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/3	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/3	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
5	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
5A	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
10	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/12	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/12	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
14	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
15	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
17	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
27	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
28	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/30	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/30	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
3/30	Burnbank Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
5	Cardigan Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
101	Cardigan Street	
1	Claxton Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
Pt CA 26	Collins Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/6	Cowan Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/6	Cowan Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
8	Cowan Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
10	Cowan Street	

## HO166 CENTRAL BALLARAT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
14	Cowan Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
144	Cowan Street	
101	Creswick Road	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
105	Creswick Road	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
107	Creswick Road	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
109-117	Creswick Road	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
121	Creswick Road	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
319	Creswick Road	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
321	Creswick Road	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4	Davey Street	
11	Davey Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
16	Davey Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
15	Dawson Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
8	Devon Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
10	Devon Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
10A	Devon Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
12	Devon Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
12A	Devon Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
16	Devon Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
6	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
8	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
12	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
20	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
101	Drummond Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
103	Drummond Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
105	Drummond Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
110	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
219	Drummond Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
401	Drummond Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/404	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/404	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/404	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/404	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
406	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
408A	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
409	Drummond Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
18A/412	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
18B/412	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
412A	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
412B	Drummond Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
415	Drummond Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
419	Drummond Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/16	Duncan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/16	Duncan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/16	Duncan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

## HO166 CENTRAL BALLARAT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
102	Duncan Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
15	Errard Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
20	Errard Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
6	Exeter Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/12	Exeter Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/12	Exeter Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
3/12	Exeter Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
13	Exeter Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
16	Exeter Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
22	Exeter Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
5	Fore Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
7A	Fore Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
9	Fore Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
13	Fore Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
13A	Fore Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
15	Fore Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
15A	Fore Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
17A	Fore Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2	Frank Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
20	Frank Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
116	Frank Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2	Gnarr Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
3	Gnarr Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
4	Gnarr Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/5	Gnarr Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/5	Gnarr Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
3/5	Gnarr Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
8	Gnarr Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
9	Gnarr Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
10	Gnarr Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2	High Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
10	High Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
19	High Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/21	High Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/21	High Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
3/21	High Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
4/21	High Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
5/21	High Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/1	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/1	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/4	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/4	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
14	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/20	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350

## HO166 CENTRAL BALLARAT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
2/20	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
22	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
23	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
28	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
29A	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
34	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/36	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/36	Hotham Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
35	Johnson Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/8	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/8	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
10	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
12	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/14	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/14	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
15	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/17	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/17	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
18	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
19	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
20	Lake Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
5	Lexton Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
7	Lexton Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
9	Lexton Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
11A	Lexton Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
103	Lexton Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/11	Little Raglan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/11	Little Raglan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/11	Little Raglan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/15	Little Raglan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/15	Little Raglan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/15	Little Raglan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/15	Little Raglan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5/15	Little Raglan Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
13	Loch Avenue	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
15	Loch Avenue	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
21	Loch Avenue	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
36	Loch Avenue	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5	Lyons Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
7	Lyons Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
11	Lyons Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
23	Lyons Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
27	Lyons Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
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112	Lyons Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

## HO166 CENTRAL BALLARAT

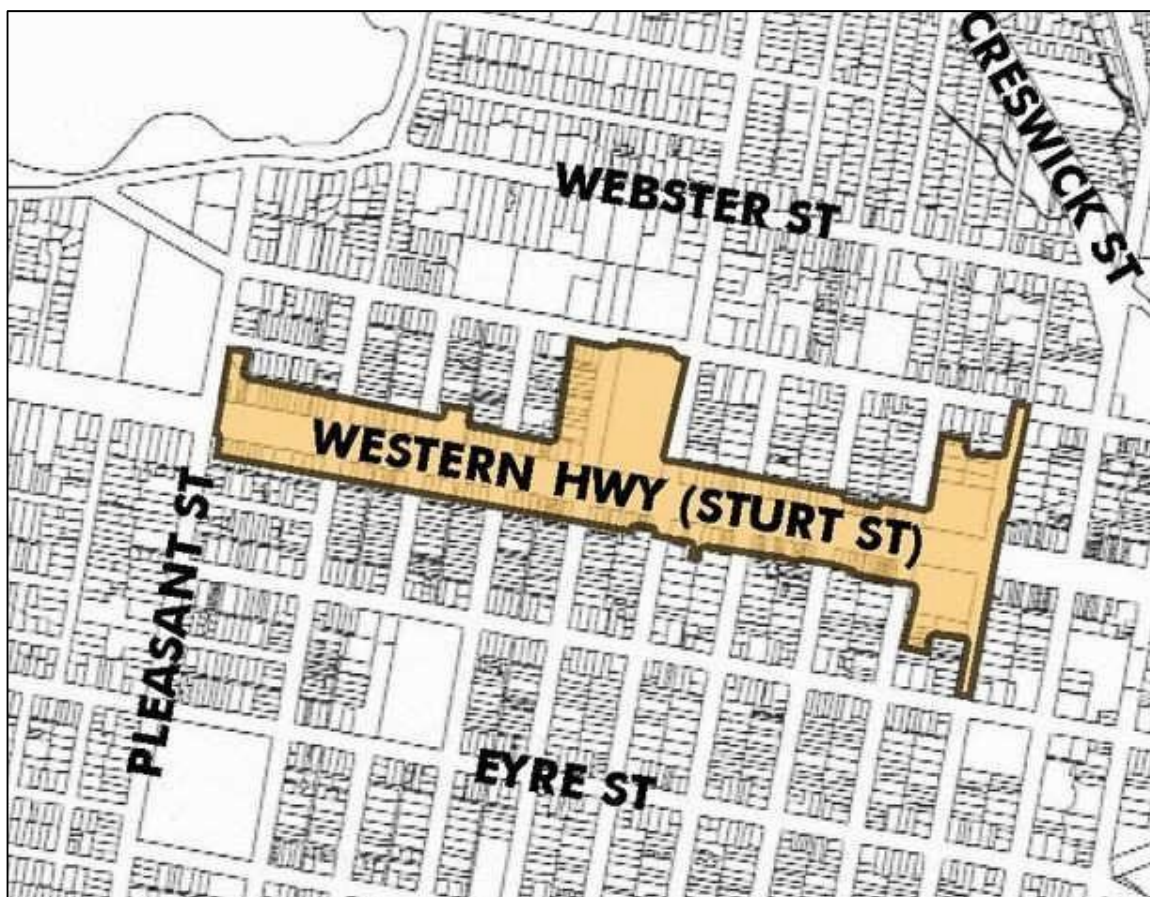
NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
120	Lyons Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
202	Lyons Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
208	Lyons Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
211	Lyons Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
919	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
919A	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
921	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1002	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1002A	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1002B	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1002C	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1002D	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/1015	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/1015	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
3/1015	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
4/1015	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
5/1015	Macarthur Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/522	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/522	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
507	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
516	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
606	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
609	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1306	Mair Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/1313	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/1313	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/1313	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1314	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1315	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5	McWilliam Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
6	McWilliam Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
7	McWilliam Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
9	McWilliam Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3	Mill Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5	Mill Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
201	Mill Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
202	Mill Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
231	Mill Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
239	Mill Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2	Oddie Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
6	Oddie Street	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1	Parade Court	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2	Parade Court	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
3	Parade Court	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
4	Parade Court	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350

## HO166 CENTRAL BALLARAT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
5	Parade Court	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
14	Pleasant Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3	Raglan Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
9	Raglan Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
19	Raglan Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
6	Ripon Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
9	Ripon Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
11	Ripon Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
13	Ripon Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
9	Ripon Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
9A	Ripon Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
12	Ripon Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
16	Ripon Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
16A	Ripon Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
102	Ripon Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
108	Ripon Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
109A	Ripon Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
114	Ripon Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/115	Ripon Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
2/115	Ripon Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
119	Ripon Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
121	Ripon Street North	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/4	Sussex Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/4	Sussex Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
7	Sussex Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
12	Sussex Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
18	Sussex Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
20	Talbot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
23	Talbot Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
10	Victoria Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
49	Victoria Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
54	Victoria Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
63	Victoria Avenue	LAKE WENDOUREE VIC 3350
1/7	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/7	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
6	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
8	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
9	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
10	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/18	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
22	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
22A	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
25	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
27	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
31	Webster Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

## STURT STREET HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 6 Sturt Street Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “E” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Sturt Street Precinct is characterised by a combination of substantially intact residential buildings constructed generally from the 1870s to the 1940s, and by a notable collection of civic and religious buildings constructed from the 1860s onwards. The precinct is also characterised by the formal layout and mature tree plantings of Sturt Street.

The Sturt Street precinct includes the roadway and all properties fronting Sturt Street between Pleasant and Dawson Streets. Developments associated with St. Patrick’s Cathedral complex (Hall and Presbytery), St. Andrew’s Uniting Church (hall and gardens) and the Ballarat Base Hospital are also included.

The Sturt Street precinct extends from Dawson Street to Pleasant Street and includes the roadway and all the properties fronting Sturt Street.

Sturt Street was known as Raglan Road and was primarily part of the three chain stock route between Geelong and Adelaide. Development commenced in the precinct after the first survey undertaken in 1852, which laid out Sturt Street as a



cross over street. It is possible that the street was named after Evelyn Pitfield Shirley Sturt, brother of Charles Sturt.

By the end of the 1850's Sturt Street began to compete with Main Road for business importance and work began to improve the visual state of the streetscape. A dual roadway was developed with a central mudbank. The mudbank was planted with Tasmanian Bluegums grown from seed given to the City by Baron von Mueller. However, after complaints from shopkeepers that the trees shaded their shops in winter, the gums were replanted with elms and oaks. The median strip continues to feature mature trees and landscaping and is still used for recreation and commemorative events.

The precinct shows the consolidation of the township from the centre of the city towards west Ballarat and the important role Sturt street played in the commercial, civic, medical, religious and cultural life of Ballarat.

The precinct is architecturally important as it contains many original Victorian and Federation civic, commercial and residential buildings. These include the key landmark buildings such as the St Patrick's and St Andrew's Cathedrals and their associated buildings, Ballarat Fire Station, Ballarat Base Hospital and three doctors residences at 704, 708 and 802 Sturt Street. Other visual features are the gracious boulevard form of Sturt Street with its landscaped gardens and mature trees, the memorials and sculptures and the unobstructed views between the street and the abutting buildings.

The precinct also retains the early bluestone gutters and kerbing.

Typically, buildings are generally two storey, although some residences are 1 – 1 ½ story, are either brick or horizontal weatherboard, with verandahs or articulated facades, hipped and /or gabled roofs. Buildings also show substantial architectural decorative detailing and the commercial and some residential buildings are built onto the street frontage.

## STURT STREET HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sturt Street Precinct is historically significant at a **LOCAL** level. (AHC criteria A3,4 and H.1).

*(a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(a3) importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of built landscapes and cultural features;*

*(a4) & (h1) importance for association with events, developments, cultural phases and individuals which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the region.*

The Precinct, which mainly focuses on Sturt Street boulevard, is important for its association with William S. Urquhart, the Assistant Colonial Governor Surveyor at the time in 1851, and is an excellent example of the lasting influence of his work. It is historically important for its major contribution to the unified character of Ballarat's urban design that still retains the harmony of its foundation years.

The Precinct is historically important as it shows evidence of the creation of a grand elegant boulevard in the European tradition, within a rectilinear street layout pattern based on hierarchy and axial ordering, a neoclassical planning overlay on a once chaotic gold mining district. The geometric hierarchy was established by predetermined fixed street widths and block sizes that determined the length of streets and scale of intersections that allowed the character of each neighbourhood to change, whilst retaining the visual coherence of the whole.

The Precinct is historically important as it demonstrates the particular social structure of Ballarat during the 19<sup>th</sup> century which was conducive to a universally admired aesthetic. Sturt Street with its counterpart Victoria Street in East Ballarat, part of the former cattle stock route between Geelong and Adelaide, are the only surveyed roads in Ballarat that were substantially wider and longer than other streets. It was one of the earliest roads to have been surveyed in Ballarat and is important as the central spine of Urquhart's city plan. The Sturt Street boulevard is the focus of city design in this area as the formal western gateway to the centre of the city, and to the east, it links with the commemorative Ballarat Avenue of Honour, where between 1917-1921, over 3,000 trees were planted along the Western Highway for 22km.

The grandeur and scale of Sturt Street moderates the form and structure of the Precinct and provides the setting for many prestigious churches and institutions in the city. In this section of Sturt Street corner sites were reserved for important public buildings. There are three significant early churches of the Catholic, Anglican and Presbyterian faiths, which together with the Ballarat hospital and Fire Station have become hallmark features of the Ballarat vistas and skyline. The residential buildings and two-storey shops demonstrate the development of larger professional and commercial families' houses in the more prosperous western area of Ballarat.

The Sturt Street Heritage Precinct is **aesthetically and architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1, F).

- (d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique);*
- (e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*
- (f) its importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative design or artistic excellence, or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The Precinct is aesthetically and architecturally significant as a fine example of broad historical townscape founded in 1850s, the product of a European city building tradition. It demonstrates many original and intact urban design and fine architectural qualities associated with the ecclesiastical, civic, commercial and residential development of the Ballarat township between the 1850s and early 1900s.

These important aesthetic and architectural qualities include but are not limited to many local landmarks, such as ecclesiastical and civic buildings and their individual precincts as well as an outstanding collection of residences. Particularly significant examples include a remarkable group of churches. These are the eclectic English Gothic styled former Congregational Church on the corner Dawson and Mair Street, designed by local architects Caselli and Figgis (1881) and Molloy and Chandler (1906 rear additions), the English Norman styled St Andrew Kirk corner Sturt and Dawson Streets designed by local architects C.D. Cutherbert (nave 1862-64), C.D.Figgis (spire 1884) Figgis and Molloy (transept 1889), the English Gothic styled Roman Catholic St Patricks Cathedral located on the opposite corner of Sturt Street, designed by English architects Hansom brothers (1857 and modified by local architects Shaw and Dowden (1857) J.B. Denny (1870) and Melbourne architects Reed Smart and Tappin (1891) as well as their associated collection of buildings, specifically St Patrick's Hall and Presbytery, the individual church precincts and fencing, the former Baptist Church at 3 Dawson Street designed by local architect J.

A. Donne (1866-67) and the Lutheran Church and Manse located at 206 Doveton Street and the Manse at 105 Eyre Street designed by C.D. Figgis as well as architect F. Poeppel (1868-1876). These European styled ecclesiastical buildings with their tall towers dominate the area and form an impressive church precinct of great architectural and heritage visual importance to the city of Ballarat. Other landmark buildings which have considerable architectural and aesthetic significance include the bluestone two-storey Ballarat City Fire Station with its lookout tower located at 702 Sturt Street designed by H.R. Figgis in 1859, as well as the elegant neo-classic residences at 18-20 Lyons Street, which is important as one of the largest and most consistent Renaissance revival terraces in the State. In addition at 606-608 Sturt Street the 19<sup>th</sup> century neo-classic town house is an excellent example of the Grecian revival style. Further outstanding Italianate style residences are located at 704 Sturt Street which forms part of an important group of doctor's houses, amongst others.

The Precinct is architecturally important for its range of fine examples of Victorian and Federation styled buildings displaying many eclectic architectural motifs such as Jacobean, Gothic and Tudor detailing. The residential and commercial buildings are generally one to two storeys, with civic buildings contrasting in height and scale. The main civic buildings are unique in design and scale but are consistent in their use of stone for construction.

With respect to the gracious Sturt Street boulevard layout and landscaped central median strip with memorial, fountain and statues the landscape setting contributes to the overall architectural qualities of the streetscape, and demonstrates important aesthetic visual qualities that reflect the historical, cultural and architectural development of the Precinct, and contribute to the historic context of Ballarat.

The Sturt Street Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria C.2).

*(c) its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history.*

The Precinct is of importance for contributing to the history of infrastructure development in Ballarat West, identified by intact bluestone kerbs and gutters and cast iron drinking fountain.

The Sturt Street Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

Sturt Street is recognized and highly valued by the community for religious, civic, commercial, commemorative, and cultural reasons.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO 167 STURT STREET PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
1	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1-2/2-12	Pleasant Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/2-12	Pleasant Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/2-12	Pleasant Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5/2-12	Pleasant Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
6/2-12	Pleasant Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
8/2-12	Pleasant Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
10/2-12	Pleasant Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
619	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
627-629	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
631	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
701	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
711	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
713	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
715	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
717	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
808	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
815-819	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
822	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
925	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
927	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1003	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1008A	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
Rear of 1010	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1012	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1101-1107	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1108	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1112-1120	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1113	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1115-1117	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1220	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1301-1303	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1302-1306	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1315-1317	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1318	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

**HO 167 STURT STREET PRECINCT**

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
1319-1321	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1332	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1342	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

## SOUTH BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*

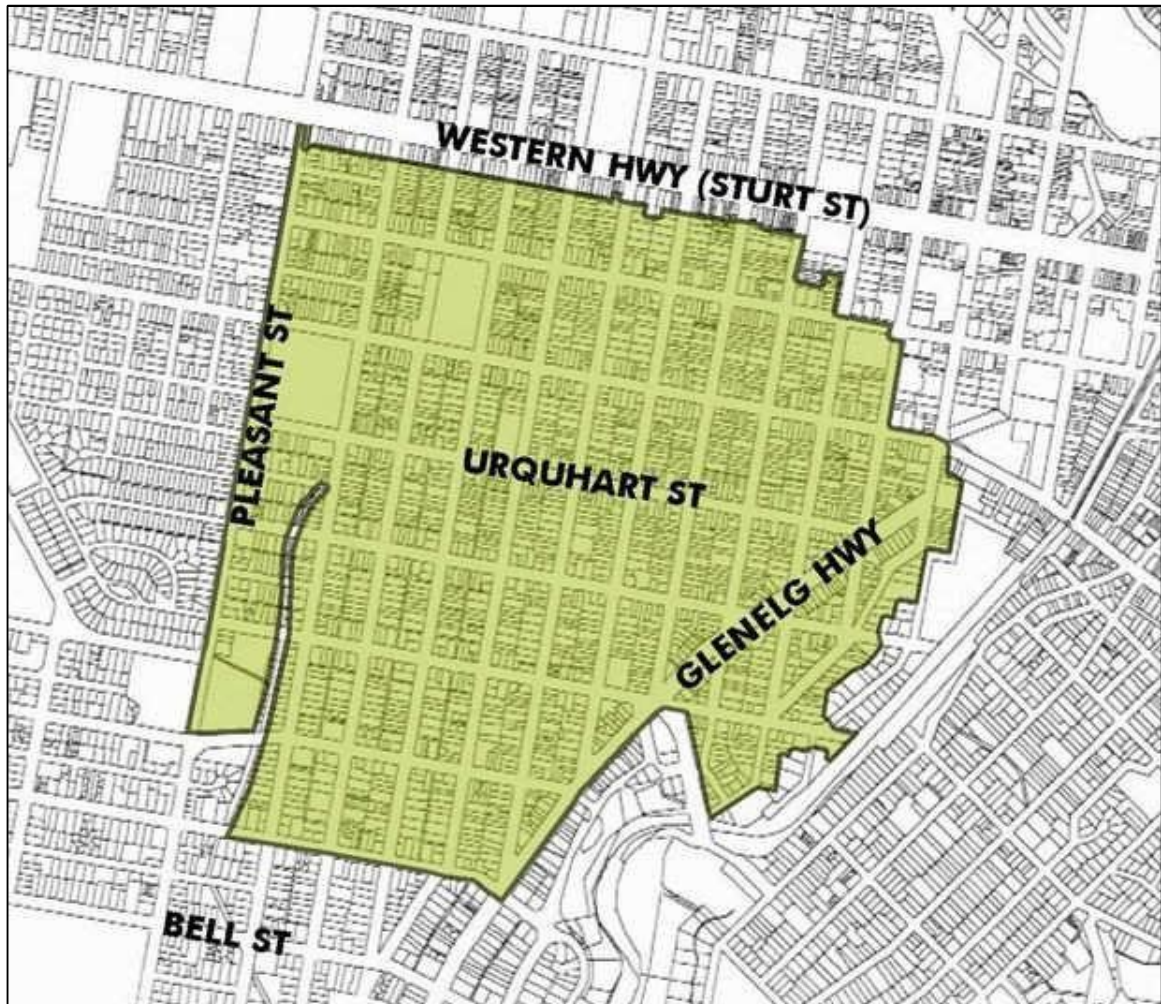


Figure 7 South Ballarat Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “F” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map

The South Ballarat Precinct is located directly to the south-west of the Ballarat City centre, within urban Ballarat. It is characterised by a heterogeneous combination of substantially intact residential buildings, which were constructed from the early 1860s (or possibly earlier) to the 1940s, and into the early 1950s. They are interspersed with a notable collection of cultural/community, commercial and educational buildings constructed from the 1850s onwards. The precinct is also characterised by the formal grid layout of nearly all of its streets, most of which feature avenues of mature to semi-mature trees; by scattered areas of grassed and treed public and private open space including the Western Oval Reserve, the lawns of the City Bowling Club, and Trekardo Park; and by numerous well-maintained private gardens, some of which contain notable mature tree specimens. Furthermore, the precinct is specially distinguished by the substantial integrity of its original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the extensive network of bluestone spoon drains and gutters that can be seen along almost every road in the precinct, generally in conjunction with wide gravel/grass shoulders.

The north boundary of the Central Ballarat precinct is generally formed by the south boundary of the Sturt Street Central Heritage Precinct. It predominantly runs along the rear of the allotments on the south side of Sturt Street between Pleasant Street South and Lyons Street South, then along the southern boundary of much of the land and buildings associated with the St Patricks Cathedral, and finally along the north side of Dana Street between Dawson Street North and Doveton Street North. The east boundary begins at the north-west corner of the intersection of Doveton Street North with Dana Street and runs in a staggered line to the south boundary. It is generally formed by the east side of Doveton Street North (to Eyre Street), the north side of Eyre Street (to Armstrong Street North) and then by the rear boundaries of allotments located on the east side of Armstrong Street North (to Sebastopol Street), before turning to run along the rear of the allotments on the north side of Sebastopol Street (between Armstrong Street North and Hickman Street) and effectively ends where Sebastopol Street abuts the Yarrowee River Channel Reserve.

The south boundary begins at this same point and is characterised by an irregular edge that runs in a western direction to Skipton Street, and takes in allotments on the south side of Sebastopol Street, the east side of the last section of Dawson Street South, and the east side of Hill Street. At the intersection of Sebastopol Street with Skipton Street, the south boundary turns to run along the south-east side of Skipton Street to the intersection with Darling Street, and turns again to run along the south side of Darling Street to the point where it crosses the Redan Creek Channel. The west boundary is firstly formed by the east edge of this bluestone lined channel (between Darling Street and Latrobe Street), then by part of the north side of Latrobe Street and finally by the west side of Pleasant Street South. The west boundary ends at Sturt Street.

The South Ballarat precinct is generally bounded by Pleasant Street, Darling Street, Skipton Street, Hill Street, east of Armstrong Street and adjoins the Lydiard and Sturt Street and West Ballarat heritage precincts.

William Urquhart the government surveyor first surveyed the precinct in 1851. By 1861, formal surveying of allotments within the township blocks in a dominant grid pattern seems to have extended through most of the precinct. However the blocks south of Eyre Street, particularly between Ripon and Drummond Streets and as far south as Sebastopol Street, were yet to be divided into formal allotments. By the mid 1870s a tree planting program had commenced to beautify the residential areas and construction of tar footpaths began.

Mining occurred throughout this precinct with greatest concentration of activity in the eastern portion of the precinct. There was also a major quarry in the location of the present Trekardo Park.

The precinct is important as it shows many original and early examples of Victorian, Federation, Inter War and early Post War era residential, commercial, cultural/community and educational buildings.

Typically, the residential buildings are mainly single storey, with hipped or gabled roofs clad with corrugated iron, slate or terracotta tiles. They were generally constructed from horizontal weatherboard or brick, and sometimes bluestone, with mostly unpainted chimneys. Houses display eaves, projecting verandahs, porches and timber doors and timber casement or double hung windows.



The commercial, educational and community/cultural buildings are either one or two storey and generally have the same characteristics as the residential buildings with the exception of the pitch of roofs, parapets, and the type of individual decorative detailing.

Key landmark buildings include the Churches and their associated buildings, the schools particularly the former Urquhart Street State School No. 2103, and the corner shops and hotels (both former and current). The Western Oval Reserve is also an important recreational landmark in the area.

The important visual qualities of the precinct include the view across and through the precinct, the uniform location of buildings in relation to the size of the allotment and consistent building setback, the positioning of garages towards the rear of properties and the style of fencing suited to the architectural style of the building.

Other features of importance are mature and semi mature street and private garden trees, the grass verges, the open space landscaped areas of the reserves and school grounds. These combine to form a garden setting for the precinct. The early square post boxes and concrete horse troughs are notable structures that contribute to the precinct.

Also important is the network of bluestone spoon drains which are an example of early construction technology and show an excellence in craftsmanship. The network also shows the history of infrastructure development in this area of the former West Ballarat municipality.

## SOUTH BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The South Ballarat Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria A.4 and H.1).

- (a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*
- (a.4) Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community;*
- (h) the place's special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Australia's natural or cultural history.*

The Precinct is important for its association with William S. Urquhart, the Assistant Governor Surveyor at the time in 1851, and is an excellent example of the lasting influence of his work.

It is also historically significant as an example where intensive gold mining operations co-existed alongside residential development over a long period of time within a neoclassical urban framework of hierarchy and axial ordering, on which the official policies of urban planning in Australia were founded. It provides a strong contrast with the unplanned chaotic road system of East Ballarat. Three important factors contributed to the retention of the historic urban layout in this area. These include; a) the large open grid plan of the original Urquhart survey, b) the late arrival of quartz mining in the area which was mined extensively within the formal rectangular gridded streets, c) the particular nature of underground quartz mining of the area that led to much larger undertakings, and in consequence left the surface area relatively undisturbed. This is best illustrated by the contrasting street layout of the western and eastern section of the precinct. In the eastern area, Golden Point Lead with its branches of Malakoff, Milkmaids and Nightingale Leads was mined in the early 1850s prior to the town survey and in consequence the street pattern is notably irregular. While in the western section of the precinct, the rectilinear street pattern has emerged intact from history and the great 1870-90s quartz gold rush. The only indications of the former mines are the names of local streets and lanes.

The Precinct is historically important for its ability to illustrate the story of how a very heterogeneous early residential mining area has developed through major transitional stages of development that were marked by significant phases of re- building, upgrading and architectural consolidation during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. The resulting pattern of various mix of domestic architectural styles sharply juxtaposed is historically important. Through this process of consolidation and infill over the past 160 years, the original 1851 town plan characterized by its open grid pattern has been infilled, and the harmony of the overall townscape has been retained.

The Precinct is also associated with the establishment and development of several institutions including a number of historic schools and churches as well as the Queen Elizabeth Home, and with early residential settlement in Ballarat. The present Trekardo Park is also of historical significance as the site of an early and long-serving quarry.

The South Ballarat Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

The urban plan of South Ballarat is important as Ballarat was the first large goldfields town that W.S. Urquhart surveyed. It was also the project which he regarded as his favourite and most successful amongst all other many major mid 19<sup>th</sup> century goldfields town plans in Victoria for which he was responsible. The area is particularly significant because it has preserved its historic street pattern and urban fabric to a high degree.

The Precinct is architecturally noteworthy for its high quality of substantially intact buildings with examples of development from all periods ranging from 1860s-1950s. This together with 19<sup>th</sup> century urban beautification schemes associated with major street tree planting, construction of tar footpaths and engineering infrastructure program has created an area of great diversification contained within a unified urban plan.

Despite the diversity in architectural styles, the residences have similar orientation, and are of similar scale, although there are examples of larger villas as well as very small 19<sup>th</sup> century cottages scattered throughout the precinct. Although the majority of residences are single storey and detached, there are individual non-conforming examples dispersed throughout the precinct. These include houses with attic dormer windows and two storey Victorian residences to the north, some semidetached residences and terraces. Sometimes there is a range of different front and side setbacks to dwellings and in addition various frontage widths to allotments within one street. However, these variations are small the slight randomness does not create strong contrasts in the urban context rather they add richness and variety to the streetscape. The residences are usually set within well maintained private gardens, some of which contain notable mature tree specimens. There are a number of intact small corner shops, predominately erected in the Victorian era, and larger commercial buildings and hotels that are local landmarks. Predominantly located on corner sites, they define street intersections. Interspersed without the Precinct are a notable collection of architecturally important churches and educational buildings constructed from the 1850s.

The South Ballarat Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique); (e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

The Precinct demonstrates important visual qualities that reflect the historical, cultural and architectural development of the Precinct, and contribute to its visual setting. The Precinct is visually important as the grid pattern of its urban plan, laid out across the relatively flat topography of the grassy basalt plains of West Ballarat, is most fully appreciated here. The flat topography and constancy of scale of buildings, width and length of most streets combined with prominent display of intact blue stone gutters and mature elm, oak or plane tree planted in rows on both sides of the street

within gravel/grass shoulders provide the precinct with gracious historic internal viewscape that is unbroken by intrusive elements. The long views of tree lined avenues extend across and through the Precinct to other parts of Ballarat, including east or south-east (respectively) to Mount Warrenheip and Mount Buninyong in the far distance. Also of importance are the views to and along the highly significant engineering infrastructure of the Redan Creek Channel, which transects part of the residential area in the west part of the Precinct.

Further important aesthetic qualities of the Precinct include the variety of significant urban landmarks, a number of which can be seen from outside of the precinct. These comprise each of the churches and their associated buildings; each of the schools and their associated buildings; the various shops and hotels (both present and former), which are predominantly located on corner sites and particularly help to define the street intersections to the extent that many have become local landmarks; and the open landscape of the Western Oval Reserve and the associated stands of mature trees, which provide a scenic focus within the dominant residential area of this part of the Precinct.

The appropriate front and side setbacks of the residences within their allotments, relative to the size of the residence, the allotment on which they sit, and the streetscape in which they are located also contribute to the aesthetic significance of the precinct, as The use of the appropriate type, style and height of fence in relation to the era and style of the corresponding buildings is another feature that contributes to the aesthetic significance of the Precinct.

The important visual qualities of the Precinct are also enhanced by absence of front garages and carports that provides consistency to the views of houses, which are clearly visible beneath the mature and semi-mature street tree plantings. The combination of deep landscaped grassy verges, extensive avenues of street trees, and variously landscaped public and private open spaces such as the Western Oval Reserve, school grounds, and the many private gardens with their mature canopy trees provide the Precinct with a garden setting of considerable variety.

Furthermore, the visual qualities of the Precinct are specially enhanced by the substantial integrity of the original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the extensive network of bluestone spoon or channel drains, by the small expanse of early flagstone and by the wrought iron drain guards. Other street furniture such as early square post boxes and intact concrete horse troughs donated by the George and Annis Bills Estate in the early 20th century contribute to the aesthetically significant qualities of the Precinct.

The South Ballarat Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria C.2 and F1).

*(c) the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history.*

*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The Precinct is of especially importance for contributing to a history of the infrastructure development of this area of the former municipality of Ballarat West, as identified by the substantially intact extensive network of original engineering infrastructure, in particular, the bluestone spoon drains and gutters that are readily visible alongside almost every road and rear lane in the Precinct. The use of bluestone pitchers as the principal material to form this type of engineering

infrastructure also demonstrates an early, and now rarely used construction technology, as well as the excellence of traditional craftsmanship.

The South Ballarat Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;*

The Precinct is recognized and highly valued by the local community for its early and ongoing residential, commercial, social, educational, and recreational associations.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO 168 SOUTH BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
205	Armstrong Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
305	Armstrong Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
307	Armstrong Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
327	Armstrong Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
405	Armstrong Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
408	Armstrong Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
411	Armstrong Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
413	Armstrong Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
7	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
8	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
13	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
11A	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
11B	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/103-105	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/103-105	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/103-105	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/103-105	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
208	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/220	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/220	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/220	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
222	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
223	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
225	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
226	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
229	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
311	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
313	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
414	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
421	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
422	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
423A	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
427	Ascot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/508	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/508	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350

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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
3/508	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
512	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
522	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/602	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
604	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
605	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
607	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
608	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/612	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/612	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
3/612	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
613	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
616	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
617	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/618	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/618	Ascot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/6	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/6	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/7	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/7	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/7	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
8	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/8	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/8	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
13	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/21	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/21	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/21	Church Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
701	Cosmopolitan Place	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
703	Cosmopolitan Place	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
801	Cosmopolitan Place	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
803	Cosmopolitan Place	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
805	Cosmopolitan Place	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
501	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
511	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/604	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/604	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/604	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
605	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
702	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
707	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
715	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
902	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
904	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
906A	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/913	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
1003	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1010	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/1110	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/1110	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/1110	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/1110	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1114	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1207A	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1209	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1316	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1310	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1306-1308	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
204	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
206	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
1/408	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
2/408	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
3/408	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
4/408	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
5/408	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
6/408	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
502	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
506	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
2/606A	Darling Street	REDAN VIC 3350
1/221	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/221	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/221	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
229	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
308	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
314	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
324	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
404	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
413	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
418	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
420	Dawson Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
112	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/207	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/207	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/207	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/207	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5/207	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
210	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
212	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
305	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
323	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350



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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
2/6	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/6	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
18	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/20-22	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/20-22	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/20-22	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/20-22	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5/20-22	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/103	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/103	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/114-116	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/114-116	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/114-116	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
126	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
132	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
204	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
214	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/220	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/220	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/220	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/220	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5/220	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
221	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
301	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
314	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
322	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/406	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/406	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/406	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/411	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/411	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/411	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/417	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/417	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/417	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/417	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
421	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
422	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
425	Drummond Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/511	Drummond Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
3/511	Drummond Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/511	Drummond Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
525	Drummond Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
603	Drummond Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
604	Drummond Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
612	Drummond Street South	REDAN VIC 3350

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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
3	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
16	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
17	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
17A	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
104	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
121	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/207	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/207	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/207	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
209	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/210	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/210	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/210	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/210	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5/210	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
214	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
215	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
217	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
225A	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
225B	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
227	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
314	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
304	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
306	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
327	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
417	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
408A	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
408B	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
415	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
415A	Errard Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
501	Errard Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/503	Errard Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/503	Errard Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
520	Errard Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
4	Essex Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5A	Essex Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
12	Essex Street house only (excepting the outbuildings)	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
15	Essex Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
207	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
211	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
306	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
317	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
406	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
411	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
414	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
507	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
602	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
605	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
609	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
610	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
703	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
705	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
707	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
712	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
714	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
805	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
805A	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
813	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
913	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
914	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
914A	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/915	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/915	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1010	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/1014	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/1014	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/1014	Eyre Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
7	Fawkner Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
9	Fawkner Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
10	Fawkner Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
18	Fawkner Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3B	Hill Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
7	Kent Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/107	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
2/107	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
3/107	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
4/107	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
203	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
206	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
208	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
1/302	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
2/302	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
303	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
304	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
309	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
311	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
401	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
8	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
103	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
122	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
124	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
208	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
220	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
222	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
224A	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
311	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
314	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
312	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
505	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
509	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
517	Lyons Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/9A	Pleasant Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/9A	Pleasant Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
15	Pleasant Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/305	Pleasant Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/305	Pleasant Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
311	Pleasant Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
315	Pleasant Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
403	Pleasant Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/403	Pleasant Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
407	Pleasant Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
501	Pleasant Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
9	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
201	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
203	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
205	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
212	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
213	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
327	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
331	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
402	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
405	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
412	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
424	Raglan Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
9A	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
16	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/109	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/109	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/111	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/111	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/111	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
113	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
113A	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
115	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
115A	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/117	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/117	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/117	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

## HO 168 SOUTH BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
118	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/124	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/124	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
126	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/203	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/203	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/203	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/203	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/215	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/217	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/219	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/221	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
308	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
309	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
313	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
319	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
315	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
315A	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/317	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/317	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/317	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/317	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/321	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
403	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
411	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
417	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/421	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/421	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
423	Ripon Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
509A	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
510	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
515	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
517	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
604	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
610	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
613	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
614	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/618	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/618	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
3/618	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
620	Ripon Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
101	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
103	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
109	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
405	Sebastopol Street	REDAN VIC 3350
602	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

## HO 168 SOUTH BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
602B	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
609	Sebastopol Street	REDAN VIC 3350
902A	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
906	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
908	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/910	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/910	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/910	Sebastopol Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2	Skipton Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
19	Skipton Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
115	Skipton Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
119	Skipton Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
212	Skipton Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
214	Skipton Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
200	Skipton Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
313	Skipton Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
400	Skipton Street	REDAN VIC 3350
412	Skipton Street	REDAN VIC 3350
514-516	Skipton Street	REDAN VIC 3350
305	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
405	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
406	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
407	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
507	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
608	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
610	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
701	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
703	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
707	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
803	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
809	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
908	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/1005	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1009	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1011	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1012	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/1016	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/1016	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/1016	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4/1016	South Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2	Surrey Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
13	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
16	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
19	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
19A	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
21	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

## HO 168 SOUTH BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
24	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
201	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
204	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/206	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/206	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/208	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/208	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/208	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/210	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/210	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
220	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
220A	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
220B	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/221	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/221	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/221	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/301	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/301	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/301	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
304	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/308	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/308	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
320	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
407	Talbot Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
508	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/517	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/517	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
3/517	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/518	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/518	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
3/518	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
511	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
515	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
519	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
603	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
605	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
606	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/607	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/607	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
3/607	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
5/607	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
6/607	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
7/607	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
608	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/609	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/609	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350

## HO 168 SOUTH BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
3/609	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
4/609	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
5/609	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
610	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
611	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
612	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/613	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/613	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
3/613	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
4/613	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
1/615	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
2/615	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
3/615	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
617	Talbot Street South	REDAN VIC 3350
8	La Trobe Street	REDAN VIC 3350
16	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
303	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
309	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/312	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/312	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
314	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
406	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
504A	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
510	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
704	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
706	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
804	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
807	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
813	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
815	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
901	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/907	Urquhart Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4	Watermans Place	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
6	Watermans Place	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
4	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
6	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
8	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/101	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
108	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
109	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
110-112	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
111	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
113	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
118	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
118A	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
120	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350



## HO 168 SOUTH BALLARAT HERITAGE PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
120A	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
134	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
136	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
202	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
203	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
204	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
219	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
301	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/320	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/320	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/320	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
403	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
405	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
407	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
410	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/420	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2/420	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/420	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
422	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
425	Windermere Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
505	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
508	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
520	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
1/512	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
2/512	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
3/512	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
1/514	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
2/514	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
3/514	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
516	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
602B	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
608A	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
608B	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
611	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350
619	Windermere Street	REDAN VIC 3350

## WALLER ESTATE HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 8 Waller Estate Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “G” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Waller Estate Precinct is characterised by a built up, single storey, residential area that was predominantly constructed by the developer/builder Roy Waller and his Syndicate from 1945 to 1961 on empty allotments of land bounded by Inkerman, Pleasant, Winter and Russell Streets. There is one former commercial building in the precinct, a shop with an attached residence, also built by the Waller Syndicate.

The present street and allotment layout in this precinct is essentially unchanged from the original subdivision plan LP20105, which was formally lodged in June 1950. The precinct takes up almost all of this original subdivision plan except for the block bounded by Inkerman Street, Waller Avenue, Gwenith Avenue and Russell Street (where a school is now located), and the stretch of allotments facing Russell Street between Gwenith Avenue and Jessie Street. The precinct is located on the south- western edge of inner urban Ballarat.

The Waller Estate Precinct is characterised by a single storey residential area that was predominantly constructed by the developer/builder Roy Waller and his Syndicate from 1945 to 1961 on empty allotments of land bounded by Inkerman, Pleasant, Winter and Russell Streets.

These four roads were laid out in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as part of the dominant north-south and east-west grid pattern of Ballarat West. The present distinctive street layout within the boundaries of these long-established roads was an initiative of the Waller Syndicate, a consortium of builders and real estate agents led by Mr. Roy Waller, and forms part of a 1950 subdivision called the Waller Estate. The majority of

houses within the Waller Estate were built by the Syndicate in a concentrated period of activity between 1949 and 1961 and appear to have been predominantly offered for sale as 'spec' homes on completion.

Mining occurred throughout the precinct during the mid-1860s to the early 1900s. Mines in this area exploited tributaries of the nearby Inkerman Lead, with the West Don Shaft and Leviathan Shaft most closely associated with this area. Today, the Waller Estate Precinct contains no evidence of this early mining activity.

The Waller Estate Precinct is historically significant as the earliest example in Ballarat of the type of entrepreneurial private property development that began to take hold in post war Australia. The syndicate use of avenues, crescents and cul-de-sacs to form a predominantly curvilinear layout within the established grid pattern of the surrounding roads demonstrates a notable departure from the town planning principles previously used in Ballarat.

The Waller Precinct is architecturally significant as it demonstrates many original and early design qualities associated with the residential development of the Waller subdivision from the mid-1940s to the early 1960s. The buildings within the subdivision are a consistent Post-War Suburban architectural style. The important design qualities which contribute to the significance of the precinct include detached siting within the allotments, front setbacks of generally 5-10 metres and side setbacks generally ranging from 1.5-6 metres, single storey height, brick construction, low front fences; and the single brick garages located at the end of side driveway.

The Waller precinct is significant aesthetically for having a range of narrowed views along the inner curving and straight roads, and into the cul-de-sacs, that reinforce the distinctive layout of these roads in contrast to the dominant grid street pattern beyond. The unobstructed views emphasise the consistency of both form and style of residential buildings within the precinct. The open views across the private gardens in conjunction with the well maintained nature strips, street plantings and central garden reserve in Waller Avenue are of importance for the contribution that they make to the garden like setting of the precinct.

## WALLER AVENUE HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Waller Estate Precinct is **historically** significant at a **Local** level. (AHC criteria A.4 and H.1).

- (a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*
- (a)4 importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community;*
- (h) the place's special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Australia's natural or cultural history.*

The Precinct is important for its association with mining activity during the mid-1860s to the early 1900s. Mines in this area exploited tributaries of the nearby Inkerman Lead, with the West Don Shaft and Leviathan Shaft. The Leviathan Company was formed in the late 1850s and operated until being forced to close down its operations due to a lawsuit by a neighbouring company. The Precinct stands on land that was mostly undeveloped for residential purposes until after World War II. Its subsequent development illustrates a typical pattern of residential infill development that was common in Ballarat.

The Precinct is historically significant as the earliest and most intact example in Ballarat of an entrepreneurial private property development that had began to become popular in post war Australia. The development of the Waller Estate occurred at a time of severe housing shortage in Australia after World War II and is comparable with similar contemporary projects undertaken by companies such as A V Jennings that radically changed the pattern of residential development in Australia. The Waller Estate is a forerunner of the modern housing estate development that is now common in Ballarat.

The 1950 Waller Estate subdivision is an important local example, albeit on a small scale, and is essentially unchanged from when the original subdivision plan LP20105, was formally lodged in June 1950. The original appearance and character of the houses that were predominantly constructed by the developer/builder Roy Waller and his Ballarat based Waller Syndicate from 1945 to 1961 remains substantially intact.

The Waller Estate Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **Local** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

- (d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments;*
- (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

There are two major aspects of the Waller Estate Precinct that are of aesthetic, architectural and historical significance within the wider context of Ballarat: The basic town planning principles underpinning the subdivision's layout, which was notably developed by a private syndicate, and the consistency of both the form and style of the residential buildings.

The distinctive layout of the inner roads of the Waller Estate is based on typical 1950s town planning principles, and includes a curvilinear layout created by avenues, crescents and cul-de-sacs that catered for the motor car as a primary means of transport. The development established within the surrounding rigid grid street pattern demonstrates a notable departure from the neo-classical 19<sup>th</sup> century town planning principles of early Ballarat.

The physical attributes of the Waller Estate express the values of the Waller Syndicate. This included the promotion and sale of a variety of quality modern Post-War Suburban houses designed by John Muir, of Muir and Shepherd Architects. By 1950 contemporary critics regarded the Waller Estate as a significant housing venture in the City of Ballarat.

The Precinct is important for its coherent architectural form and the high concentration of detached double or triple fronted brick veneer residences with terracotta tile or corrugated asbestos cement sheet roofs built between 1941 and 1961. The design is distinctively post-World War II and stands in contrast to the mix of timber and brick Victorian, Federation and Inter-War style housing of the neighbourhood. Other important design features include wide front and side setbacks; and single storey face brick construction, and a notable range of low front fences, particularly those constructed of brick with wrought iron panels, as well as single rear brick garages located at the end of side driveways.

The Waller Estate Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **Local** level. (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

The Waller Estate heritage Precinct is important for its ability to demonstrate distinctive aesthetic ideas with an eclectic amalgam of traditional and modern design elements and materials which were highly regarded at the time. This is expressed visually by the substantially intact 1950s-1960s architecture and urban design layout that contains substantial public open space in Waller Avenue and for the picturesque curvilinear street pattern. This adds visual interest to the streetscape and, was intended to demonstrate to potential clients that the Estate was 'modern' and 'attractive', both sought-after characteristics in the post-war era.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

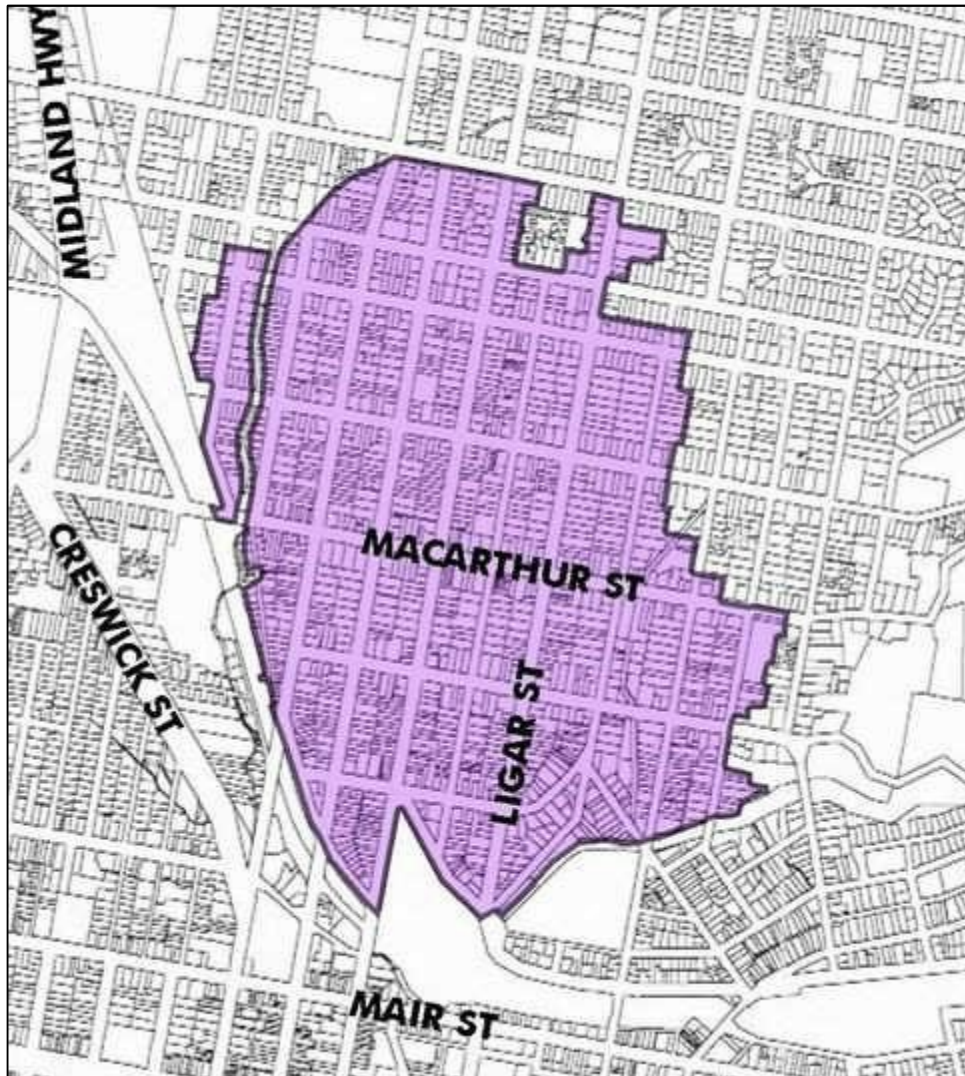
The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO 169 WALLER ESTATE PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
35	Inkerman Street	Waller Estate Heritage Precinct
505	Russell Street	Waller Estate Heritage Precinct
507	Russell Street	Waller Estate Heritage Precinct
6A	Waller Avenue	Waller Estate Heritage Precinct
40	Waller Avenue	Waller Estate Heritage Precinct
41	Waller Avenue	Waller Estate Heritage Precinct
48	Waller Avenue	Waller Estate Heritage Precinct
2	Winter Street	Waller Estate Heritage Precinct
4	Winter Street	Waller Estate Heritage Precinct
6	Winter Street	Waller Estate Heritage Precinct

## SOLDIERS HILL HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 9 Soldiers Hill Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “H” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Soldiers Hill Precinct is located directly to the north of the Ballarat City centre, within urban Ballarat. It is characterised by a heterogeneous combination of substantially intact residential buildings, which were constructed from the early 1860s (or possibly earlier) to the 1940s, and into the early 1950s. They are interspersed with a notable collection of cultural/community, commercial and educational buildings constructed from the early 1860s onwards. The precinct is also characterised by the formal grid layout of nearly all of its streets, many of which feature avenues of mature to semi-mature trees; by scattered areas of grassed and treed public and private open space including the Walter Jones Memorial Reserve, the lawns of the Ballarat North Bowling Club, and school grounds; and by numerous well-maintained private gardens, some of which contain notable mature tree specimens. Furthermore, the

precinct is specially distinguished by the substantial integrity of its original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the extensive network of bluestone spoon drains and gutters that can be seen along almost every road in the precinct, generally in conjunction with wide gravel/grass shoulders.

The precinct is predominantly bounded on the north by a short stretch of Howitt Street. The east boundary begins at the south-east corner of the intersection of Howitt Street with Ligar Street and runs in a staggered line in a south-east direction. It is generally formed by the rear boundaries of allotments located on the east or north sides (alternately) of part of Ligar Street, Howard/Sweeney Streets, Havelock Street, Napier Street, and Nicholson Street, and finishes at the Yarrowee River Channel.

The south boundary is partly formed by the edge of this Channel, which takes a curvilinear line to Nolan Street, and then by the fenced reserve of the Melbourne to Ballarat railway line and associated land alongside Lydiard Street North. This irregularly shaped edge then turns to curve in a north-west direction along the edge of the fenced reserve of the Ballarat to Ararat railway line, which forms the west boundary of the precinct from Lydiard Street North to Macarthur Street. North of Macarthur Street, the west boundary generally runs along the rear boundaries of allotments located on the west side of Crompton Street before turning just north of Howard Street to run along the east side of the Gnarr Creek Channel to Howitt Street.

The Ballarat North precinct generally includes land bounded by Ligar, Howard, Havelock, Napier and Nicholson Streets and the Yarrowee River Channel. The area became known as Soldiers Hill as it housed a second military camp for additional police and military at the height of the goldrush.

Land at Soldiers Hill was first sold in 1859. By 1862 the high land around Seymour Crescent had been developed residentially. The area was attractive for residential use as it was elevated above the city and away from much of the major industrial activity.

The local population was catered for by local shops in Macarthur Street and hotels scattered throughout the precinct. The Macarthur Street School was constructed in 1877 and the local churches in the mid 1860's. The St Johns Anglican Church is of particular interest for its west window, chancel and the Fincham and Hobday pipe organ.

Many of the buildings and street plantings were completed by the late 1890's and early 1900's. The precinct still retains some of the early evidence of the commercial and light industry such as the Macarthur Street shops, the North Star Hotel, the former chaff mill on the corner of Doveton and Brougham Street and the former Boot factory in Nolan Street. The precinct also retains essentially the same street pattern as subdivided in the 1860's and the allotments are based on the 19<sup>th</sup> century government survey.

The precinct is architecturally important for its original and intact Victorian, Federation and Interwar and early Post War era residential buildings. Typically these are single storey (although some 1 ½ and 2 storey residences exist), roofs are hipped and/or gabled and clad with corrugated galvanised iron, slate or Marseilles tile terra cotta tiles. The buildings are either weatherboard or brick construction with unpainted brick chimneys, include eaves and verandahs, decorative detailing, timber doors and double hung or casement windows.



The precinct also includes original and intact Victorian, Federation and Inter war commercial, educational and cultural/community buildings. These buildings display similar characteristics to the residential buildings but have parapets, predominantly brick. Commercial buildings also have recessed entries and display early signage painted on sidewalls and complex and individual detailing and decoration. The cultural/community and educational buildings have steeper roofs and complex and individual detailing and decoration.

The important visual qualities of the precinct include the views toward the city centre, to Black Hill, the surrounding residential areas in the east, west and south of the Soldiers Hill. Also important are the views towards the former Myer Woollen Mills and Selkirk Bricks and the Railway Station.

Key landmarks in the precinct are the Scots and Presbyterian Church with its spire, the St Columba's Church with its campanile tower, the schools and associated buildings. The shops provide a focal interest in the streetscape and help to define many of the street intersections. The open landscape of Walter Reserve and the stand of mature cypress trees provide a scenic garden focus in a residential setting.

The precinct also includes mature and juvenile street tree plantings and private gardens with mature canopy trees, private and public open space, grass/gravel road shoulders and turf footpaths and nature strips. These create a varied garden setting for the precinct. The substantial integrity of the original engineering infrastructure shows an early and now rarely used construction technology and the excellence of traditional craftsmanship. This is displayed in the extensive network of bluestone spoon or channel drains and bluestone inverted gutters with bluestone pitcher kerbs and wrought iron guards.

## SOLDIERS HILL HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Soldiers Hill Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria A.4 and H.1).

- (a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*
- (a.4) importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community*
- (h) the place's special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Australia's natural or cultural history.*

The Precinct is a broad historical townscape founded in 1850s, associated with the expansion of military presence on the Ballarat gold fields following the Eureka uprising in 1854, when the original Police Camp, located in Lydiard Street, was reinforced by the establishment of a large military and police encampment nearby, on Soldiers Hill.

The Soldiers Hill Precinct was laid out under neoclassical auspices of hierarchy and axial ordering. It was surveyed by the colonial Government Surveyor W.S. Urquhart in late 1851, and the first lands sales took place in 1859 to the late 1860s. The area is historically important as it is an early example of a highly desirable mid 19<sup>th</sup> century goldfields residential area. Its popularity was due to its elevated position away from nearby gold mining activities and noxious industries. The early phase of development with its rectilinear street layout pattern reflects typical 19<sup>th</sup> century geometric neoclassical planning style based on public order with scattered clusters of commercial activities sited on major road intersections, interspersed with a range of denominational landmark ecclesiastical buildings and schools and uniform residential allotments. There was a significant phase of re-building and architectural consolidation during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century together with urban beautification schemes associated with major avenue re-planting of gums and pines with elms and plane trees, and infrastructure development identified by the extensive network of significantly intact bluestone channel drains, gutters and kerbs. The area remains predominately residential although later architectural development and infill became more eclectic in style. Through this process of consolidation and infill over the past 120 years, the urban fabric has been extended on the same pattern as the first mid 19<sup>th</sup> century layout and the harmony of the overall townscape has been retained.

The Soldiers Hill Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

- (d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

The Precinct is a significant 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century example of residential area representing the development of modern urbanism, initiated by the 1850s gold rush in rural Victoria. The economic success of the town due to gold mining allowed for the development of a city that responded to the needs of a rising middle class. The new ideas that underpinned the urban plan of Soldiers Hill Precinct, resulting from

concern of the civic role of public spaces and the need for natural light and ventilation to foster public hygiene, is also reflected by its collection of architectural buildings. The buildings demonstrate many original and intact design qualities associated with a diverse range of small scale predominately single-storey residential Victorian, Federation, and later Inter-War and early Post-War era buildings as well as a notable ensemble of commercial, cultural/community and educational development constructed between the 1860s and 1940s, and into the early 1950s. Many of the churches were designed by leading Victorian architects such as those designed by architects, J. A Doane (Wesleyan Church), Leonard Terry (St. John's Anglican Church) and Figgis & Molloy (Scots Church). In contrast to the dominant elements of the churches other landmark structures in the precinct include examples of former industrial buildings such as the galvanised corrugated iron walling of the former Chaff Mill. Of particular significance in the hierarchical ordering of space and elements in the precinct is the adaptation of the urban plan to the introduction of the motor vehicle in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and resulting design response to private garages which are sited at the rear of dwellings. The success of a unifying aesthetic ideal derived from overseas 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century architectural and planning ideas adapted to a provincial Australian model is evidenced by the diverse array of often eclectic building styles in the precinct which collectively contribute to a visually unified townscape of beauty.

The Soldiers Hill Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

The Precinct demonstrates important visual qualities that reflect the historical, cultural and architectural development of the precinct, and contribute to its 19<sup>th</sup> century urban plan and townscape setting. The 19<sup>th</sup> century neo-classical town planning concepts based on a regular grid with wide streets and absolute regularity of its grid gives way in the west and south to a number of crescents in response to abrupt changes in topography and introduction of the railway reserve. These features provide its special visual qualities, including complex views across and through the Precinct to other parts of Ballarat as well as east to Black Hill and further south-east to Mount Warrenheip. Despite a considerable variation in allotment sizes and topography, important internal urban and architectural views are created by the harmonious collection of a diverse range of residential architectural styles of similar scale, setback, orientation and construction material set within in a rigid geometric layout of tree lined avenues. Also of importance are the views of highly significant 19<sup>th</sup> century engineering infrastructure, including the Gnarr Creek Channel, which transects the residential area in the west part of the Precinct.

Further important aesthetic qualities of the Precinct include the variety of significant urban landmarks, a number of which can be seen from outside of the Precinct. These comprise each of the churches and their associated buildings, but particularly the Scots Presbyterian Church in Lydiard Street North with its dominant spire, and the St. Columba's Catholic Church with its notable campanile-like tower; each of the schools and their associated buildings, but particularly the dominant two-storey Macarthur Street

State School No.2022; the numerous corner shops and hotels (both present and former), as well as the small shops visible along various residential streetscapes, which provide focal points of interest to the long streets and particularly help to define

many of the street intersections to the extent that many have become local landmarks; and the open landscape of the Walter Jones Reserve and the associated stand of mature cypress trees, which provide a scenic garden focus within the dominant residential area of this part of the Precinct.

The important visual qualities of the Precinct are also enhanced by the mature and juvenile street tree plantings that are a significant component of many of the streetscapes; by the gravel/grass road shoulders and turf nature strips or footpaths; by areas of grassed and variously landscaped public and private open spaces such as the Walter Jones Reserve, school grounds, and the many private gardens with their mature canopy trees. These landscaped and treed areas provide the Precinct with a garden setting of considerable variety. Furthermore, the visual qualities of the Precinct are specially enhanced by the substantial integrity of the original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the extensive network of bluestone spoon or channel drains, and bluestone inverted channel gutters with bluestone pitcher kerbs, and by the wrought iron drain guards.

The Soldiers Hill Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria C.2 and F1).

*(c) the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history.*

*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The substantial integrity of the original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the extensive network of bluestone drains is of importance for demonstrating the modern concepts of urban planning based on new order, hygiene and services. The use of bluestone pitchers as the principal material to form this type of engineering infrastructure also demonstrates an early, and now rarely used construction technology and the excellence of traditional craftsmanship.

The Soldiers Hill Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;*

The Precinct is recognized and highly valued by the local community for its early and ongoing residential, commercial, social, educational, and recreational associations. It is furthermore recognized and highly valued by the local community for its past industrial associations.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
201	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
204-206	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
302	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
306	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
313	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
317	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
319	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
406	Armstrong Street North (not including the front fence)	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
407	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
409	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
409A	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
506	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/509	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/509	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/509	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
514	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
516	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
517	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
518	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
519	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
527	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
603	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
609	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
612	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
613	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
621	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
814A	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
815B	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
817	Armstrong Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
106	Brougham Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
202	Brougham Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
207	Brougham Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1	Chesterfield Court	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2	Chesterfield Court	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3	Chesterfield Court	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4	Chesterfield Court	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/8	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/8	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350

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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
3/8	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4/8	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
5/8	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
6/8	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
9	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/107	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
201	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
201	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/204	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/204	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/204	Chisholm Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
305	Chisholm Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
306	Chisholm Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
4	Clarendon Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
7	Clarendon Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
12	Clarendon Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
203	Clarendon Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
304A	Clarendon Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
305	Clarendon Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
408	Clarendon Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/410	Clarendon Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/410	Clarendon Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2	Clissold Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
4	Clissold Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
6	Clissold Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
8	Clissold Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
107	Clissold Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
113	Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/121	Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/121	Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
128	Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
205	Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
208	Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
209	Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
212	Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
218	Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
307	Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
20	Crompton Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
116	Crompton Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
201	Crompton Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/204	Crompton Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/204	Crompton Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/204	Crompton Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4/204	Crompton Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
5/204	Crompton Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
6/204	Crompton Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
208	Doveton Crescent	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/612	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/612	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350

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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
3/612	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
32	Doveton Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
227	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
303	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
503	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
504	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
509	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
513	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
514	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
516	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
519	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
525	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
601A	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/618	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/618	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/618	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
619	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/620	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/620	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/620	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
621	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
622	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
623	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
632	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
711	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
713	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/802	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/802	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/802	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
813	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
815	Doveton Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
207	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
209	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
210	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
212	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
214	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
218	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/501	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/501	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/501	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4/501	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
507	Gregory Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4	Havelock Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
10	Havelock Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
201A	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
209	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
211	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
211A	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
211B	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350

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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
215	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
300	Havelock Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
1/301	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/301	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/301	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4/301	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
303	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
306	Havelock Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
406	Havelock Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
411	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
415	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/417	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/417	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/417	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4/417	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
501	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
505	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
510	Havelock Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
511B	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
511A	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
513	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
517	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
518	Havelock Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
602A	Havelock Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
616	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
618	Havelock Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
701	Havelock Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1A	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4A	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
101	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
102	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
105	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
106	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
204	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
208	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
304	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/305	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/305	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/305	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
402A	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
404	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
405	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
407	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
502	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
508	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
601	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
603	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350



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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
606	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
704A	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
707	Howard Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
207	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
208	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
212	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
215	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
330	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
403	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
415	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
422	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/430	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/430	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/430	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4/430	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
506A	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
510	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
511	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/513	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/513	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/513	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
518	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
602	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
614	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
618	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
801A	Ligar Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
10	Little Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/11	Little Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/11	Little Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
21	Little Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
31	Little Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
37	Little Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
37A	Little Clyde Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
201	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
308	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
313	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
325	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
406	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
412B	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
425	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/502	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/502	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/502	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4/502	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
5/502	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/503	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/503	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/503	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4/503	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350

## HO 170 SOLDIERS HILL PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
1/504	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/504	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/504	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
601	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
604	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
604A	Lydiard Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
1/606	Lydiard Street North	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
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2/301	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
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412	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
415	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
416	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
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## HO 170 SOLDIERS HILL PRECINCT

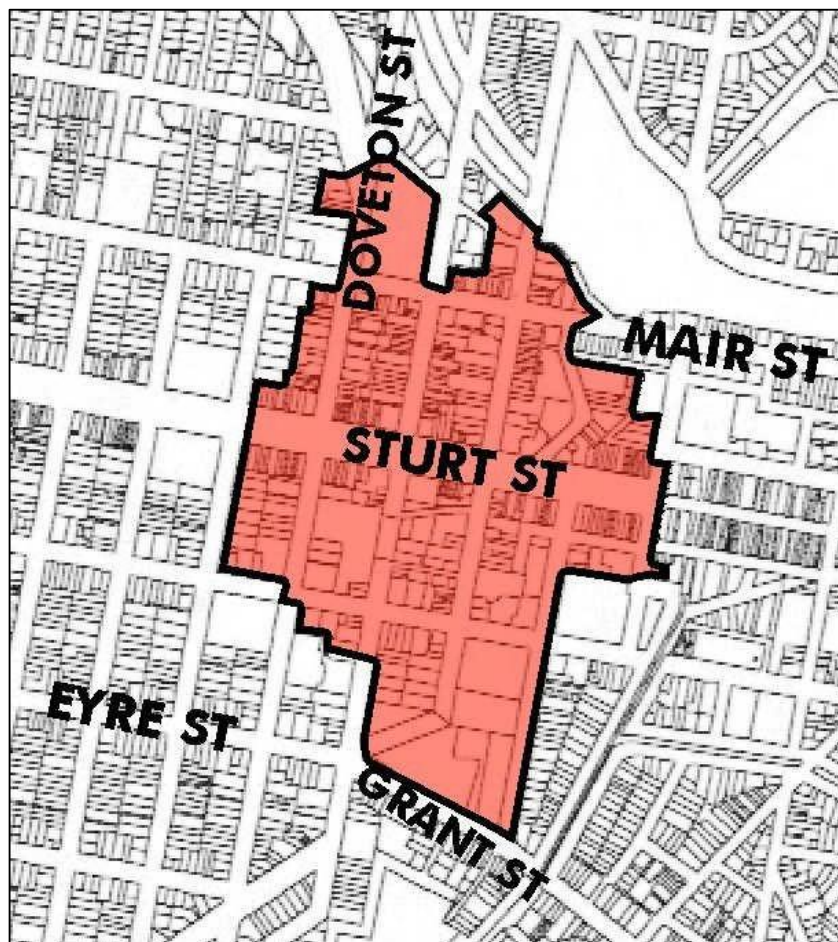
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432	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
507	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
512	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
516	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
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1/611	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/611	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/611	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
616	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
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618A	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/619	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/619	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
3/619	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
4/619	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
5/619	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
704A	Neill Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
309	Nicholson Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
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315	Nicholson Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
318	Nicholson Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
321	Nicholson Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
403	Nicholson Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
414-418	Nicholson Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
420	Nicholson Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
422	Nicholson Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
424	Nicholson Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
304	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
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1/314	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
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4/324-326	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
5/324-326	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
6/324-326	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
330	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
406	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
409	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350

## HO 170 SOLDIERS HILL PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
415	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
1/416	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
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4/416	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
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502	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
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511	Peel Street North	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
27B	Rowe Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
33	Rowe Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
60	Rowe Street	BLACK HILL VIC 3350
7	Seymour Crescent	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
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12	Seymour Crescent	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
102	Seymour Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
104	Seymour Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
106	Seymour Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
201	Seymour Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
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207	Seymour Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
209	Seymour Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
1/408	Seymour Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350
2/408	Seymour Street	SOLDIERS HILL VIC 3350

## LYDIARD STREET HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 10 Lydiard Street Heritage Precinct Map, shown as "I" on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Lydiard Street Precinct is dissected by Sturt Street running east / west from Dawson Street to the Bridge Mall and Lydiard Street north / south from the railway to Grant Street. The northern boundary follows Market Street and turns southwards at Armstrong Street to include properties on the northern side fronting Mair Street and both sides of Lydiard Street to the railway area. It then returns south crossing Mair Street to include Camp Street then east along Field Street, south along Cattin Street and along the property boundary to Grenville Street. The eastern boundary follows Grenville Street to Little Bridge Street where it aligns with the rear of the properties fronting Lewis Street to Albert Street. The southern boundary is formed by Grant Street between Albert and Armstrong Streets and then along property boundaries until Dana Street to Doveton Street. The western boundary extends along Dawson Street and includes buildings fronting Sturt Street to Dawson Street, and Doveton Street to Mair Street.

The Lydiard Street precinct is of state significance.

The precinct was first surveyed by the government surveyor William Urquart, who laid out the city centre on the plateau using a four-block grid pattern. In that plan, Lydiard and Armstrong Streets were main thoroughfares and Mair, Dana and Sturt Streets were cross streets. The survey did not extend east beyond Lydiard Street being the site of the government camp. The camp was the administrative centre established to keep order on the goldfields and was strategically located at the edge of the township where it had views across the diggings.

The precinct includes Ballarat's significant civic, institutional, religious and commercial buildings and monuments. The collection of buildings reflects the wealth that the 1851 gold discoveries brought to Ballarat influenced by the Anglo Saxon immigrants who diversified into other occupations following the gold rush.

Buildings and features in the precinct show the features associated with the civic and commercial development of the area from the 1850's. Notable contemporary architects, such as Casselli & Figgis and Leonard Terry designed many of the civic and commercial buildings. The significant and contributory buildings are predominantly Victorian, Federation, Edwardian and Inter War styles and feature ornate detailing, verandahs and intact interiors and exteriors.

Subdivision of parts of the government camp in the late to mid 1880's was followed by the construction of 'boom style' architecture on the new lots which included the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, the Old Colonialists Hall, the Mining Exchange, the Ballarat Commercial Club and Bones Buildings. Together with the Post Office and the Victorian buildings on the west side of Lydiard Street, this group of buildings created a distinctive 'boom style' streetscape.

The opening of the railway line attracted hospitality businesses and warehouses to Lydiard Street north, while Lydiard Street South became the focus for the legal and financial businesses. The oldest operating theatre in mainland Australia, Her Majesty's theatre is a substantial presence in Lydiard Street south. Substantial churches were established at the corner of Dana and Lydiard Streets and added to the importance of Lydiard Street.

The character of Sturt Street was being defined in the 1860's with the development of the dual carriageway divided by a mudbank, later planted with shrubs and trees known as the Camp Street gardens. The central median strip provided a civic space for structures, monuments and memorials.

Sturt Street originally housed timber buildings but by the 1870's these were replaced by brick shops. Other significant commercial and institutional buildings include the Town Hall, the Myer building and Golden City Hotel.

Key features of the precinct include the retention of the original street grid pattern, the topographical setting of the escarpment, the gracious boulevard of Sturt Street, and significant landmarks. Also included are the intact bluestone kerbs and gutters and remnants of cobblestone paved lanes, two areas of original street paving of large bluestone flagstones, a retained section of tramlines and timber block paving along the north edge of the median strip in Sturt Street near the corner of Armstrong Street, an early cast iron post box in Lydiard Street.

## LYDIARD STREET HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lydiard Street Heritage Precinct is **architecturally and aesthetically** significant at a **STATE** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1 and F).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments;*  
*(e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*  
*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The Precinct is aesthetically and architecturally significant as an outstanding example of 19<sup>th</sup> century provincial city centre representing the development of modern urbanism, initiated by the 1850s gold rush in rural Victoria. As a model of a mid 19<sup>th</sup> century classical European city it is an excellent testament of European colony planning where urban design and perspective views were adapted to the local context and can be appreciated in all its magnitude. The natural physical framework along with the built is used as a theatrical backdrop with rectilinear streets lined by buildings of similar neo-classical facades and similar heights that define the socio- political functions and cultural centre of Ballarat.

The historic urban development and character of the Precinct is architecturally important to Ballarat, as the first large goldfields town surveyed by W.S. Urquhart, which is regarded as his most successful in Victoria. The primary focus of the British Colonial Office was the design and layout of streets as well as provision of law and order on the goldfields, with local private capital generated by the gold fields financing the buildings.

The Precinct is aesthetically and architecturally significant as an excellent model representing 19<sup>th</sup> century neo-classical town planning based on a new order, hygiene and services that sharply distinguishes it from East Ballarat. The absolute regularity of the grid street pattern gives way dramatically in the east to a basalt escarpment, which overlooks the former chaotic gold mining area along Yarrowee Creek and East Ballarat. The juxtaposition between order and chaos is further reinforced by the street names which were all named after Police Commissioners and Officers of the Native Police controlling the goldfields and comprise the following, Sturt (Commandant of the Melbourne City Police), Lydiard (Officer Lydiard of the Native Police from Goulburn area, later full Commissioner), Dana (Captain Dana of the Native Police), Mair (Melbourne Police Magistrate and Inspector of Police), Doveton (Commissioner Doveton), Armstrong (Assistant to Commissioner Doveton).

The creation of the Precinct between 1850 and 1880s is particularly significant as it coincided with the early boom of the gold fields and because the legacy of mid 19<sup>th</sup> century historic street pattern, urban fabric and buildings have retained their authenticity and integrity to a high degree, in terms of the historic architecture and types of function. The historic area is one of a few examples of this type in Australia where the early collection of grand buildings and infrastructure are well protected and well managed. Although the Precinct has been subject to urban growth which still continues, the urban fabric has been extended on the same pattern as the first plan and the historic core has not been subject to drastic transformations.

Ballarat architecture in Lydiard and Sturt Streets represented its *éclat*, its style. The architecture best symbolized the *belle époque* of the gold mining boom, it was initiated by the wealth generated from the alluvial and deep leads and sustained by the growth of quartz gold mining from the late 1850s. This was emphasized by major landmark buildings that defined the focal point of the major intersections of the grids.

The economic success of the town allowed for the development of a city that responded to the social aspirations of a rising middle class and serviced the needs of the mining industry. The success of a unifying aesthetic ideal derived from overseas 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century architectural and planning ideas adapted to a provincial Australian model is evidenced by the remarkable collection of landmark neo-classical building styles in the precinct which collectively contribute to a visually unified streetscape of great classical beauty.

The early construction of opulent buildings in Lydiard Street was due to the specific characteristics of the Ballarat gold fields. It was the discovery of gold at Ballarat in 1851 that resulted in Victoria's gold boom. Ballarat was recognized as probably the richest alluvial goldfields in the world at its peak between 1852 and 53. Unlike the great alluvial goldfield at Mt Alexander, Castlemaine, Ballarat was a unique field. It had both surface alluvial, deep lead and quartz mining that led to a more permanent stable population than most other mining areas, where the rise of syndicates and companies became common. It also led to increased tension between government authorities and miners which after the Eureka Rebellion in 1854, provided for the development of new courts of mines and mining legislation that underpins mining activities throughout Australia today. It also paved the way for rapid and orderly growth of capitalist mining and accumulation of vast wealth.

The Precinct is also architecturally and historically significant for its associational links with the development of mining law related to underground mining practices. The many disputed claims in the area gave rise to a substantial growth in legal chambers and fine architectural buildings that lined Lydiard Street by 1860s. A gaol (1857) and Supreme Court (1868) were built in Lydiard Street South and the area became the centre of legal and business offices and many buildings still house these functions today. A Church Precinct at the corner of Lydiard and Dana Streets contributed to the importance of this area of Lydiard Street and creates a spectacular backdrop to the centre city.

The Precinct is also architecturally and historically significant for its group of six outstanding neo-classical banks in Lydiard Street designed by notable Melbourne architect Leonard Terry in the 1860s, clustered around the corner of Lydiard and Sturt Streets. These include from the northern corner the former Bank of Australasia, the National Bank, former Colonial Bank of Australasia and the Bank of New South Wales which were all built in a row. On the southern corner, the London Chartered Bank and the nearby Union Bank buildings continued the theme. It is also the site of the Mining Exchange (1887-89) which replaced an earlier exchange located near the south-west corner of Sturt and Lydiard Streets. The earlier exchange building (now the library of the Ballarat Mechanic's Institute) had been the scene for broker's offices, major transactions, and where the disclosure of important gold discoveries were made.

In the early 1860s the Government Camp (the site of the former Gold Commissioners Police Camp in Camp Street) was subdivided and other uses were located there. These include, the Market Reserve, Ballarat Free Library and Reading Rooms Reserve and Benevolent Asylum Reserve. Between 1891 and 1925 these Reserves were redeveloped along Sturt and Camp Streets with shops dating 1895 – 1901 on



the corner of the streets, and a Library (1895- 1901). However the former function of area was reinstated when the Police Court (1903-4) and new State Government Offices and Courthouse were erected in Camp Street in 1941. The Chief Government Architect, Percy Everett, designed a building which became a “*dramatic new element in the street.*” The Police Station (1961) was the only new building built in the Camp Street area in the post World War II period.

Further subdivision of the Government Camp site in the mid to late 1880s was followed by the construction of five boom-style buildings including the Ballarat Commercial Club (later the Alexandra Tearooms, 26-34 Lydiard Street), Bones Building, the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Old Colonists’ Hall and the Mining Exchange, all with frontages along Lydiard Street. These buildings along with the Post Office (begun 1864) on the corner of Sturt and Lydiard Streets and the Victorian buildings on the west side of Lydiard Street, formed a distinctive ‘boom style’ streetscape. Imposing buildings such as the Chamber of Commerce (1859), the Ballarat Mechanic’s institute (commenced 1860) and Post Office (commenced 1864) were early additions to Sturt Street. By the 1870s timber shops had been replaced by brick shops. By the 1860s the boulevard character of Sturt Street was being defined with the development of a dual carriageway.

Around 1862, the northern end of Lydiard Street became the focus of a specific type of buildings which addressed the needs of the new railway station and the grand neo-classical styled Railway Hall. Two two-storey bluestone warehouses were built on the corner sites for Lister and Angel and McDowall and Gray close to the railway and at the north end of Lydiard Street other warehouses concentrated with premises such as Holmes, White & Co and merchant Robert Dunn both built in 1862. Hotels already established in the area included the George in 1852 and William Irwin’s Provincial Hotel in 1863, later relocated and rebuilt nearby others include the Alexandra Tea Rooms and Reid’s Coffee Palace. The Craig’s Hotel was established in 1852 in Lydiard Street South. Between 1865 and 1890 the sites were developed into a “*series of distinctive two-storey commercial and civic buildings.*”

The Precinct is architecturally significant for the outstanding collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century civic and commercial buildings associated with the commercial life of Ballarat. These include, the City of Ballarat Town Hall, the Myer Building and the Golden City Hotel in Sturt Street, the William Booth Citadel in Albert Street, South British Insurance Company on the corner of Dana and Armstrong Streets, The Ballarat Club, the former Ballarat Brewery building in Dana Street, Electra Hall, the Trades Hall and the YMCA building in Camp Street, The former Gas Company building, Ballarat Water Board Office, Manchester Unity Hall and Protestant Hall in Grenville Street. A late development to the Lydiard Street and Sturt Street corner was the 1905 National Mutual Building designed by J.J. and E.J. Clarke Architects of Melbourne. The most notable buildings in the block between Sturt and Dana Street are Her Majesty’s Theatre, which is the oldest operating theatre in mainland Australia and Craig’s Royal Hotel. The office buildings in this block include Counsel Chambers, Booths Buildings, Chancery house, and buildings located at 50, 54 and 56 Lydiard Street South.

The lower part of Sturt Street includes the former Union and Unicorn Hotels, the Camp Hotel, Edinburgh Buildings, the blue tile faced commercial premises at 23 Sturt Street and the Australian Natives Association building which has a parapet decorated with a Kangaroo and Emu.

The Precinct is architecturally significant for its high quality of substantially intact buildings with examples by notable contemporary architects from all periods ranging from 1860s-1950s. It demonstrates many original and early architectural design

qualities associated with the civic and commercial development of the area from the 1850s. The main building characteristics include a solid masonry form of usually stone or ashlar render, similar heights and scale, Italianate detailing and other strongly related elements which constituted a single "composition." This together with a commonly held aesthetic ideal, where the hierarchy of decoration and ornaments, columns, cornices, framing of windows and sculpted motifs delineated spatial composition, contributed to the unity of a monumental streetscape. The predominantly symmetrical design of Renaissance Revival Victorian and Beaux Arts Edwardian architecture with elaborately ornate street verandahs, tree lined avenues, asphalt footpaths and 19<sup>th</sup> century engineering infrastructure have created an historic centre of great unity and visual coherence.

The Precinct has aesthetic significance for its outstanding visual qualities of its setting, urban layout and architecture. The important visual qualities reflect the historical, cultural and architectural development of the precinct, and contribute to the contextual setting of Ballarat.

The qualities include the urban foci, notably many prominent and larger civic buildings, the dramatic topographical setting on the escarpment, intact Victorian streetscapes, the grid street pattern and gracious boulevard of Sturt Street. The important visual qualities of the Precinct are also enhanced by the street landscape design and layout that has contributed to the appearance of a gracious provincial City.

The Lydiard Street Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion A, A4, Band H.1).

- (a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*
- (a.4) the importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community;*
- (b) the place's possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Australia's cultural history;*
- (h) the place's special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Australia's natural or cultural history.*

The Precinct was surveyed by the colonial Government Surveyor W.S. Urquhart in late 1851 and is an excellent example of the lasting influence of his work.

The Precinct is historically important for its association with the discovery of gold in the early 1850s. The alluvial rushes in Victoria commenced in August 1851 in the Ballarat area and were of major national and international significance. The Precinct is significant as the site of the Gold Commissioners Camp and the activities of the Native Police, the first police force on the goldfields. It provides the historical context and setting for Eureka Stockade rebellion in 1854 which was an outstanding event in Australia. The Eureka Rebellion as an historical event and the associated rebel miners' Southern Cross flag, have become symbols for democracy in Australia. The original Southern Cross flag is held in the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery located in the Precinct. The area is significant because of its potential to yield archaeological evidence of underground deposits or artifacts associated with the Government Camp.

The Precinct is historically important for its major contribution to the unified character of Ballarat's urban design that still retains the harmony of its foundation years. It has historic significance for its association with a number of significant activities that links together some of the main themes in the historical, social and architectural development of Ballarat.

The Precinct is associated with the early settlement of the area from squatters, demonstrated by the original use of Sturt Street, the formal layout of a township in the 1850s to the development of a municipality. Many of the individual civic buildings in the Precinct are designed by notable contemporary architects, and have associations with notable Ballarat citizens from the 1850s beyond.

The Lydiard Street Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion C.2 and F).

*(c) the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The Precinct is of importance for contributing to the history of infrastructure development in Ballarat West, identified by intact bluestone kerbs and gutters.

The Lydiard Street Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Precinct is recognized and highly valued by the wider community for civic, commercial and religious reasons. The Precinct is culturally important as it demonstrates the particular social structure of Ballarat during the 19<sup>th</sup> century which was conducive to a universally admired aesthetic.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

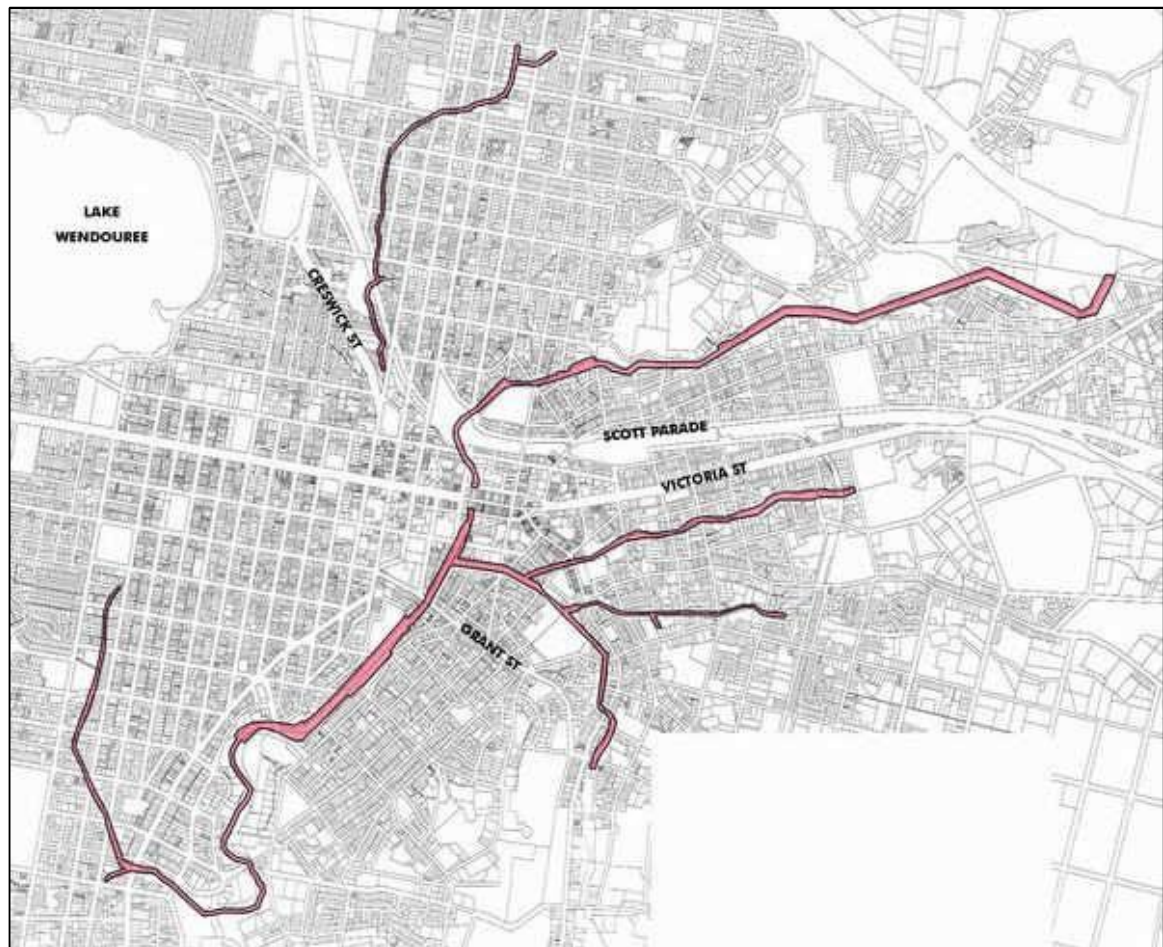
The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO 171 LYDIARD STREET PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
	Phoenix Foundry Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
104	Armstrong Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5	Doveton Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5A	Doveton Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
5B	Doveton Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
19	Doveton Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
25	Doveton Street South	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
305	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
406-408	Dana Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
43	Lydiard Street North	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
8	Mair Street (excepting the bluestone retaining wall at south east corner of the property abutting Mair Street)	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
37	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
43	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
401	Mair Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
308	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
310	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
312	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
329	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
3/315	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
302-306	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
401	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
403A	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
403B	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
405	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
405A	Sturt Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

## CREEKS AND RIVER CHANNELS HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 11 Creeks and River Channels Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “J” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Creek and River Channels Precinct is characterised by an important and extensive network of timber, bluestone, brick, and concrete lined channels, along with associated bluestone and brick culverts, associated bridges with wrought iron or steel lattice girder balustrades and bluestone abutments, wing walls, piers and parapets, associated early concrete or steel lattice girder footbridges, and the notable brick ventilation shaft at the intersection of Creswick Road and Doveton Street North.

The built form of the channels and associated structures today is the result of extensive engineering works undertaken throughout the mid to late 1800s and into the 1900s, which resulted in the permanent lining of the Yarrowee and its main tributaries (the Canadian Creek, Gnarr Creek, Redan Creek, Specimen Vale Creek and the waterway along Warrenheip Gully) within the Ballarat city area.

The first gold discoveries in the area centred on the Yarrowee and its tributaries. Initially, the formation of timber lined channels was needed to repair the considerable damage done in the early years to the natural drainage lines of the waterways, and also facilitate a flow of water to the gold diggings (and remove the build-up of

sludge), as well as to try and decrease the impact of floods to the buildings erected along these watercourses as parts of Ballarat became more than a tent city. The channels were also increasingly used to dispose of stormwater and, for many years, of unsanitary and polluting effluent. Although some channels were lined quite early with bluestone, it was generally not until the still widespread gold mining activities began to wane in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and Ballarat began its process of transformation into a 'modern' city, that the sections of channels that were not yet lined, or only timber lined, were formed with permanent materials such as bluestone, brick and concrete. The channels were also further extended as the city's population grew, and people began to settle permanently in former mining areas.

The precinct boundaries of the Creek and River Channels Precinct comprise the reserve of the Canadian Creek Channel from the south side of the Lal Lal Street Bridge to its junction with the Yarrowee Channel; the reserve of the Gnarr Creek Channel (and its tributary, the Bullock Gully Creek Channel) from their respective positions on the south side of Landsborough Street to the junction of the Gnarr Creek Channel with the Yarrowee Channel; the reserve of the Redan Creek Channel from the south side of Essex Street to the end of the formed channel east of Skipton Street; the reserve of the Warrenheip Gully Channel from its commencement as a formed structure between Rodier and Joseph Streets to its junction with the Canadian Creek Channel; the reserve of the Specimen Vale Creek Channel from the west side of Stawell Street to its junction with the Canadian Creek Channel; and the Yarrowee Channel from its commencement as a partially lined waterway east of Nicholson Street to its conclusion as a fully formed channel some distance to the south of Hill Street. The structures of all these channels are considered to be significant to the precinct, as are the early and associated structures and branch channels identified in the Description section.

### ***Historical Overview***

The first licence to formally prospect for gold at Golden Point (as the spur and flats alongside the Yarrowee where gold was first discovered became known) was issued on 20 September 1850 and, according to early historian, W.B. Withers, who arrived in the area in November 1852:

*By the time the first week was over there had gathered near 100 diggers at the Point, the riches unearthed there quickly attracting not only all the other prospectors, but setting the colony on fire with excitement from end to end. The quiet Ballarat sheep run, with its grassy slopes and shadowy glades, and its green valley where the Yarrowee poured its limpid waters, became suddenly transformed by the wand of an enchanter ..... The axe of the digger quickly made inroads upon the forest all round; the green banks of the Yarrowee were lined with tubs and cradles, its clear waters were changed to liquid, yellow as the yellowest Tiber flood, and its banks grew to be long shoals of tailings.<sup>15</sup>*

The Yarrowee River and the other creeks that ran into it were of vital importance to the early settlement of Ballarat. Not only did they provide drinking and cooking water for the thousands who rushed the new goldfield, but they were also essential to the process of gold mining. By day the banks were crowded with men operating cradles, pans, dishes and barrels to wash the dirt brought from their claims in their search for gold. In a matter of months, the pristine water was cloudy and muddied and the banks eroded. Contemporary drawings of Golden Point show intense human activity

<sup>15</sup> W.B. Withers, *History of Ballarat* (first published 1870) and *Some Ballarat Reminiscences* (first published 1895/96), combined facsimile edition published by Ballarat Heritage Services, 1999, pp.22 & 23.

with lines of men working shoulder to shoulder, washing their dirt for gold, along the course of the creek.<sup>16</sup>

In just a matter of months from the initial discovery of gold in 1851, the natural course of the Yarrowee was altered for the first time to facilitate the search for gold. According to historian Weston Bate:

*The demand for water was so great, that a channel was cut to bring the Yarrowee to deep pools on the flat. When mapped at the end of the year they measured several hundred yards across, and although a map could not convey the drama of what had happened to that once-beautiful terrain, a journalist could. In the Melbourne Daily News of 25 October [1851] Gibbons described Golden Point as a citadel thrown to the ground.*<sup>17</sup>

In early December 1851, the Government Surveyor, W.S. Urquart, was instructed to lay out a township in the vicinity of these goldfields. Before deciding on its location, he first surveyed the general features of the land for a few miles around Golden Point, and proceeded to set out the nucleus of a township with a strictly gridded layout on the grassy plateau that rose above the diggings. In laying out the usual reserve around the town he avoided the land that had been vastly altered by the gold diggers to the east of the main river, which he named Yarrowee, although he did incorporate more than a mile of river frontage as the town's eastern boundary.<sup>18</sup>

The Ballarat Township was proclaimed in mid-1852 and it was in December 1852, according to Withers, that the first attempt was made at water supply. He noted that the Government Camp authorities at the time employed men to build a small dam across the Gnarr Creek at the spot where the creek ran on the northern side of Mair Street, close under what became the railway terminus hill. The little dam intercepted the overflow from Yuille's Swamp (Lake Wendouree) and the water that the Gnarr Creek brought from Soldiers' Hill and the ranges beyond, and 'served mainly for the Camp use.'<sup>19</sup> Elsewhere, however, it seems that the diggers constantly polluted, as well as drank and bathed in, the waters of the Yarrowee and its tributaries.<sup>20</sup>

The municipality of West Ballarat, on the west side of the Yarrowee and incorporating the government-surveyed township, was proclaimed in 1855. It was first known as the Borough of Ballarat, and became a City some years later. The municipality of East Ballarat, on the east side of the Yarrowee with its ad-hoc street layout, was proclaimed in 1857 and became known as the Town of Ballarat East.

According to another historian, A.W. Strange:

*The construction of main channels for the Yarrowee Creek and its tributaries was the greatest need in Ballarat in the early days of local government. The original course of the natural drainage system had long been obliterated by millions of tons of mining debris, and heavy rains . . . caused much flooding with the resultant costly damage. The level of Main road afterwards was often feet higher. . . . Below the Grant Street Bridge the creek spread over acres of ground which became an odorous cesspool in summer and a constant menace to public health. Similar conditions prevailed in many parts of Ballarat East.*<sup>21</sup>

<sup>16</sup> For example, see the drawings of D Tulloch reproduced in Weston Bate, *Lucky City. The First Generation at Ballarat: 1851-1900*, Carlton: Melbourne University Press, 1978. Reprinted 1979, pp17-18.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid., pp16-17.

<sup>18</sup> W Bate, *Lucky City*, op.cit., p.25

<sup>19</sup> W.B. Withers, *History of Ballarat*, op.cit, p.157 & 221.

<sup>20</sup> W.Bate, *Lucky City*, op.cit., p.30

<sup>21</sup> A.W.Strange, *Ballarat: the Formative Years*, 1982, p.39

Until their amalgamation in 1921, the two councils were variously responsible for the engineering works required in the channelling of the creeks and rivers that ran through Ballarat.

Before 1921, the City of Ballarat was responsible for works on the Gnarr Creek, the Redan Creek, the Wendouree Creek and, jointly with the Town of Ballarat East, the Yarrowee. The Town of Ballarat East was responsible for works on the Caledonian (now Canadian) Channel (sometimes as part of joint works with the City of Ballarat), the No.4 (Specimen Vale Creek) Channel and the No.3 (Warrenheip Gully) Channel. The relevant Municipality also constructed various tributaries that ran into the various channels (such as the Wendouree Creek Channel, which is part of the Central Ballarat Precinct rather than this Precinct).

It appears that the first major engineering works involving the Yarrowee River and the Caledonian Channel (as the present Canadian Channel was then called) occurred in 1861 when the two Municipalities formed them as 'sludge channels'.<sup>22</sup> The construction works, shown in a series of historic engineering drawings held by the present City of Ballarat, involved the sinking of timber piles along the sides and bases of the channels, the laying of joists along the bases, and the sheeting of both the sides and bases with timber planks. The section between the railway culvert and the junction of the Yarrowee with the Caledonian was formed to a width of 25' at the base and a depth of some 6'. From the junction to the White Flat (or Grant Street) bridge, the Yarrowee channel was widened to 30' at the base, and made a little deeper to allow for the required fall. Beyond the bridge the Yarrowee was not to be lined but excavated only, for a length of 4 chains, to form a 30' wide channel. The course of the Yarrowee by that time had already been altered from its original line around the area of Sturt and Grenville Streets<sup>23</sup> and a straight reserve had also been laid out to run southwards from Market Street South (the present Curtis Street), to Bridge Street and onwards to Little Bridge. To this day, the line of this reserve and of length of the channel running from the reserve down to Grant Street is essentially the same.

The line of the Caledonian Channel, as formed in 1861, is also essentially the same as at present, running from the junction with the Yarrowee as far as Main Road. From Main Road to Barkly Street, the Caledonian Channel had a width at the base of 20', which increased to 25' from Barkly Street to the Yarrowee junction, and a depth of almost 6'. The engineering drawings also showed that sheeting the sides and bottoms of a number of inlets into the Caledonian Channel was also required. These inlets would appear to be in essentially the same location as those of the present day Specimen Vale and Warrenheip Gully channels.

Further channels that were to be constructed, according to the engineering drawings, included the No.6 channel that ran into the Yarrowee Channel from the intersection of Peel and Bridge Street and a secondary channel (No.7) that ran into No.6 from mid-way down Bridge Street. The original lines of these channels have also been retained to the present day.

All of these channels can be seen in a map compiled in October 1861 by Government Surveyor J. Braché,<sup>24</sup> and appear to have been used in part to drain

<sup>22</sup> Engineering Drawing 1861/009.01, 'Sludge Channels at Ballarat', dated September 1861; and Engineering Drawing 1862/003.

<sup>23</sup> See Engineering Drawings 1862/006, 007, 008, and 022 for these early lines

<sup>24</sup> 'Surveyor General's Office by J Brache, 21<sup>st</sup> October 1861', Central Highlands Library, Australiana Collection, Ballarat Branch.



large sludge reserves that had been formed on the eastern side of Main Road. Water, brought in by race lines from the forest, eventually swept the soil, as slime, into these two sludge dams from which drains had been dug to remove it to the newly channelled Yarrowee.<sup>25</sup>

In 1862 the Borough of Ballarat began the work of forming the Gnarr Creek into a channel - a short length of the Gnarr Creek, where it met the Yarrowee, had its sides and base lined with planking and the course of the Gnarr Creek was realigned in this area to its present position. (Originally it crossed Mair Street, below Lydiard Street, and met the Yarrowee some distance to the south in Grenville Street). Through the 1860s, culverts with bluestone arches, walls and bases were constructed along the course of the Gnarr Creek over Lydiard Street and Creswick Road. Timber bridges were erected over Armstrong Street and Doveton Street. In 1869 work began on forming a culvert through which the Gnarr Creek would run from the Creswick Road culvert to the Lydiard Street culvert, this included forming culverts under Armstrong and Doveton Streets. This underground channelling of the Gnarr Creek was also constructed fully of bluestone and was completed in 1870. The works straightened the line of the original creek, which was subsequently filled in, and were considered to have been the means 'by which a great nuisance and eyesore has been abated'.<sup>26</sup>

In the late 1860s, further engineering works were carried out along the Yarrowee and these included the piling and planking of some 466 lineal feet of the western bank opposite the Eastern Oval, and a further extension of the lining of the channel southwards beyond Grant Street by some 50'. A larger bridge was also constructed over the Yarrowee in line with Grant Street. Much further south, the first works in conjunction with the Redan Creek commenced with the construction in 1869 by the Borough of Ballarat of a bluestone lined culvert in place of a timber bridge where Skipton Street crossed the creek.

Over the early years of Ballarat's establishment, devastating flash floods proved to be a regular occurrence along the lower reaches of the Yarrowee River and were particularly troublesome for storekeepers along the low-lying portions of Main Street and Bridge Street in Ballarat East. Flood waters rose to unusually high levels in October 1869, causing collateral damage to businesses in East Ballarat.<sup>27</sup> In the early 1870s joint Council work on the main channels in Ballarat continued, with most of the extensive works involved the deepening and widening of sections of the Yarrowee and Caledonian Channels, which included the laying of further timber planking and the placement of additional piles. The section of the Yarrowee that was widened extended from the south side of Grant Street Bridge northwards. The west side of the channel was widened 10' from the Grant Street Bridge to the Dana Street Bridge, while the east side was widened 10' from the Grant Street Bridge to the commencement of a new curve into the Caledonian Channel. These new widths generally correspond to the present day widths of these sections of the channels. The Caledonian Channel was initially widened from its junction with the Yarrowee by 5' on its north side with the 5' running out in the curve a short distance beyond the east side of the Humffray Street Bridge. A year or so later it appears that the channel was widened for a further distance eastward from beyond the same bridge.

The early 1870s also saw the forming of an earth channel, 6' wide at the base, for the Specimen Vale Creek between Chamberlain and Queen Streets, and a ford was created further downstream when Otway Street was formed from Victoria to Eureka

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<sup>25</sup> W.Bate, *Lucky City*, op cit, p.165

<sup>26</sup> City Council of Ballarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, November 1870

<sup>27</sup> W Bate, *Lucky City*, op cit, p174.

Streets. It also appears that by the early 1870s, part of the present line of the No.3 (Warrenheip Gully) Channel - from its junction with the Caledonian Channel to the Main Road Bridge and straight on until it abruptly changes direction - had already been formed as an earth channel.

In the 1870s further work was also undertaken on the newly completed Gnarr Street culvert. From 1873 to 1878 the arch and walls of the culvert rebuilt section by section to enlarge it by some 4', bringing it up to its present height. In late 1878 it was reported that the 'long desired completion of the Gnarr Creek culvert [had been] effected by the expenditure of a Government Grant for that purpose'.<sup>28</sup>

By 1880, the need to further channel and line the Gnarr Creek had become of major concern to the City of Ballarat. The Mayor reported in August 1880 that he hoped:

*... the Council will not allow the subject of the Gnarr Creek to rest until the Government is induced to take up the matter commensurate with its importance. Construction of sludge channels have always been recognised as State works and the necessities of the Gnarr Creek are analogous. It receives the watershed of an extensive area outside the municipal boundaries and the floods of successive years have worn a deep and tortuous course: if neglected any longer the [city's] health and safety will be endangered. With the exception of the culvert traversing the heart of the city, nothing has been done to this line of main drainage: in its present state it is a blot on the city which should be effaced without delay.*<sup>29</sup>

In 1881, work began on enclosing the still open Gnarr Creek between Lydiard Street and the Yarrowee by extending the bluestone culvert from the east end of the existing culvert (the east side of Lydiard Street) to the junction at the Yarrowee Channel. In August 1883, the Mayor reported that before the close of the Municipal year the Gnarr Creek Culvert would be completed between the eastern boundary and 'Laing's Mill' on the Creswick Road, a ventilating shaft, towards which the Government had promised grant money, being the only item yet to be constructed. The Mayor further noted that:

*The finishing of the Culvert, and the rapid filling up of the unsightly hollow over its course, will soon enable completion of the direct communication between Webster Street and the Railway Station, and then the greatest improvement of which our City is capable will have been achieved.*<sup>30</sup>

The present distinctive brick ventilation shaft over the line of the Gnarr Creek culvert near the junction of Creswick Road and Doveton Street was completed in 1884, and around the same time the culvert was extended a further 195' northwards from where it ended under Creswick Road. A small bluestone culvert was also constructed 10' along the line of the Wendouree Creek, leading towards Lake Wendouree. A few years later, in 1888, the present culvert over the Gnarr Creek at Holmes Street, with its bluestone arch, base, wing walls and parapets, was constructed. A year later, the present bluestone culvert at Macarthur Street was completed.

In the early 1880s, additional work to the Caledonian Channel comprised further cutting and embanking of the Channel from Main Road to Lal Lal Street, generally along its present line.

<sup>28</sup> City Council of Ballarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1878

<sup>29</sup> City Council of Ballarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1880, p.4.

<sup>30</sup> City Council of Ballarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1883, p.1.

Improvements were also made to the No.4 (Specimen Vale) Channel in the early 1880s. Part of the works involved raising the roadway at the Main Road Bridge and erecting a new bridge, under which there appears to have already been constructed a brick walled channel with a bluestone base extending a short distance downstream towards Barkly Street. Further works undertaken around that time appear to have included creating a more defined course to the channel for some distance to the east of the Main Road Bridge (upstream) and the construction of an additional length of permanent channelling with brick walls and a bluestone lined base. Some of this structure may still be in place. In 1886 a brick 'teardrop' shaped culvert with bluestone wing walls was constructed at Princes Street, and in 1888 a broken down bridge at King Street South was replaced with a culvert with a bluestone arch and walls, and bluestone wing walls and base. (More recent works enclosing the Specimen Vale Channel up to King Street may have resulted in the destruction of all the wing walls but it would appear that the culverts are still in place.) In 1889 a road ford was formed over the Specimen Vale creek at Queen Street.

In the mid-1880s, some works were undertaken on the No.3 (Warrenheip Gully) Channel, which was widened by additional cutting of the straight earth channel from the east side of the Main Road Bridge for a distance of some 200'. The north side of the channel was to be sheeted throughout to a height of 5' above the bed of the creek.

In 1888, a small amount of work was also undertaken in relation to the Redan Creek, with the construction of the present culvert at Darling Street comprising a bluestone arch, walls and base, and bluestone wing walls and parapets.

Works on the Yarrowee during the early 1880s were varied with one of them being the commencement of a thorough survey of the Yarrowee with the intention of forming a wide reserve in a more or less direct line from Grant Street to Hill Street (or Sunny Corner as it was also known). This was the first step taken to enable the two Councils to form a permanent channel, which was considered to be 'a valuable sanitary work' since at the time it was the receptacle for the drainage of a large part of Ballarat.<sup>31</sup> Around the same time a major joint Council undertaking was the rebuilding of the bridge at the junction of Wills and Mair Street, and the repairing and improving of the Yarrowee Channel from the south side of the arched railway culvert to the south building line of Wills Street, which included constructing 12' of the Gnarr Creek culvert at its junction with the Yarrowee. The bridge was constructed with bluestone abutments (much of which are probably still there despite recent major alteration to the roadway above) and a slight diversion in the line of the bridge was made to provide for the intended realignment of the channel to run alongside (instead of in) Grenville Street and enable this street to be opened to its full width. The base of the channel section between the bridge was lined with bluestone pitchers, and the sides were also constructed of bluestone, laid in courses of an even height.

Other structures erected along the Yarrowee in the 1880s through joint Council works included the erection of a bridge with bluestone abutments, wing walls and counterfoils over the Yarrowee at the junction of Nolan Street and Scotts Parade. By that time the eastern side of the creek, alongside the Eastern Oval and up to Peel Street, appears to have already been sheeted with timber planks, which were taken down where required for construction of the bridge and wing walls with the rest made good. (The later removal of the Nolan Street Bridge has unfortunately left only the bluestone abutments and a single curved parapet in evidence.) A bridge was also

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<sup>31</sup> City Council of Ballarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1882, p.3.

constructed much further downstream at Hill Street which, for the first time, connected the South Ward of the town with the vicinity of Mount Pleasant. This bridge, with its stone abutments and wing walls was replaced in the early 1900s.

Another major work carried out in the 1880s in relation to the Yarrowee was the extension in 1887 of the twin tunnel viaduct under the railway embankment. Under Railway Department Contract No.2832, signed on 16 April 1887, the tunnels were extended by 58' to the north with a bend at the north end.<sup>32</sup>

In 1890 the first substantial permanent improvements were made to the Caledonian Channel with the construction of two lengths of brick walling (with stone coping) on the eastern banks of the creek. Both of these walls appear to be extant and substantially intact. One wall runs in a curving line northwards from the west side of the Main Road bridge, finishing south of the present Clayton Road footbridge. The other wall runs in a north-western direction from the north side of the York Street bridge and was contracted to be 1180 links in length before being joined into the existing timber walling of the creek bank located further downstream.

Further permanent improvements were also made to the Gnarr Creek during the 1890s and involved extending the channel northwards - a work that the Mayor had identified in his 1889 report as having 'long been needed, but its magnitude naturally causes it to be put off as long as possible'.<sup>33</sup> The works were undertaken in sections with the first in 1892 being an extension of the existing structure, part of this being a further length of culvert with the remainder being the first section of open channel to be constructed. Around the same time, but further to the north, the present substantial bluestone culvert was erected at Brougham Street. This replaced an early wooden culvert, which was located further to the east. A few years later, in 1895, the present bluestone culvert at Howard Street was constructed, as well as a short length of open bluestone walled and lined channel running southwards. These structures also replaced an early wooden culvert, which was located some distance to the west at the intersection of Howard and Crompton Streets (and over the original course of the Gnarr Creek), and contributed to the permanent straightening of the course of the creek in this area.

From 1897 onwards the open channel extension of the main Gnarr Creek Culvert that ran to the Yarrowee was further extended to the Holmes Street culvert, and permanent channels were constructed from the north side of the Macarthur Street culvert as far as Gregory Street. These channels were constructed, as previously, with a bluestone base but for the first time, concrete (with a bluestone coping) was used for the walls. In August 1899, the Mayor noted that 'several very important sanitary works [had] been completed chief among which being an impervious lining to the Gnarr Creek, to Gregory Street, excepting that portion from Holmes to Macarthur Streets'.<sup>34</sup> This latter section, however, was not left as open creek for long and on 5 January 1901 this last length of was completed thereby permanently channelling the Gnarr Creek from Gregory Street to the Yarrowee 'leaving the culvert at Gregory Street yet to be completed'.<sup>35</sup>

In August 1890 the Mayor of the City of Ballarat remarked that 'the South Ward can rejoice in the commencement of a work (to be continued by Government aid next year) which will constitute the main drainage of the Ward i.e. the channelling of the

<sup>32</sup> Andrew C. Ward and Associates, 'Review of Railway Sites of Cultural Significance within the City of Ballarat', February 1991, p.82

<sup>33</sup> City Council of Ballarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1889, p.1.

<sup>34</sup> City Council of Ballarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1899, p.3.

<sup>35</sup> City Council of Ballarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1901, p.7.

Redan Creek - a great work of sanitation.<sup>36</sup> From 1890 to 1899 almost the entire length of the Redan Creek Channel was formed. Although the works were carried out in different, usually unconnected sections, by the end of the decade a permanent bluestone walled and lined channel had been constructed from the south side of Essex Street to the north side of George Street (the present Cooke Street), and the original course of the Redan Creek had been substantially straightened. Along this length, the present arched bluestone culvert under the intersection of Bell and Ripon Streets was also constructed as well as flat decked culverts, with vertical bluestone walls, at Lonsdale Streets, and under the intersection of Leith and Talbot Streets, both of which have recently been replaced. Flat decks appear to have been laid over the open channels in the other streets, except Darling Street where a culvert had already been erected in 1888.

It appears that little work was carried out by the Town of Ballaarat East along either the Specimen Vale Creek or the No.3 (Warrenheip Gully) Channel during the 1890s. In 1891 the present bluestone culvert was constructed at Rodier Street over the Specimen Vale Creek, replacing an old timber footbridge and comprising part of the works to form Rodier Street. A few years later in 1895 part of the course of the same creek was straightened and gravelled. A drawing dated 17/01/1896 contains details for the construction of a brick walled culvert under Joseph Street, through which the Warrenheip Gully Creek would run, but it has not been established if any of this work was undertaken, or if it forms part of the present culvert, which was erected some years later.

In contrast, however, a great deal of work was undertaken during the 1890s along the Yarrowee by the Town of Ballaarat East, either singly or as joint works with the City of Ballaarat. Part of these works comprised the realignment and reconstruction of the channel in 1891 from the Mair/Wills Street Bridge to the Alfred Hall (formerly on the north side of Curtis Street). The course of the channel was moved over to its present line so that it no longer ran down part of Grenville Street and the walls were lined with rock faced bluestone laid in even courses to correspond with the abutments of the bridge. They finished at the existing brick walls under the Alfred Hall. The base of the channel was also lined with bluestone pitchers. The Mayor of the Town of Ballaarat East saw this as 'the most important work undertaken by the City and Town Councils for some time'.<sup>37</sup>

In the early 1890s the Town of Ballaarat East also began to erect permanent channel walls to replace the timber lining on the east side of the Yarrowee channel, north of the railway culvert. Bluestone walls, with bluestone coping, were constructed from the railway culvert to the abutments of the Nolan Street Bridge, and from the north side of the bridge to the abutment of the Peel and Rowe Street Bridge. This latter bluestone abutment was constructed in 1894, under the existing timber bridge, as the final part of the works to line the channel. The City of Ballaarat erected the northern abutment in 1896 but a new bridge was not erected until 1903. The base of the channel in this section remained unlined for some years but the bluestone pitching of the base of the Yarrowee, from the north end of Alfred Hall to a distance south of Little Bridge Street, continued through the 1890s. So did the lining of the channel walls - those from Little Bridge Street to a distance of 10 chains southwards were constructed with bricks from the old Powder Magazine. It was around this location (the area where Grenville Street once turned to meet the Yarrowee) that the permanent forming of the Yarrowee Channel ended in 1898. A little further downstream, however, bluestone abutments had been erected in 1897 to support a

<sup>36</sup> City Council of Ballaarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1890, p.1

<sup>37</sup> Town of Ballaarat East, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1891, p.4

new box girder bridge that was erected at the intersection of Dana and Eastwood Streets, over the Yarrowee.

The early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw a marked increase in the extent of works undertaken by both Municipalities in permanently lining the channels, most of whose courses had already been well-established over the years. The most substantial of these works was the construction of the present Yarrowee Channel from just north of the Dana/Eastwood Street Bridge down to the Hill Street Bridge and the Woollen Mill. In the latter part of the year 1900, a Joint Committee of the City and Town Councils adopted the plans and specifications that had been prepared by the City of Ballarat Engineer for this major improvement of the Yarrowee. In April 1901 the tenders of two contractors were accepted for the job, which had been divided into two sections, the division being in line with South Street. Part of the works in the northern section also included forming a short distance of channel up the Caledonian Channel, where it curved to meet the Yarrowee. The full works comprised the lining of the walls with concrete (with a bluestone coping) and the pitching of the channel base and invert with bluestone, along the course that had been surveyed and reserved in the early 1880s. The Mayor of the Town of Ballarat noted in his 1901 Annual Report that 'when completed this will be the best sanitary improvement effected in Ballarat for years'<sup>38</sup> and the Mayor of the City of Ballarat was equally enthusiastic, remarking that 'this work means a very great improvement to the sanitation of the City and Town' in his Annual Report.<sup>39</sup> The two Councils contributed equally to the cost of the scheme, which was completed in 1903, while the Government bore half of the cost, altogether totalling some £25,000.

In 1903 and 1904 further work was undertaken in upgrading the bridges along the Yarrowee, the most notable being the construction of the present bridge at Grant Street, which was completed in April 1904. The bluestone abutments had been constructed a little earlier in conjunction with the permanent forming of the Yarrowee Channel and the bridge was constructed with steel girders under the road deck. A decorative lattice girder was installed on each side as a balustrade between the partly dressed bluestone parapets, which curve in line with the wing walls below. A footbridge comprising steel lattice girder sides with a timber deck (since replaced with metal plate) was also erected in 1904, connecting Gladstone and Sebastopol Streets; and the new bridge at the Peel and Rowe Street intersection was finally installed.

The City of Ballarat also undertook some additional works to the Gnarr and Redan Creek Channels shortly after the turn of the century. Along the Gnarr Creek, the channel was further extended northwards with the construction in 1907 of a culvert under Gregory Street and a channel with concrete walls and a bluestone base up to Howitt Street. A few years earlier the old bluestone invert lining of the oldest part of the Gnarr Creek Culvert (from a little to the north-west of Doveton Street North to the junction with the Yarrowee) had been replaced with a moulded concrete invert. Along the Redan Creek, the channel was completed between Cooke and Skipton Streets in 1905, and a branch channel formed to Rubicon Street.

In 1903, the Town of Ballarat East began the first of the works undertaken over the next few years to permanently form the No.3 (Warrenheip) Channel. This initial work comprised constructing a deep bluestone spoon channel from the Sth Britannia Mining Company (once located just east of King Street) to Otway Street and on to Joseph Street. A few years later, in 1908, the present substantial culvert under Joseph Street was constructed with a brick arch, bluestone sides and base, and

<sup>38</sup> Town of Ballarat East, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1901, p.12-13

<sup>39</sup> City Council of Ballarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1901, p.7

bluestone abutments and wings. This culvert is particularly notable because it drops some distance to accommodate the fall in the land from one side of Joseph Street to the other. At the same time a further length of bluestone spoon drain was constructed eastwards from the culvert, towards Rodier Street.

Other works undertaken by the Town of Ballarat East during these years comprised a major upgrade of the Caledonian (Canadian) Channel in conjunction with additional work on the No.3 (Warrenheip) Channel, and the erection of bridges with bluestone abutments at Lal Lal Street and York Street, both over the Caledonian Creek. The condition of this channel, from its junction with the Yarrowee to the Town Mission Reserve in the vicinity of Eureka Street, was now of great concern to the Council - it had originally been planked and lined many decades earlier in the 1860s. In his Annual Report of August 1906, the Mayor of the Town of Ballarat East stated that:

*The wooden lining of the watercourse has become decayed, and is falling to pieces in many parts, and the wooden bridges over it at the intersection of Peel and Humffray Streets are rapidly showing signs of dilapidation..... As to the creek itself, the work must now be completely saturated with the sewage from the town, and consequently from a sanitary point of view there is good reason for the construction of a stone channel. The state of the creek is also made worse by the accumulations of sand and sludge in it and this is another reason why alterations should be made. If a good stone channel be constructed the silt from the mines will flow away just as it does now in the main Yarrowee Creek. Indeed this is one of the sludge troubles of Ballarat East. The advantage and necessity of having properly lined channels in a mining township, to keep the sewers clear and to prevent the accumulation of sludge, are forcibly shown by the Board in their report, where they stated:*

'The Yarrowee channel itself, from the Caledonian junction down to the Woollen Mills being lined with dressed stone and having a fall of about 22 feet per mile is under practically all conditions self cleansing, so that the solids entering it from tributaries are carried through to the unlined portions. No complaint has been made about this channel as everything passes quickly through.'

*The execution of a similar class of work therefore in the Caledonian channel would improve sanitation of the town, as well as cause a minimising of the sludge nuisance. The desirability of doing this work should be readily admitted, and the Council therefore approached the Government with a view of obtaining a monetary assistance. The Premier promised that if we submit a proposal to him he would consider the request in framing next year's estimates.*<sup>40</sup>

The proposal was obviously successful and in 1908 the Caledonian Channel was lined with brick and pitched with bluestone from its junction with the No.3 Channel to the edge of the previously constructed section of the Caledonian Channel adjoining the Yarrowee. Bluestone abutments were also constructed under the intersection of Humffray and Peel Streets in preparation for the laying of a new wide bridge to replace the two separate bridges already in place. As part of the works on the Caledonian Channel, a length of the Specimen Vale Channel was lined with brick and pitched with bluestone from its junction with the Caledonian to the edge of Steinfeld Street.

It also appears that the still-unlined downstream section of the No.3 Channel (adjoining the Caledonian Channel) was permanently formed at the same time, and

<sup>40</sup> Town of Ballarat East, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1906, p.22

with the same materials of brick and bluestone, to a little beyond its junction with the Pennyweight Gully Creek. A short stretch of channel up this creek was also constructed, probably at the same time.

The extent of all these works was praised by the Mayor in his August 1908 Annual Report<sup>41</sup> in which he stated that 'in regrading and relining the No. 3 and Caledonian channels the council is just completing the best sanitary work it has ever undertaken.' He went on further to pronounce that:

*the good results of this class of work cannot be overestimated, for it must be a means of preventing the outbreak of infectious diseases. Where formerly existed a long series of stagnant pools the surface and household drainage now has free and unobstructed flow.*

Interestingly, segments of the old timber base in the section between the end of the permanently lined channel (in the area of the junction with the Warrenheip Gully Channel) and Main Road were not replaced at this time, although there is a more recent length of concrete base can be seen north of the York Street Bridge. The historical value of these segments of timber base is highly significant and they represent possibly the oldest formed creek construction in the City of Ballarat. However, they are now in urgent need of restoration.

By the end of 1908 the Town of Ballarat East had also carried out some work along the Specimen Vale Channel - the early Princes Street culvert was extended, and bluestone culverts with brick arches were erected at Chamberlain and Otway Streets. The culvert at Queen Street was probably also erected around this time. It seems, however, that work on this channel with regards to fully lining it (except for some short lengths around Main Road and adjoining the Caledonian Channel) was still some years off.

For the next few years further work by either of the Councils on the channels slowed dramatically as, by then, much of the infrastructure had already been substantially completed within the central area of town.

However, in August 1913 the Mayor of Ballarat East reported that 'the No.4 Channel, one of the few main sewers that need relining with stone, was further extended in this manner, a notable sanitary improvement being the result'.<sup>42</sup> He also noted a few years later, in 1916, that 'another very useful sanitation work has been completed by the construction of the Specimen Vale Creek from Queen Street to a point west of the King Street culvert'.<sup>43</sup>

A few years earlier, the two Councils invited the Minister of Public Works to inspect two sections of the Yarrowee Creek that urgently required attention. A dry summer at the end of 1914 had created problems in the parts of the Yarrowee Creek between Nolan and Rowe Streets and below the Hill Street Bridge. The Councils felt 'that in the interests of public health something had to be done'<sup>44</sup> and requested financial assistance from the Government, which was forthcoming. By August 1916, the contractors had almost completed the work between the Nolan Street Bridge and the Rowe/Peel Street Bridge, which comprised pitching the base and lining the north- west side with concrete walls (with bluestone coping). The opposite bank had

<sup>41</sup> Town of Ballarat East, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1908, pp.14-15

<sup>42</sup> Town of Ballarat East, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1913, p.32. Unfortunately it has not yet been fully established where these works were carried out.

<sup>43</sup> Town of Ballarat East, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1916, p.23

<sup>44</sup> City Council of Ballarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1915, p.9



already been lined with bluestone over twenty years earlier. The same contractors were also responsible for pitching the base of the channel beyond the Hill Street Bridge, and lining both sides with concrete (with bluestone coping), and they completed this section a little later. They also rebuilt the Hill Street Bridge on a 'proper alignment'. The Mayor of Ballaarat West considered the new single span bridge with a reinforced concrete deck to be 'a great improvement on the old three-span bridge in wrong alignment'.<sup>45</sup> He also observed that 'by the carrying out of these works, the intolerable nuisances in the two localities have been removed, to the advantage of the health of the citizens generally, more particularly to those residing in the vicinity. It is a pity that a further section could not have been completed while the matter was in hand.'<sup>46</sup>

In the two decades following the end of World War I, the work on permanently lining the channels was essentially completed. After 1921, all additional works became the responsibility of the newly amalgamated Municipality.

Only a small amount of work appears to have been required along the Caledonian Channel and this mainly comprised the construction, in 1925, of a reinforced concrete footbridge, almost in line with Anderson Street. East of Main Road, the northern side of the Canadian Creek (as it seems to have been called in this area) was lined for some distance with a concrete wall in 1922. In 1924, at Lal Lal Street a new reinforced concrete deck was laid over the existing bluestone abutments.

In 1920 a concrete channel for the Redan Creek was constructed on the east side of the Skipton Street culvert, extending the existing channel almost 400' further towards its junction with the Yarrowee River. Upstream, a new reinforced concrete deck was installed over the Redan Creek channel at Latrobe Street.

The most extensive amount of work undertaken on the channels during the 1920s concerned Specimen Vale. From August 1924 to February 1925, day labour was used to line the walls and base of the channel between King Street and Main Road with concrete. A little earlier concrete culverts were erected over Barkly, Eastwood and Steinfeld Streets across Specimen Vale.

The 1930s saw an unusual escalation in engineering works on a number of the channels due to the availability of 'relief' or 'sustenance' workers. During the Great Depression the unemployed were supported by programs funded jointly by the State Government and local councils and carried out under the auspices of the state Public Works Department. Eligible unemployed men worked for two days each week. Projects usually focussed on unskilled labour intensive work, with the unemployed joining existing council work gangs.

In 1930, the Mayor's Annual Report contained details of relief works. He explained that:

*Owing to the prevailing depression an extensive Relief Works programme has been entered into. . . . The works to be done are in the main very suitable for unemployed, as they require a large proportion of unskilled labour. Particularly does this apply to the Stormwater Channel in Specimen Vale Creek, between Queen and Chamberlain Streets, which is built mainly of old flagstones taken up from the City streets from time to time.*

<sup>45</sup> City Council of Ballaarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1916, p.11

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, p.7

*The sections of this Creek from Chamberlain Street to Stawell Street are being built in concrete, sufficient flagstones were not available. These jobs require a large amount of labouring work in excavating, filling and placing concrete.*<sup>47</sup>

The Ballaarat City Council supervised these, and other, projects on behalf of the Public Works Department.<sup>48</sup> Along Specimen Vale, the forming of a large semicircular channel between Queen and Chamberlain Streets with flagstones, and the lining, with concrete, of the walls and base of the channel between Chamberlain and Rodier Streets, and Rodier and Stawell Streets was completed in early 1931. During 1930/1931, the relief workers also completed the last section of the Yarrowee Channel between Peel and Nicholson Streets. Part of the base upstream from the Rowe/Peel Street Bridge had already been lined with bluestone in 1916, and the remainder up to the Nicholson Street Bridge was finished with concrete, as were the walls for the entire length of this section. In 1931 the Mayor noted that 'the bottom of the Yarrowee Creek is the first large creek channel in Ballaarat to be constructed solely of concrete, though several smaller channels have been similarly constructed'.<sup>49</sup>

The year 1931 also saw the commencement of major works, undertaken under Relief Contracts, in extending the Gnarr Channel further northwards. During that year a concrete channel was constructed between Doveton Street North and Armstrong Street. From 1932 to 1933 this concrete channel was further extended to Lydiard Street North, then to Walker Street and up to Landsborough Street. A tributary called the Bullock Gully Creek was also lined with concrete from its junction with the Gnarr Creek, halfway between Walker and Landsborough Streets. It ran eastwards under Ligar Street and, in 1934, was completed up to Landsborough Street. Concrete culverts were also formed over most of the crossing streets, replacing old timber bridges, culverts or footbridges. In August 1933 the Mayor described the Gnarr Creek as 'now self-cleansing and sanitary throughout the greater portion of the populated area of Ballaarat North and . . . a great improvement to the locality'.<sup>50</sup>

Relief works continued to be carried out in Ballarat until the late 1930s, although the most severe years were during the early years of the decade. In 1936 the final section of the Specimen Vale Channel, between Barkly and Steinfeld Streets, was completed. The walls were lined with concrete, and the base with old tramway pitchers. Concrete culverts at Eastwood and Barkly Streets were also erected by Relief labour. In 1938, relief workers replaced the timber bridge over the Yarrowee Creek at Nicholson Street [near the Eastern Oval] with a new steel and concrete structure.<sup>51</sup>

The latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century generally saw few engineering works carried out on the channels other than the upgrade of the road decks for the various bridges. In many instances the early substructure (abutments and wing walls) and other elements such as piers and parapets have been retained. Unfortunately, however, the replacement and realignment of the bridge at Nolan Street in 1962 led to the removal of the original parapets, except for one partially intact curved section which sits hidden in the undergrowth on the north-west side of the present bridge.

In the immediate post-war years some work was carried out along the Redan Creek channel with the extension of the last section of concrete channel further eastwards

<sup>47</sup> City Council of Ballaarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1930, p30.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, pp14-15.

<sup>49</sup> City Council of Ballaarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1931, p.13.

<sup>50</sup> City Council of Ballaarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1933, p.12.

<sup>51</sup> City Council of Ballaarat, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1938, p.20.

in 1948. A few years later, in the early 1950s, the concrete retaining walls alongside the Canadian Creek between Main Road and Lal Lal Street were extended. Additional walls in this area were constructed in the early 1960s to prevent further erosion and flooding of adjacent properties.

The most noticeable alteration to the visual impact of the network of channels throughout Ballarat in the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was the permanent decking of much of the Yarrowee from Mair Street to just north of the Dana/Eastwood Street Bridge.

From its earliest formation in the 1860s to its later realignment alongside Grenville Street (instead of down the middle) in the early 1890s, and after its permanent lining during the 1890s, the Channel was predominantly open to view. In 1904 the municipality of Ballarat East first covered the Yarrowee Channel on both sides of Bridge Street with steel girders and red gum decking so that, according to the Mayor, the surface could be better 'utilized by the buildings and conveniences intended to be erected thereon.'<sup>52</sup> The Mayor also noted that some of the business proprietors facing the new deck were erecting glass shop fronts and that it was the intention of the Council to turn this decked area into a 'resting place ... beautified with ferns and pot plants in the summer time.' In 1908 *The Australasian* published a photograph of this decked and 'beautified' area, which shows long seats placed down the centre, street lamps hanging from the adjacent buildings, and numerous glass shop fronts.<sup>53</sup> The wooden deck appears to have been constructed a little like a pier - with gaps between the planks.

This semi-permanent structure was replaced decades later with the present reinforced concrete deck and other pavement treatments, and the formerly timber decked channel now lies beneath the Colosseum Walk and the walk-through area of Norwich Plaza. The early timber bridges at Little Bridge, Bridge and Curtis Streets were also replaced with permanent concrete decks from the 1950s onwards and, after the Alfred Hall was demolished in 1956, the area north of Curtis Street was turned into a carpark. Around the same time the present Elderly Citizens Club was erected over the line of the Yarrowee Channel, further covering it up. The later formation of the Eastwood Carpark completed the covering up of the Channel along this section.

The built form of the channels and associated structures today is thus the result of extensive engineering works undertaken throughout the mid to late 1800s and into the 1900s. From the beginning the intention was both to facilitate a flow of water to the gold diggings and to try and decrease the impact of floods along these watercourses. As gold mining waned in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and Ballarat city developed, the need to control the water flow along the channels continued but by then they had also become a major network for the drainage of stormwater throughout the township and, unfortunately for many years, also of unsanitary and polluting effluent that was discharged from the hospital, as well as various factories and mills. Until 1883, when it was abolished, a drain carried raw sewage from the Hospital to the Yarrowee along Sturt Street. Waste from a soapworks, the woollen mill, the Chinese village, the gaol, the gasworks and other factories all flowed directly into the creek, adding to its polluted state.<sup>54</sup> After the construction of a sewerage system throughout Ballarat from the early 1920s, the channel system became solely a network for the drainage of stormwater.

<sup>52</sup> Town of Ballarat East, *Mayor's Annual Report*, August 1904, p.12

<sup>53</sup> *The Australasian*, 29 February 1908, p.523

<sup>54</sup> W.Bate, *Lucky City*, op.cit., p.249.

Important and significant elements of these early engineering works that remain along the Creek and River Channels Precinct include but are not limited to: the extensive network of bluestone, red brick and concrete lined channels, the associated bluestone and brick culverts, the associated bridges with bluestone abutments, wing walls, piers and parapets, the associated early concrete or steel lattice girder footbridges, and the notable brick chimney vent at the intersection of Creswick Road and Doveton Street North.

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## ***Physical Attributes***

As the network of channels within the Creek and River Channels Precinct cover many lineal kilometres, and comprise a combination of various structural materials, the following approach to describing them has been used.

Firstly, there is a general descriptive section that gives an overview of the type of materials that have been used in constructing the channels, and some of the associated structures. Secondly, each channel is listed in alphabetical order and broadly described using the information accumulated by the Assets Department of the City of Ballarat, the information compiled from general and more specific historical research (and detailed in the Appendix to this document), and information gathered during extensive field survey by the consultants.

The most relevant descriptive information from the database produced by the Assets Department can be seen in the small table accompanying the relevant section of channel (also as identified by the Assets Department). The City of Ballarat Asset No. that has been attached to each channel section is also included but it should be noted that a number of sections or structures that make up some of the channels do not appear to have as yet been identified by the Assets Department. Any further notes pertaining to the description are appended under the table. The source material that supports the Date of Construction can be found in the Appendix to this document. The superscript number following the date provides a link to the relevant dated source in the Appendix.

### Materials

#### Wood:

This was the earliest material used to line the creek beds and walls to form the early sludge channels. The only remaining evidence of this method can be seen in Canadian Creek upstream from its junction with the Warrenheip Gully Channel and

from the York Street Bridge. The remaining structure comprises heavy timber planks, probably laid on transverse timber joists fixed to piles driven deep into the creek base. The planks are laid longitudinally with the flow of water and are generally in urgent need of restoration.

### Bluestone:

Bluestone is used in a variety of ways within this precinct and can be found to varying degrees within every channel or as part of an associated structure.

Where bluestone forms the lining of the bottom of a channel it is generally arranged with:

- the side sections constructed of partly dressed bluestone pitchers laid perpendicular to the walls, and
- the central drain section (the invert) constructed of partly dressed bluestone pitchers laid parallel to the walls (longitudinal with flow of water), the centremost row being at the lowest point of the channel

Note: in some sections of the Gnarr Creek Channel, the bluestone pitchers of the side sections are also laid parallel to the walls (longitudinal with flow of water). In a few sections of the Warrenheip Gully Channel, bluestone pitchers have been used to form deep spoon drains. All these sections have been noted within their relevant description information.

Where bluestone forms the lining of the bottom of a culvert it is generally arranged with:

- the whole base constructed of partly dressed bluestone pitchers laid parallel to the walls (longitudinal with flow of water), the centremost row being at the lowest point of the channel

Where bluestone forms the lining of the channel walls, or makes up the main structure of abutments, wing walls, end walls, piers and parapets of bridges and culverts it is generally seen as:

blocks of rough faced bluestone laid in even courses, often finished with a coping of a single row of rough-faced blocks of bluestone

### Brick:

Red face bricks can be found to varying degrees as part of almost every channel in the precinct or as part of an associated structure. They have either been used to line the walls of a number of the channels, or as the arched roof structure of many of the culverts. The tops of the walls generally feature a single row of projecting bricks finished on top with a rounded coping of cement render. In some instances the coping is a single row of rough-faced blocks of bluestone.

The most notable use of red face bricks within the precinct can be seen in the tapered octagonal ventilation shaft to the Gnarr Creek Culvert at the intersection of Creswick Road and Doveton Street North.

### Concrete:

Poured concrete was used from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century onwards as a lining for a number of the channel walls, often in conjunction with a coping formed from a single row of rough-faced blocks of bluestone. Poured concrete was not generally used as the lining for the base of the channels until the 1920s and in the 1930s is the material most associated with the Relief Contract labour used during the Great Depression to

complete the network of formed channels.

Other materials:

Large bluestone flags taken up, over the years, from streets in the centre of the city is a notable material used to line a section of the Specimen Vale Channel between Queen and Chamberlain Streets. They have been laid so that the flags form a contiguous semicircular channel .

***Significant Landmarks and Views***

The important and extensive network of timber, bluestone, brick, and concrete lined channels, along with the associated bluestone and brick culverts, associated bridges with wrought iron or steel lattice girder balustrades and bluestone abutments, wing walls, piers and parapets, and the associated early concrete or steel lattice girder footbridges in themselves form a highly significant landmark element of the urban cultural landscape of Ballarat city.

Views along, across, and/or adjacent to almost every part of this network can be gained from innumerable vantage points throughout the city, and are particularly noticeable as one traverses the many bridges that cross the channels. The conspicuous bluestone parapet walls to the many culverts also form notable features along the edges of many city streets. The distinctive brick ventilation shaft at the intersection of Creswick Road and Doveton Street North is also an important urban landmark. The line of the Canadian Creek is further emphasised by the notable mature street plantings, predominantly elm and plane, along Steinfeld Street.

**For further information on individual channel descriptions , refer to the *Ballarat Heritage Study Stage 2, July 2003*.**

## CREEKS AND RIVER CHANNELS HERITAGE PREICNCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

(AHC criteria D.2, G.1). The substantially intact network of many lineal kilometres of timber, bluestone, brick, and concrete lined channels, along with the associated bluestone and brick culverts, associated bridges with wrought iron or steel lattice girder balustrades and bluestone abutments, wing walls, piers and parapets, and the associated early concrete or steel lattice girder footbridges demonstrate important visual qualities that are integrally associated with the urban cultural landscape of Ballarat city. Views along, across, and/or adjacent to almost every part of this network can be gained from innumerable vantage points throughout the city, and are particularly noticeable as one traverses the many bridges that cross the channels. The conspicuous bluestone parapet walls to the many culverts also form notable features along the edges of many city streets. The distinctive brick ventilation shaft at the intersection of Creswick Road and Doveton Street North is also aesthetically significant and is an important urban landmark. The extensive network of channels and associated structures is also a cultural landscape within itself and as such is unique in the State of Victoria.

The Creek and River Channels Precinct is **historically** and **scientifically** significant at a **STATE** level (AHC criterion A4, B2, D2 and F1). The transformation from the 1860s to the 1930s of many natural waterways into the present network of channels and associated structures by the two municipalities of Ballaarat East and West was a direct result of gold mining activities, which formed the basis for the establishment and development of Ballarat from the early 1850s, as well as the impetus to the development and growth of Victoria in conjunction with other goldfields. The present courses of the channels demonstrate the urgent need at a very early date to repair the damage done by gold mining activities to the natural drainage lines of the creeks, which led to the formation of lined sludge channels. The subsequent permanent lining of the channels demonstrates the need of a growing city to establish an infrastructure of durable engineering works for sanitary and stormwater drainage requirements and to mitigate flooding. The variety of structural materials used also provide a rare example, over an extensive area, of the historical development in the use of materials and technology for this type of engineering infrastructure, and of the excellence of traditional craftsmanship.

Overall, the Creek and River Channels Precinct is of **STATE** significance.

## **Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct**

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

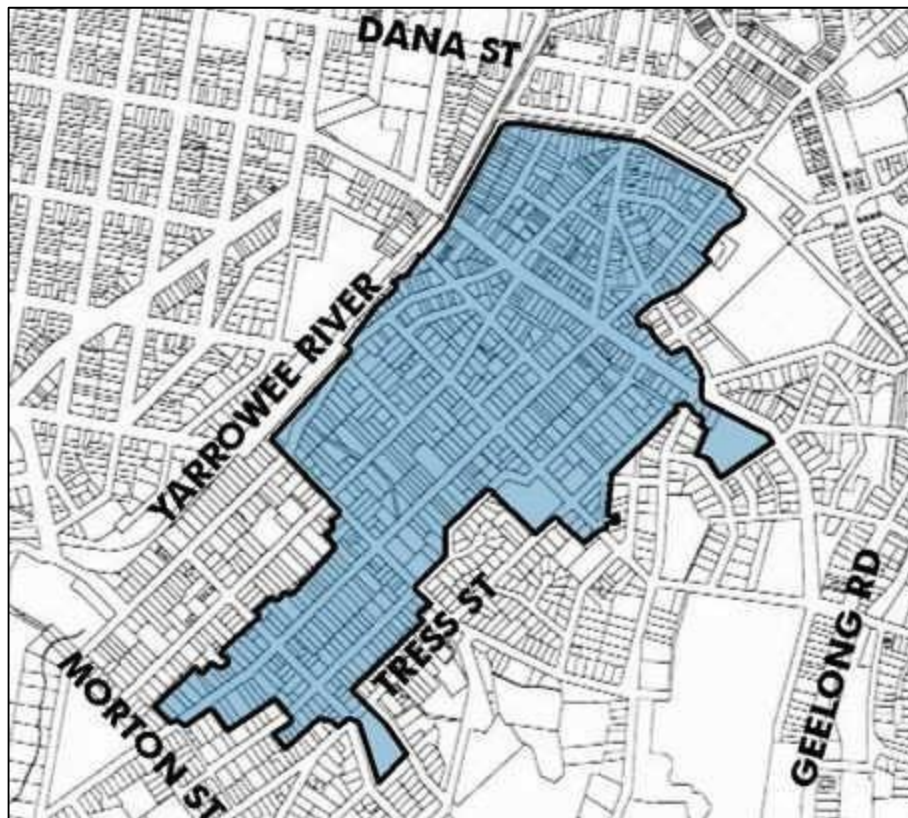
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## MOUNT PLEASANT GOLDEN POINT HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 12 Mount Pleasant Golden Point Heritage Precinct Map, shown as "K" on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

Mount Pleasant/Golden Point Precinct is set to the south east of Ballarat City Centre, within urban Ballarat. The precinct acts primarily as a residential area, with some local shopping and commercial facilities and contains a strong Victorian, Federation and Inter-war heritage character.

The precinct focuses around Barkly Street (which forms the south west to north south east spine of the precinct) and part of Grant Street which forms the key East West link through the precinct). The northern boundary of the precinct is formed by Stenfield Street South. The western boundary is formed by Anderson Street North and the Yarrowee drainage line as far south as Gladstone Street. The precinct boundary then follows Gladstone Street and the property boundaries of lots fronting Barkly Street to three properties north of Morton Street. The southern boundary then returns back across Barkly Street with a staggered line to Laurie Street and up to Cobden Street. The eastern boundary is staggered from Cobden Street to Steinfeld Street and mainly includes the southern parts of Laurie Street and the northern parts of Tress Street.

The Mount Pleasant – Golden Point precinct was settled from the 1850's as a result of gold discoveries in the area. Golden Point, discovered in 1851, was one of the richest alluvial fields in the Ballarat Goldfields. A rough and ready tent town soon sprang up, providing access to such services as butchers, tradesmen and sly grog

tents. By the late 1850's underground quartz mining was occurring in Barkly Street at Gum Tree Flat and nearby.

By 1870, Golden Point was part of the urban structure of Ballarat. Once the mines began to close, the precinct consolidated into a residential area. Further residential development occurred following the electrification of the former horse drawn trams in 1904. However, the tramline was used more for recreational purposes by allowing people to access Lake Wendouree. As most people travelled to work on foot or on bicycle, there was little real benefit in having the tram line to the people of Ballarat East, although the route was extended to include a spur line along Barkly Street to Cobden Street.

The main road network was laid out by 1861 while the local roads were laid out by 1870. The layout of roads reflected the undulating topography and the presence of mining and essentially remains unchanged from the 1880's.

The precinct features a mix of residential, commercial and cultural and community building in a range of styles from the 1850's to the 1940's including Victorian, Federation and Interwar periods. Typically buildings were either weatherboard or brick, with hipped or gabled roofs, clad with galvanised iron or terra cotta tiles.

The precinct is important visually as it allows for uninterrupted views across and through the precinct to the hills. Buildings also had decorative detailing, verandahs and fences appropriate to the style of the building. Landmarks such as the corner shops and pubs along Grant Street, the Mount Pleasant and the former Golden Point schools, Pearces Park and the tree-lined ridge of Magazine Hill. Views along the local roads and the rear of buildings are also visually attractive. Other features of importance are the grass verges and bluestone kerb and channels and the mature exotic street trees.

## MOUNT PLEASANT GOLDEN POINT HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mount Pleasant/Golden Point Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion A,1,3 and H.1).

*(a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(a3) importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of built landscapes and cultural features;*

*(a4) & (h1) importance for association with events, developments, cultural phases and individuals which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the region.*

The Precinct is significant as it illustrates the transition from early alluvial mining practices to highly sophisticated large engineering companies involved in quartz mining that sustained Ballarat's prosperity well into the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is associated with three different phases of gold mining in the Ballarat region, alluvial (1851-52), Deep Lead (1853-75) and quartz mining (1854-1914). To the north east on Golden Point, lies Old Post Office Hill, the scene of the original gold discovery, which formed together with the flats along the Yarrowee Creek, the earliest and one of the richest alluvial fields on the Ballarat goldfields. The area was part of the main diggings area of Ballarat, although rivaled by Eureka and Canadian Gully fields shortly afterwards. The hilly spur of Golden Point, Mt Pleasant and the White Horse Ranges stretching south, gave rise to a series of gullies and rich Deep Leads that ran both east towards the main north-south Canadian Lead and west to Yarrowee Creek and the north-south Golden Point Lead. This latter Lead was the main stream under the basalt plateau of West Ballarat that ran south to Sebastopol. By the 1850s Golden Point was seriously mined for quartz, especially the area called Gum Tree Flat.

The Precinct is also historically significant for its associational links with the development of mining law related to underground mining practices. The many disputed claims in the Precinct gave rise to a substantial growth in legal chambers and fine architectural buildings that lined Lydiard Street by 1860s. Many of these mining claims were the subject of landmark mining legal decisions. The decisions covered the changing regulations that governed alluvial diggers and the practice of shepherding, the introduction of Frontage Regulations that controlled the register and sizes of claims allowing small parties of men to introduce larger scale mining activities that were vital to Deep Lead mining operations. It paved the way for large scale operations associated with quartz mining within the area that called for outside financial, organizational and engineering skills.

The Precinct is also historically important for its ability to add to our understanding of the many layering and complexities associated with the steady influx of a cosmopolitan mining population, including a large Chinese group of miners, in the development of an increasingly more formal built environment that became dominated by Cornish and Welsh miners, experts in quartz mining. In particular the area is associated with the Welshman, Thomas Jones who mined the No 1 Lannberris Mine, and pioneered the techniques of early quartz mining. The early road system and subsequent consolidation as a residential area from the 1850s followed a typical pattern of developing land left vacant by mine closures. In consequence, the

urban fabric and local roads developed into a distorted grid that reflected the underlying auriferous deposits and geology of the area, and aspirations of a changing local community. The majority of roads were laid out in 1870s and 1880s. The Precinct is also associated with later development following the electrification in 1904 of the former horse-drawn trams and the extension of their route to include a spur along Barkly Street to the Cobden Street intersection in Mount Pleasant.

The potential for archaeological investigation extends to the former Old Post Office Hill and former Chinese miners village.

The Mount Pleasant/Golden Point Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique); (e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*

The Precinct is a significant, highly heterogeneous mix of mid 19<sup>th</sup> century to early 20<sup>th</sup> century residential, commercial and institutional buildings developed within an intensely worked gold mining area. The predominance of residential buildings is a powerful illustration of the impact of new mining laws that were introduced following the nearby Eureka Rebellion and Commission of Inquiry in 1854 and 1855. This included permitting residential development to co-exist alongside industrial mining activities. The resulting security of tenure made possible by the introduction of Miners Rights (later termed Residential Area Right Leases) encouraged a more permanent settlement to occur. The many original and intact residential, commercial, and cultural/community development of the Mount Pleasant/Golden Point are important as a collection of buildings that testify to an area in a state of constant change between 1850s and the 1940s. Generally, as miners lived within close proximity to their mine operations, the wide range of sizes and styles of houses in close juxtaposition reflects the status and occupation of their residents, with wealthy mine managers and owners acquiring the largest and best sites for their homes. The most rudimentary cottages reflect the transitory nature of the early mining settlement in the northern area around Golden Point. In contrast, the predominately substantial later Victorian and Edwardian residences are associated with quartz mining and are dispersed evenly throughout the precinct. There is a strong correlation between different sized allotments, different architectural styles, various front and side setbacks, changing orientation of dwellings and apparent randomness in the location of cultural buildings and parks, with different types, prosperity, duration and location of former gold mining operations, and the subsequent speculative development that followed. In contrast with West Ballarat, the cultural significance of the architecture fabric of the precinct reflects the impact and vagaries of alluvial, Deep Lead and quartz gold mining operations, rather than an over arching urban planning ideal.

The Mount Pleasant/Golden Point Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique); (e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*

The important visual qualities of the heritage landscape of Golden Point and its surrounds in conjunction with the former Flats of Yarrowee Creek, illustrates the evolution and development of a largely spontaneous unplanned historic 19<sup>th</sup> century mining precinct, a contextual landscape for the major historic mining tourist site of Sovereign Hill. In particular these qualities include the complex views from the elevated undulating hills of Mt Pleasant/Golden Point and the White Horse Ranges across the alluvial flats inclusive of Winters, Golden Point, Gum Tree Flats and Yarrowee Creek through the Precinct to other parts of Ballarat; especially the escarpment defining the edge of the basalt plateau of West Ballarat. The area itself forms a visually important contextual setting from many historic vantage points around the City of Ballarat. There are panoramic views of the area from the escarpment as well as Camp Street, the site of the former Police Camp, which overlooked the generally centralized alluvial diggings. As there are no large scale developments that dominate the skyline, early views remain, and it is possible to clearly see different aspects of the areas that were the subject of mid 19<sup>th</sup> century illustrations depicting life on the early gold diggings. The area provides a unique visual insight into the architectural aspirations that represent the changing life styles of different types of miners towards residential buildings during the transition from alluvial, Deep Lead and underground quartz mining. These examples include differing treatment of civic infrastructure development, including the design of road layout, kerbs, gutters and street planting. Other important aesthetic qualities include notably the corner shops, Grapes Hotel along Grant Street; Mount Pleasant and former Golden Point schools; Pearces Park and rotunda; and the tree-lined ridge of Magazine Hill.

The Mount Pleasant/Golden Point Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Precinct is recognized and highly valued by the local community for residential, commercial, cultural, religious, and recreational reasons. The area is socially and culturally significant for the legacy of paintings, illustrations and wealth of historical records that document the gold mining history of the area and its many mining disputes.

The Central Ballarat Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria C and F).

*(c) its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(f) importance for its technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement.*

The Precinct is of importance for contributing to a history of the infrastructure development of this area particularly as identified by the extensive network of significantly intact bluestone spoon or channel drains, and bluestone inverted channel gutters with bluestone pitcher kerbs. The use of bluestone pitchers as the principal material to form much of this engineering infrastructure also demonstrates an early, and now rarely used construction technology, as well as the excellence of traditional craftsmanship. Many buildings and associated structures also demonstrate high standards of construction and craftsmanship.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO 173 MOUNT PLEASANT/GOLDEN POINT PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
5-7	Albion Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
8	Albion Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
10	Albion Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
11	Albion Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
12	Albion Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
11	Anderson Street East	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
301	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
316	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
319	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
321	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
403	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
524	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
611	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
613	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
616-620	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
617	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
634A	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
640-642	Barkly Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
1/823	Barkly Street	MOUNT PLEASANT VIC 3350
2/823	Barkly Street	MOUNT PLEASANT VIC 3350
3/823	Barkly Street	MOUNT PLEASANT VIC 3350
825	Barkly Street	MOUNT PLEASANT VIC 3350
825A	Barkly Street	MOUNT PLEASANT VIC 3350
4A	Blair Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
8	Blair Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
14	Blair Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
502	Bond Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
504	Bond Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
628	Bond Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
1/628	Bond Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
629-631	Bond Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
630	Bond Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
2	Boyle Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
4	Boyle Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350

## HO 173 MOUNT PLEASANT/GOLDEN POINT PRECINCT

1/6	Boyle Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
2/6	Boyle Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
3/6	Boyle Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
4/6	Boyle Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
8	Boyle Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
7	Bradshaw Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
1/8	Bradshaw Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
2/8	Bradshaw Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
3/8	Bradshaw Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
4/8	Bradshaw Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
106	Bradshaw Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
402	Bradshaw Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
403A	Bradshaw Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
13	Cameron Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
110	Cobden Street	MOUNT PLEASANT VIC 3350
8	Eddy Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
9	Eddy Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
104	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
1/216	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
2/216	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
208	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
211	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
217	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
221	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
302	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
305	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
408	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
411	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
502	Grant Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
309	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
408	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
506	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
516	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
522	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
524	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
602A	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
604	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
606	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
609	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
610	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
615	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
617	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
627	Humffray Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
2A	James Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
6	James Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
8	James Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
12	James Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350

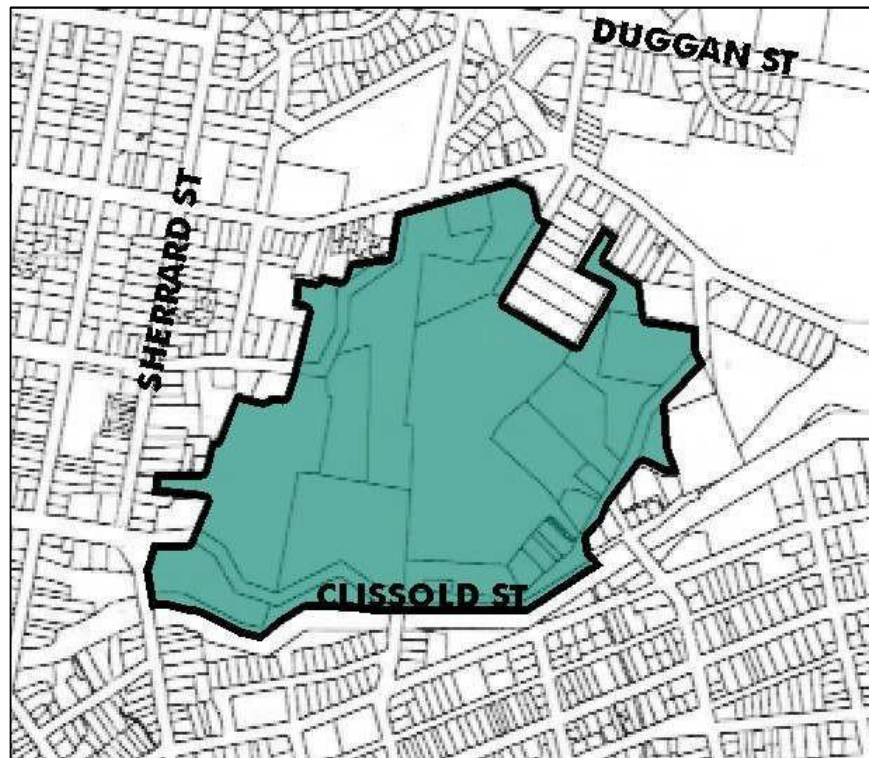
**HO 173 MOUNT PLEASANT/GOLDEN POINT PRECINCT**

CA 3C	Magpie Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
1/8	Peake Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
2/8	Peake Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
53	Peel Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
54	Peel Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
65	Peel Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
77	Peel Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
79	Peel Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
6	Steinfeld Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
8	Steinfeld Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
1/10	Steinfeld Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
20	Steinfeld Street South	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
1	Stocks Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350
3	Stocks Street	GOLDEN POINT VIC 3350



## BLACK HILL HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 13 Black Hill Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “L” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Black Hill Precinct is especially characterised by the Black Hill Public Park Reserve, by adjacent open and treed Crown Land to the south and east of the Reserve, and by a small number of cottages adjacent to the south-eastern boundary of the Reserve.

The Precinct centres around land surrounding the Black Hill Reserve. The northern boundary follows the rear of properties fronting Chisholm Street. The southern boundary generally follows Clissold Street. The East and west boundaries follow the parkland.

The Black Hill precinct includes the Black Hill public reserve and some privately owned land in Clissold and Chisholm Streets. Black Hill was originally known as ‘Bowdun’ by the Watha Wurrung people and was described as “Black Hill” by William Urquart the government surveyor who surveyed the region in 1851.

Black Hill forms part of the auriferous quartz ranges in the Ballarat region. The post contact history of Black Hill was characterised by gold mining over three different eras. Shallow alluvial mining occurred in 1851 – 1852, followed by the working of deep alluvial lead from 1853 – 1875 and finally the development and working of quartz reefs in the underlying bedrock in 1854-1918.

Black Hill was a difficult area to mine, as the area had no water supply to wash dirt and remove the gold. Miners had to bag the dirt, roll the bags down the hill and wash it in the Yarrowee Creek. By 1853/54 a windmill was erected to supply power to drive a four-head battery. In 1855 the battery was relocated to the Historical Overview

bottom of the hill and converted to run on steam power. It is thought that this battery was the first to be erected in Australia. Changes in technology also wrought changes to the landscape. From the late 1850's to early 1900's the landscape was pitted with shafts, mullock heaps, debris, tramway trestle bridges over the Yarrowee Creek and almost bare of vegetation. South of the Yarrowee Creek contained water reservoirs and mullock heaps on land now bounded by Princes, Morres and Newman Streets. Six companies were working the area by 1860.

Open cut mining commenced in earnest in the late 1850's by the Black Hill Quartz Crushing Company, later became the Black Hill Company Limited. Open cut mining became the sole method of mining until 1864. In 1861, a new sixty-head battery was installed and the Black Hill Company was processing 100 tons of quartz per week. The company purchased the surrounding claims and held about 40 acres, encompassing much of the hill and land to the south of Yarrowee Creek.

Open cut mining continued with tunnels extended more than half a mile long and the distinctive cliff began appearing from about 1863. Between 1862 and 1870, the company produced 1019 kg of gold, the processing site included a large steam driven battery which would have been located opposite the present Newman Street footbridge, a transport railway and foundry. By 1907 mining operations decreased and the area became popular as a public recreation facility. Reservation of land to form the reserve began in 1907 and the last reservation occurred in 1983. A brickworks and the Davey's Paint Factory also co-located on the Hill and as the ceased operations, became incorporated into the public reserve.

Revegetation activities occurred at various sites in the reserve. On Arbor Day in 1913, boys from state schools planted trees to make the hill "a more sheltered and attractive lookout". The Black Hill Progress Association was formed in 1917 with the aim of the beautification of the locality. On Arbor Day 1917, boys from Humffray Street, Black Hill and Queen Street State Schools planted over 1,000 pines in avenues. A lookout was also erected and paths formed from the streets to the reserve and lookout.

Further tree planting occurred to the 1980's by various community groups and the Council. The reserve also benefited from sustenance and relief work between 1927 and 1932, constructing pathways, planting trees and fencing. The tourist roadway was constructed in 1940 to provide a scenic look to the Reserve.

Key remnants of mining activity remains including the visible scarring and debris from the open cut era, vertical and horizontal shafts, foundations that may be attributed to the crushing battery, two concrete structures possibly used to house explosives and brick kerbing. A few residential buildings are located in the south east of the precinct and are Victorian vernacular in style. It is possible that one or two may date as early from the 1860's.

The Black Hill precinct is important as one of the few visible and generally untouched mining sites left in Ballarat. The site is pivotal in its role in the economic and social development of Ballarat from 1851 and for the remaining artifacts that can contribute to a better understanding of the place and the technology used. The site is important

for the views from the precinct to Ballarat and as a significant landmark. afforestation. The precinct is also important as a location for public recreation and culturally important for its association with community groups.

## **BLACK HILL HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Black Hill Precinct is **historically** and **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion A, C.2 and H.1).

*(a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(a3) importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of built landscapes and cultural features;*

*(a4) & (h1) importance for association with events, developments, cultural phases and individuals which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the region.*

*(c) its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

The Precinct is particularly significant as a cultural landscape that possesses mining sites which reflect the whole period of gold mining activity that characterized the Ballarat goldfields, including three different mining operations, alluvial mining between 1851-52, followed by deep alluvial lead mining from 1853-75 and the development of quartz reef mining from 1854-1918. In this regard the Precinct is significant as one of the few sites left in Ballarat with such visible evidence of gold mining operations, and one which has been largely untouched by later residential infill development.

The Precinct is associated with the auriferous quartz ranges that spawned a number of important gold leads in Ballarat's mining history which played a pivotal role since 1851 in the economic and social development of Ballarat, as well as the rest of Victoria.

The hill itself is of significance as it provides key examples of early open-cut quartz gold mining, ranging from an immense cutting, a deep gorge created by the open cut mining that was blasted out of the sides of the hill, to remnant tunnels and shafts, and foundations. The Precinct is also important for its association with various gold mining companies, particularly the Black Hill Quartz Mining Company, which later became the Black Hill Mining Company and was integrated into the Victoria United Mining Company that operated on Black Hill between c.1854 and c.1915.

The Precinct is of archaeological importance for its potential to yield artefacts and technology evidence associated with quartz mining, and later for its association with a Brickworks industry that operated on or near the site of the former Black Hill Quartz Mining Company crushing battery.

The Black Hill Precinct is **aesthetically** and **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1 G.1).

*(d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique);*  
*(e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*  
*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Black Hill Precinct is a place of strong aesthetic value and is a significant foci of the Ballarat area. The attributes include the undeveloped park-like character of the hill itself, in such close proximity to the centre of Ballarat, the very visible south face of the hill with its dramatic appearance brought about by years of open-cut mining, and dark patches of *Pinus radiata*, re-afforestation. The man-made cultural landscape visually defines the limits of 19<sup>th</sup> century urban growth of Ballarat in this area. The Black Hill Reserve also provides a unique vantage point, a popular lookout spot providing panoramic across the city of Ballarat and the surrounding districts to Mount Warrenheip and distant countryside views.

The Precinct is highly valued for recreational purposes by the local community. The area was reserved as early as 1907 as a public recreation area by the East Ballarat Council who wanted to ensure the land remained free from urban development. Various community groups in particular the Black Hill Progress Association. Black Hill, a community based voluntary association, with the aim of 'beautification of the locality' began re-afforestation of parts of Black Hill, using predominantly *Pinus radiata*, not long afterwards. In 1917 in collaboration with local schools, they planted over 1000 pines in avenues and in 1940 a tourist road was constructed to the Black Hill lookout.

## **Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct**

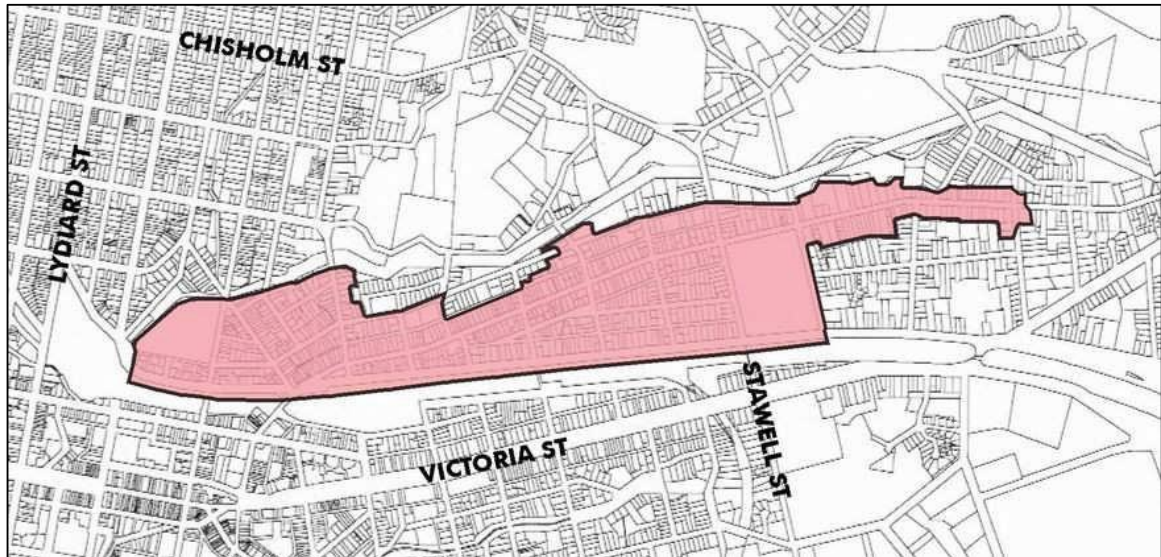
The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

**HO 174 BLACK HILL PRECINCT – NO SITES LISTED AS 'NOT SIGNIFICANT' TO THE PRECINCT.**

## HUMFFRAY STREET HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 14 Humffray Street Heritage Precinct Map, shown as "M" on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Humffray Street Precinct is located to the north-east of the Ballarat City centre, within urban Ballarat. It is characterised by a heterogeneous combination of substantially intact, single storey, detached residential buildings constructed from around the 1860s to the 1940s and interspersed with a small number of commercial and cultural/community buildings constructed from the 1860s onwards. A small number of the residences also feature attached shops. The precinct is also characterised by the street tree plantings along many of the streets, including Humffray Street North, by areas of grassed and landscaped public and private open space including Eastern Oval, Russell Square, the reserve between Scotts Parade and the railway line, and a number of mature trees in private gardens. Furthermore, the precinct is distinguished by the retention of much of its original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the numerous stretches of bluestone or brick spoon drains, and bluestone or brick kerbing and channel gutters.

Humffray Street North Precinct forms an important east-west axis down the centre of much of the Humffray Street North/Ballarat East Precinct and is one of the main north-eastern entries into Ballarat. The east boundary is effectively the narrowest part of the precinct and is formed along the outer boundaries of the easternmost allotments on the corner of Humffray Street North and Thompson Street. The south boundary runs from this intersection for a short distance to Haines Street generally along the rear boundaries of the allotments facing Humffray Street North. The remainder of the south boundary, from the east side of Haines Street to the west boundary, is formed by the edge of the Railway reserve, which is marked in parts by a high fence and is located adjacent to the wide landscaped reserve on the south side of Scotts Parade.

The west boundary of the Humffray Street North Precinct is bounded by the Yarrowee River Channel, which curves around the Eastern Oval and forms part of

the north boundary of the precinct until just east of Princes Street, where it becomes the Yarrowee River. From this point the north boundary then takes a staggered line eastwards. Between the rear boundaries of the allotments on the east side of Princes Street and Stawell Street this boundary generally runs along the north side of Morres Street, with an indentation to the north side of Finch Street between Newman and Queen Street, and a staggered extension to the junction of Oliver Street with the Yarrowee River between Queen and Rice Streets. Between Stawell Street and the east boundary, the north boundary runs along the north edge of the last stretch of Morres Street, and then generally along the rear boundaries of the allotments on the north side of Humffray Street North.

Humffray Street was formerly an early established bullock track but was once the main entry into Ballarat in the 1850's and 1860's. The precinct runs parallel to the railway line and the Yarrowee River channel and extends from near the Eastern Oval to the corner of Humffray and Thompson Streets. The precinct includes a mixture of commercial, cultural, educational and recreational places.

Parts of Humffray Street precinct was first surveyed by the government surveyor in the 1850's. Sections were subdivided into residential lots by Government and private subdivision. The layout of the regular lots reflects area surveyed by the government. The irregular shaped lots were in the areas where Miners Rights leases dominated.

The precinct is important as it contains many original and early examples of Victorian, Federation and Interwar residential, educational, community and cultural buildings. The residential buildings are typically one storey in height with hipped and /or gabled roofs, mostly clad in corrugated galvanised iron. They are predominantly made of horizontal weatherboard, occasionally brick, with either polychromatic or unpainted brick chimneys and verandahs. Other features are decorative detailing, timber doors and timber framed double hung or casement windows. The commercial and cultural/community buildings are typified by their domestic scale and one or two storey height, clad with galvanised corrugated iron or Marseilles pattern terra cotta tiles, horizontal weatherboards or brick walls, parapeted facades, timber doors and windows and decorative detailing.

Some of the key landmark buildings include the Brown Hill Uniting Church, the Eastern Oval Reserve and grandstand, the former Eastern Station Hotel, smaller shops along Humffray Street, the former Ballarat Female Refuge and former Alexandra Babies Home and the Greek Orthodox Church Hall. Also visually important are the significant mature trees in the precinct.

Other features of the precinct are the grass/gravel road shoulders and turf nature strips, open landscaped or treed reserves and stretches of unmade road, combine to provide a less urbanised setting. The retention of much of the original bluestone or brick spoon drains and bluestone or brick kerb and channelling is also a feature.

## HUMFFRAY STREET HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Humffray Street Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion A and H.1).

- (a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*
- (a3) importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of built landscapes and cultural features;*
- (a4) & (h1) importance for association with events, developments, cultural phases and individuals which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the region.*

The Precinct is associated with the early track, Humffray Street, the main access route that followed the Yarrowee River to the major alluvial gold finds near Black Hill and the northern-eastern section of Eureka Lead at Brown Hill, later known as Little Bendigo.

The Precinct is also of historical importance for its association with the rich quartz and open cut company mining at Black Hill, which was first exploited by a group of French miners, and the environmental degradation of the Yarrowee River and flats that followed. The environmental impact of the mining in this area had major repercussions with sludge, debris that contaminated dams and polluted water, causing havoc with flash flooding down stream. Water Boards were set up early in 1860s to provide safe and secure water supplies, and to reduce the high rates of diseases. Major engineering infrastructure projects were undertaken to control water courses. It included the construction of a vast network of bluestone and brick channels, storm water drains as well as bluestone, kerbs and deep gutters that are a vital part of Ballarat's heritage. The northern section of the Precinct (in the general area now bounded by Princes, Morres and Newman Streets) is historical important as an example of environmentally degraded mining wasteland land that was only reclaimed recently for the construction of Housing Commission houses in the 1950s, while other areas along the Yarrowee River channel remain vacant.

The Precinct is also of historical significance for its association with early recreational activities held in Ballarat, particularly at Eastern Oval which became the home of the Ballarat Cricket Club in the mid-1850s, and the headquarters of the Ballarat Bowling Club in the mid-1860s. The Yarrowee Creek that runs around the oval is an important example of early timber lined canalization project in 1860s which was later upgraded with bluestone in 1880s.

The Humffray Street/Ballarat East Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

- (d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique);*
- (e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*



The Precinct demonstrates many original and intact design qualities associated with the residential, educational, and cultural/community development of this early mining area of East Ballarat between the 1860s and the 1940s.

The particular mining character of this area is important to Ballarat as it retains the atmosphere of an early mining settlement more strongly than elsewhere. By the late 1850s Humffray Street had progressed from a rough bullock-dray track following the ridge line above Yarrowee River to a wide thoroughfare fronted with houses and the occasional store and hotel. The urban consolidation of the 1860s was based on a town layout plan prepared by the town surveyor John Curruthers. By 1880s the area included a mixed collection of housing, hotels, industry such as brick kilns and tanneries, shops, schools and a Female Refuge, and associated Alexander Steam Laundry and Alexander Babies Home. There are several notable Churches; the Primitive Methodist Church designed by J.A Doane (1860 2) the Bible Christian Church designed by carpenter S. H. Lugg, (1867) and Methodist Brown Hill Church, designed by J.A Doane (1869).

The built form and urban appearance of Humffray Street is important as it still retains the organic form of an unplanned commercial thoroughfare, typical of many ephemeral 19<sup>th</sup> century mining settlement, featuring long winding roads and closed vistas. These particular historic streetscape qualities are created by commercial buildings with post verandahs located at street corners interspersed by a diverse collection of largely 19<sup>th</sup> century modest vernacular timber weatherboard cottages. Many of the rear lanes and side streets remain undeveloped, others contain evidence of very small early miners cottages.

Despite the quite varied residential allotment sizes and widths, the Precinct is architecturally important for its high numbers of substantially intact examples of small scale Victorian, Edwardian and Inter War style cottages and villas set in mature gardens. The subdivision pattern varies considerably with local streets of varying widths in the western sector of the Precinct, which also contains the smallest allotment sizes and dense small scale residential development, characterized by predominately single-storey timber weatherboard cottages.

The Humffray Street/Ballarat East Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique); (e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*

The Precinct demonstrates important visual qualities that reflect the historical, cultural and architectural development of the Precinct, that contribute to its historic mining landscape setting. These qualities include the complex views across and through the Precinct to other parts of Ballarat including north to Black Hill. Other important aesthetic qualities include a variety of significant urban landmarks, a number of which can be seen from outside of the Precinct. These include but are not limited to the Brown Hill Uniting Church, the Eastern Oval reserve with its notable grandstand and mature trees including the W.G.Grace Dutch Elm, the former Eastern Station Hotel and various commercial and cultural/community buildings along Humffray Street North as well as the former Ballarat Female Refuge and former Alexandra Babies Home in Scotts Parade. Exotic trees such as mature Corsican and Monterey Pines mature oaks and other pines dominate many viewsapes, which

together with a number of grassy ovals provide an open recreational landscape focus within residential surroundings.

The important visual qualities of the Precinct are also enhanced by the gravel/grass road shoulders and turf nature strips or footpaths; by the stretches of unmade roads; and by private gardens with mature canopy trees. Together with the various treed and landscaped reserves they provide the Precinct with a less urbanised setting of considerable variety. Furthermore, the visual qualities of the precinct are specially enhanced by the retention of much of its original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the numerous stretches of bluestone or brick spoon drains, and bluestone or brick kerbing and channel gutters

The Humffray Street/Ballarat East Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion C.2 and F).

*(c) its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(f) importance for its technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement.*

The Precinct is of importance for contributing to our knowledge of the infrastructure development of East Ballarat associated with efforts to minimize the environmental degradation caused by mining operations. This is evidenced by intact stretches of bluestone and brick spoon drains, kerbing and channel gutters, and stormwater drainage channel with its unusual cast-iron pipe culvert. Furthermore the precinct contains highly significant specimens of Tasmanian Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus globulus subsp. globulus*) and Corsican Pine (*Pinus nigra var. corsicana*). There is also a notable specimen of a Dutch Elm (*Ulmus x hollandica*) that is also on the Significant Tree Register.

The Humffray Street/Ballarat East Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Precinct is recognized and highly valued by the local community for residential, religious, and recreational reasons.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO 175 HUMFFRAY STREET PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
1	Coffield Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2	Coffield Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3	Coffield Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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11	Ebden Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
13	Ebden Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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514	Finch Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
112	Haines Street	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
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72	Humffray Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
75	Humffray Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
81	Humffray Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
82	Humffray Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
86	Humffray Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
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1/130	Humffray Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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3/130	Humffray Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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213	Humffray Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
224	Humffray Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
225B	Humffray Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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1/232	Humffray Street North	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
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3/232	Humffray Street North	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
4/232	Humffray Street North	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
5/232	Humffray Street North	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
6/232	Humffray Street North	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
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341A	Humffray Street North	BROWN HILL VIC 3350

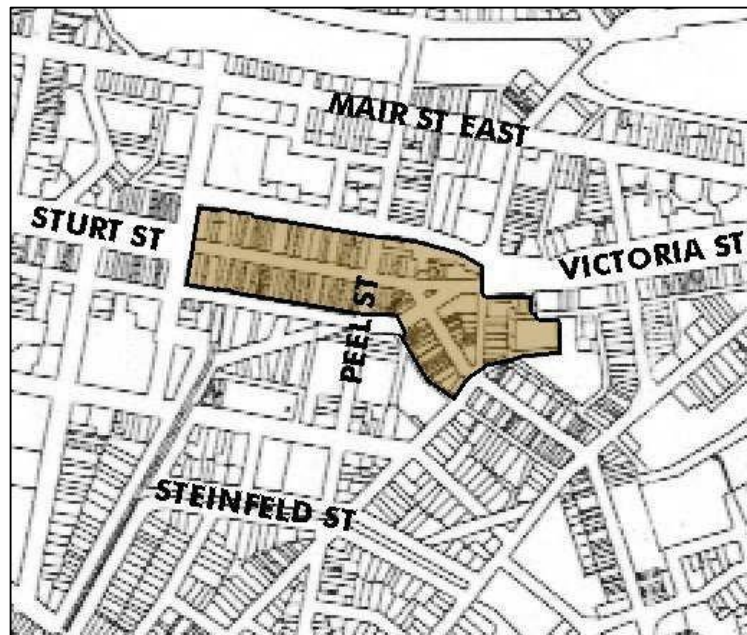
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355	Humffray Street North	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
359	Humffray Street North	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
4	Hunt Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
13	Hunt Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2	Johns Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
101	Johns Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
116	Johns Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
122	Johns Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
203	Johns Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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304	Johns Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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8	Morres Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
17	Morres Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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23	Morres Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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118-120	Morres Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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716	Morres Street	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
720	Morres Street	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
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210	Peel Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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3/222	Peel Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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14	Rowe Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
16	Rowe Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
17A	Rowe Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
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35	Scott Parade	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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33	Thompson Street	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
37	Thompson Street	BROWN HILL VIC 3350
101	Thompson Street	BROWN HILL VIC 3350

## BRIDGE MALL/BAKERY HILL HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 15 Bridge Mall / Bakery Hill Heritage Precinct Map, shown as "N" on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

Bridge Mall / Bakery Hill is a central Ballarat precinct comprising a predominantly built up commercial area with a few cultural/community and residential buildings.

The precinct focuses around Bridge Mall extending through to Curtis Street (which defines the northern border) and Little Bridge Street (which defines the southern border). The eastern section of the precinct includes the western ends of Porter Street, Main Road, Humffray Street South and Hopetoun Street (see map above). Grenville Street provides the western boundary.

Bridge Mall/Bakery Hill is one of the oldest commercial areas in Ballarat. The area was the main thoroughfare between the diggings in Ballarat Flat and the official township in Ballarat in the west. Bakery Hill played an important place in Australian history as being the meeting place for miners during the Eureka rebellion.

Buildings were known to exist along Main Road early as 1852. The first sale of land in Main Road occurred in February 1857. The government survey taken in 1857 shows mining activity occurring in this area.

Prior to 1862, Main Road extended to Grenville Street. The construction of the basic bridge over the Yarrowee Creek and the road became known as Bridge Street. The width of the bridge determined the narrow width of the road and traders built their premises in line with the road frontage. Regular flooding in the 1850's—1860's required the level of Bridge Street to be raised by six feet during that time.

The improved access Bridge Street afforded and improvements to Victoria Street encouraged traders to relocate from the further end of Main Road, consolidating Bridge Street as the main commercial focus. The horse drawn tram service and its



later electrification opened Bridge Street to the Ballarat west population. Public transport also enabled shopkeepers to relocate their families further out of the central Ballarat area.

By the 1960's Bridge Street had changed substantially and the verandahs were removed at this time and shopfronts altered. The pedestrian mall was created in 1981. Typically, the commercial and cultural/community buildings are 2 storey (some are 1 and 3 storey), constructed from brick or horizontal weatherboard, with hipped and/or gabled roof forms clad in galvanised corrugated iron; or tile and slate for cultural/community buildings. The buildings also feature dominant parapeted front facades, substantial clerestory rooflights, unpainted or rendered chimneys, early or original recessed shop fronts, timber or metal framed windows and individual detailing and decorations.

The key features of the precinct are the boulevard views west along Sturt Street and narrowed views east along Bridge Mall. Views to the rear of the buildings are seen from Little Bridge Street, Curtis, Victoria and Peel Streets. The precinct also retains some of the intact bluestone lanes, channels, gutters and kerbs. The kerbstones also important for the markings left in them by former verandah posts.

The precinct is architecturally important as it contains many original and early examples of Victorian, Federation and Interwar era commercial, cultural/community and residential buildings.

These include key landmark buildings such as the former Ballarat East Post Office, the former Munster Arms Hotel, the stepped series of brick buildings at 19 - 27 Victoria Street, the Bridge Mall Tavern, the former State Savings Bank of Victoria at 95-99 Bridge Mall and the 3 storey pair of buildings at 24 - 26 Bridge Mall.

## BRIDGE MALL/BAKERY HILL HERITAGE PREICNCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bridge Mall/Bakery Hill Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion A & H.1).

*A The place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*A.4 & H.1 Importance for association with events, developments, cultural phases and individuals which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the region.*

The Precinct is historically significant as the oldest commercial retail area in Ballarat, located in the river flats of Yarrowee River. The Precinct was the narrow pivotal meeting point in the 1850s, between Main Road and the chaotic alluvial mining and commercial centre which spread over Ballarat Flats, Yarrowee Creek and Golden Point, and the official government township surveyed in 1851 and the police camp on the high basalt escarpment overlooking Yarrowee River to the west.

The Precinct is historically significant for its association with the early settlement of East Ballarat from the 1850s as a result of gold discoveries in the area, and with the early development of this particular area of East Ballarat as a focus of commercial and cultural/community activities in contrast with the contemporary government town that was being established under neoclassical auspices of hierarchy and axial ordering in West Ballarat.

The Precinct is historically significant for its association with Bakery Hill located on the high ground at the eastern end of the precinct, the site of the much analyzed place in Australian history as the meeting point for miners during the Eureka Rebellion, which took place on the Ballarat goldfields in November and December 1854. Defiant miners gathered at Bakery Hill in their thousands, in full view of the government camp, to air their grievances over mining licenses and corrupt officialdom. They stood together on Bakery Hill as Peter Lalor symbolically raised the Eureka Flag, with its design modeled on the stars of the Southern Cross. No physical evidence of this event remains at Bakery Hill, but the location nevertheless maintains its historical importance. Bakery Hill was also the site of an important deep lead, which although rich, was difficult to work due to high water levels.

The Precinct is historically significant for its association with the early un-planned area of East Ballarat that was subject to major flooding, noise, proliferation of mine shafts, pudding machines, debris, noxious fumes, polluted water and general environmental degradation associated with gold mining. A basic bridge was erected across Yarrowee River in 1862 to provide passage over this area. The width of the bridge is reported to have determined the width of Bridge Street and accordingly, storekeepers built the frontages of their shops to align with the bridge. Throughout the 1850s and 1860s, floods regularly harassed Bridge and Main Street retailers and in the 1860s engineering works were carried out to raise the level of the street, up to six feet in some places. The present day level of Bridge Street is considerably higher than it was during the 1850s and 1860s.

In particular the continuing commercial activities along Main Road are an important reminder of its early role as a flourishing commercial and retail thoroughfare in the

1850s. The commercial buildings in Main Road, Bridge Mall and Victoria Street are also associated with continuing commercial developments in the precinct from the 1860s and into the early decades of the twentieth century. Associations with the cultural/community developments in the precinct from the 1860s and into the early decades of the twentieth century are identified by St Paul's Anglican Church, its associated Parish Hall and the former ANA Hall, which was formerly a Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The Bridge Mall/Bakery Hill Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

The Precinct is architecturally important because it demonstrates many original and intact historic architectural design qualities associated with the commercial and cultural/community development of the area between the 1850s and the late 1930s.

The commercial buildings in the Bridge Mall/Bakery Hill Precinct range in their period of construction from Victorian to Federation to Inter-war, although a number of 19<sup>th</sup>-century facades have been remodeled. There is an outstanding group of very early 19<sup>th</sup>-century two-storey shops in the eastern area, which may date to the 1850s/60s and which are a scarce example of a particular type of shop design that is no longer common. Although most of the commercial buildings are two storey in height there are a number of historic single story buildings within the precinct. There is also a pair of notable semi-detached three storey buildings at 24-26 Bridge Mall and the distinctive three storey hotel at 92 Bridge Mall (on the corner of Peel Street). Many of the historic commercial buildings feature parapets, which are a dominant element in the streetscape. The dominant style of heritage buildings in this precinct is commercial Victorian erected from c.1865-c.1900. There is also a small number of commercial Federation styled buildings erected from c.1890-c.1918 and a small number of commercial Inter-war styled buildings. Some of these were erected on the sites of earlier buildings from c.1920-c.1940 while others are nineteenth century buildings that have been substantially refaced.

The Precinct is architecturally important for the fine example of St Paul's Anglican Church in Humffray Street South, which forms a dramatic landmark on the skyline. Its architectural development is also important as an example of how the design and construction of buildings in this area were adapted to the risks associated with mining conditions of its site.

The Bridge Mall/Bakery Hill Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

The Precinct is aesthetically significant for its distinctive heritage visual qualities that assist in understanding the historical, cultural and architectural development of the area, particularly in contrast with Ballarat West, and contribute to the gold mining townscape of Ballarat. These views include the dramatic rear views of the buildings on the western basalt escarpment of Lydiard Street and Camp Street as well as internal rear views of the buildings within the precinct.

Most of these views originate from the distinctive topography of the Precinct whereby the rising ground in both directions provide enclosed vistas at each end and reinforce the sense of enclosure formed by the contrasting narrowness of Bridge Mall. These views include (but are not limited) to the confined commercial streetscape along Bridge Mall between Grenville Street and Peel Street South contrasted with the vista westwards up the wide boulevard of Sturt Street with its mature trees, memorials and dominant towers of the Town Hall and former Post Office on top of the escarpment; the views into and along Bridge Mall and Victoria Street from the eastern and western edges of the Precinct; the stepped facades of the significantly intact early buildings along the northern side of Victoria Street as it changes alignment from its intersection with Bridge Mall and inclines upwards towards the intersection with Humffray Street South; the complex vistas northwards along Humffray Street South and Main Road from the point where they intersect at a sharp angle on the south-eastern edge of the precinct; and the dynamic appearance of the rear facades of the commercial buildings throughout the Precinct, which can be seen from many locations both within and outside of the precinct, and comprise a variety of shapes, heights, sizes and building materials.

Other important aesthetic qualities are substantially demonstrated by the significant urban foci. Notably the distinctive former East Ballarat Post Office which forms a significant corner streetscape element at the south-eastern entry to the Precinct; St Paul's Anglican Church in Humffray Street South, which due to its position on the highest point of the precinct and its imposing tower, forms a dramatic landmark on the skyline and can be seen from many vantage points both within and outside of the Precinct; the Bakery Hill Tavern (the former Munster Arms Hotel) at 10 Victoria Street, and the stepped series of face brick buildings at 19-27 Victoria Street, which are both on prominent corner locations at the main eastern entry to the Precinct; the three-storey Bridge Mall Tavern (the former North Grand Hotel) at 92 Bridge Mall, which is also on a prominent corner location; the former State Savings Bank of Victoria at 95-99 Bridge Mall, which concludes the northern vista along Main Road; and the notable three-storey pair of buildings at 24-26 Bridge Mall, which can be seen from a number of vantage points both within and outside of the Precinct.

Further important aesthetic qualities are contributed by the well detailed, stepped face brick retaining wall with a bluestone base and a rendered moulded capping and the short lengths of cast iron palisade fence with a bluestone plinth and piers of the former Ballarat East Post Office; and by the cast iron gates with heavy bluestone piers and the substantial and intricate cast iron palisade fence on a bluestone plinth of the St Paul's Anglican church site.

The Bridge Mall/Bakery Hill Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion C.2).

*(c) the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The Precinct is of importance for contributing to a history of the infrastructure development of Ballarat East, as identified by the significantly intact bluestone lanes, channels, gutters and kerbs. The kerbstones are of additional significance for the markings left in them by former verandah posts.

The Bridge Mall/Bakery Hill Precinct is ~~socially~~ significant at a ~~LOCAL~~ level (AHC criterion G.1).

~~(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;~~

The Precinct is recognized and highly valued by the local community for commercial and religious reasons.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

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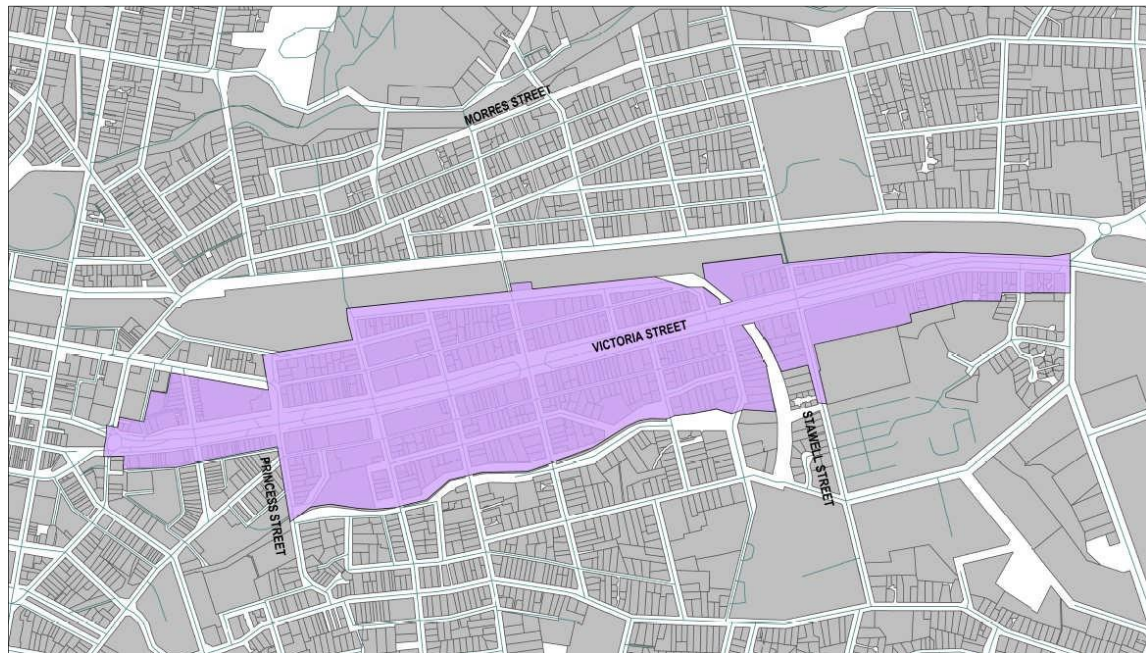
NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
Rear 10	Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
Rear 34-40	Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
Rear 20-22	Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
Rear 34	Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
Rear 52	Bridge Mall (49 Bridge Street)	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
Rear 54	Bridge Mall (49 Bridge Street)	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
Rear 57	Bridge Mall (fronting Curtis Street)	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2-4	Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
14	Bridge Mall (extending to 11—15 Little Bridge Street frontage)	
46	Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
21	Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
23	Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
38—40	Bridge Mall (extending to Little Bridge Street frontage)	
47—49	Bridge Mall (extending to Curtis Street frontage)	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
63—65	Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
79-81	Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
83	Bridge Mall	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
Shop 3	Coliseum Walk	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
Shop 5	Coliseum Walk	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
26	Curtis Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
28	Curtis Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
30	Curtis Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
32	Curtis Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
34	Curtis Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
22—24	Curtis Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
58	Curtis Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
102	Curtis Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
46	Curtis Street (extending to a depth of 13 metres)	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
1	Humffray Street	BAKERY HILL
8	Humffray Street	BAKERY HILL
5	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
23	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
26	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
28	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
30	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
32	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
33	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
45	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
47	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
110	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
112	Little Bridge Street	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
25	Little Bridge Streett	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
11	Main Road	BAKERY HILL
CA1	Norwich Plaza Bridge Mall	BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350
2	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL
2A	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL
4	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL
6	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL
6A	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL
6B	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL
8	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL



## VICTORIA STREET HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 16 Victoria Street Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “O” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Victoria Street Precinct is located to the east of the Ballarat City centre, within urban Ballarat. It is characterised by a heterogeneous combination of substantially intact residential buildings constructed from around the 1860s to the 1940s and interspersed with a notable collection of educational and cultural/community buildings constructed from the 1870s onwards. A small number of the residences also feature attached shops, and there is one former hotel building. The precinct is also characterised by the formal layout and mature to semi-mature tree avenues and plantings along Victoria Street, by other street tree plantings along many of the other streets in the precinct, and by scattered areas of grassed and landscaped public and private open space including McKenzie Reserve, school grounds, and a number of mature private gardens. Furthermore, the precinct is distinguished by the substantial integrity of much of its original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the extensive network of spoon drain channels constructed of bluestone pitchers.

The precinct is effectively terminated at its easternmost end by Fussell Street and at its westernmost end by Humffray Street and the Bridge Mall/Bakery Hill Heritage Precinct. Running between Fussell Street and Humffray Street, Victoria Street provides a distinctive east-west oriented axis down the centre of the precinct, and forms the main eastern entry into Ballarat. The Melbourne to Ballarat railway line forms most of the northern boundary of the precinct (between Princes and Fussell Streets) and the Specimen Vale Creek Channel forms most of the southern boundary of the precinct (between Princes Street and Stawell Street).

The remaining part of the north boundary (to the west of Princes Street) is formed by a combination of the south side of part of Mair Street, the northern side of the small Public Reserve off Pearse Street, and the rear (north) boundaries of a small number of allotments facing Victoria Street adjacent to its intersection with Humffray Street North. The remaining part of the south boundary, to the east of Stawell Street, is



formed by the rear (south) boundaries of the allotments facing Victoria Street except for the land known as the former Ballarat Orphanage, 200 Victoria Street where the southern boundary runs approximately through the centre of this property which is along the southern boundary of the future Diary Lane. To the west of Princes Street, the precinct is bordered on the south-west side by the Ballarat East Civic Heritage Precinct, which abuts Hopetoun Street on its south edge and Princes Street on its west edge.

The Victoria Street precinct extends from Humffray Street to Fussell Street, generally between the railway line and the Specimen Vale Creek channel.

Development in the Victoria Street area was hastened by the gold discoveries. Travellers from Melbourne crossed over Woodman's Hill, towards the Yarrowee Creek along ground that became the line of Eureka Street and then along the ridge line between Specimen Creek and the Yarrowee Creek which later became the line of Victoria Street. The street is the main entry point into Ballarat from Melbourne since the 1850's.

Settlements clustered around the gold leads in the area, populated mostly from the Irish community. In 1854, the western end of Victoria Street at Bakery Hill was the site of a large meeting that was the prelude to the Eureka Stockade uprising. By the late 1850's, Victoria Street had changed from a rough track to a wide thoroughfare fronted with houses and the occasional store or hotel.

The dominant tree lined character of Victoria Street commenced in the 1860's with the planting of Tasmanian Blue gums, grown from seeds obtained by Baron von Mueller. The plantings extended from Princes Street to the Caledonian Bridge. All but one was later replaced with oaks in 1891.

Throughout the 1880's – 1890's most of the streets in the area were formed and substantial bluestone drains constructed, while from the mid 1890's – 1900's, substantial investment was made into beautifying Victoria Street. The area remains mostly as surveyed in the 1870's. Allotments were mainly regular in shape but some of those in the southern section of the precinct reflect the undulating topography and tenure held under Miners Right leases for many years.

The precinct is important as it shows many original and early examples of Victorian, Federation and Inter War era residential, educational, cultural/community places built between 1860's – 1940's. The precinct is also important as the site of the earliest establishment of a place for Catholic worship in the district, being the St Alipius group of buildings.

Typically, the residential buildings, associated shops and the former hotel are single storey in height, with hipped and/or gabled roofs clad in either corrugated galvanised iron, slate or Marseilles pattern terra cotta tiles and have eaves and verandahs. Homes were generally constructed from weatherboard or brick, with unpainted brick chimneys, decorative detailing, timber doors and timber double hung or casement windows. The educational and cultural/community buildings are one or two storey in height, steeper hipped or gabled roofs clad in corrugated galvanised iron, constructed from brick, bluestone or weatherboard, with timber windows and doors and complex and individual detailing and decoration.

Key landmark buildings include the former Baptist Church, former Sisters of Mercy convent, the St Alipius church, presbytery, hall and kindergarten. Other landmarks include the Ballarat East School No. 1998, the former hotel at the eastern end of Victoria Street, the road bridge and footbridge over the Buninyong branch line, the remains of the Sunshine Biscuit factory, the Old Curiosity shop at 7 Queen Street.

The important visual qualities of the precinct include the formal landscape treatments in Victoria Street and the mature and juvenile street tree planting (consisting of English oak, plane, Pin Oaks, claret and other ash varieties, liquid ambers, Red Flowering Gums, Horse Chestnut, ornamental plum and Box Elders), the grass/gravel road shoulders, open grassed landscaped private and public open spaces and private gardens with mature canopy trees. The landscaped and treed areas give the precinct a garden setting, particularly along Victoria Street. The intact bluestone channels, gutters and kerbs, early short span integrated concrete spoon drains and asphalt footpaths are scientifically important as they show the development of Ballarat's East engineering infrastructure.

## Victoria Street Heritage Precinct Statement of Significance

The Victoria Street Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion H.1).

*A The place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*A.3 Importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of built landscapes and cultural features.*

*A.4 & H.1 Importance for association with events, developments, cultural phases and individuals which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the region.*

The Precinct is particularly significant as a cultural landscape that is associated with the whole period of gold mining activity that once characterized the Ballarat goldfields, and in particular the spontaneous clustered settlements of the early alluvial miners on the Eureka Lead, Black Hill Lead and Old Gravel Pit Lead which prompted one of the richest alluvial gold mining rushes in the world between 1852-53.

The Precinct is historically important for its association with the site at western end of Victoria Street at Bakery Hill of a large meeting in 1854 of thousands of miners, which was the prelude to the Eureka Stockade uprising later that year.

The Precinct, in particular Victoria Street boulevard, is historically important as an early example of civic beautification movement that characterized the development of the whole of Ballarat and resulted in a visually unified townscape of beauty. The creation of a wide elegant boulevard designed in the European tradition, through a chaotic early alluvial and deep lead gold mining area reflects the community's social aspirations and universally admired aesthetic. The subsequent layout of many of the other roads during the 1870s in a partly distorted grid pattern is important as it illustrates attempts by bureaucracy to introduce a formal urban plan over the haphazard development of the area that was dominant by mining for many years in the alluvial creeks and flats and quartz-rich hills.

Victoria Street, unlike Sturt Street its counterpart in West Ballarat, which was also originally a rough cattle stock route, was not part of W.S. Urquhart's city plan. By the late 1850s, although Victoria Street had progressed to a wide thoroughfare with houses, the occasional store and hotels, the allotments remained un-surveyed. But by 1861 a map compiled by surveyor J. Brache shows the wide street reservation with most of the buildings now sited within the allotment boundaries and not on the street reserve. The area was also substantially clear of any mining works, which allowed for the development of residential buildings.

The dominant tree lined boulevard design of Victoria Street commenced in the 1860s when Tasmanian Blue Gums were planted. Blue Gum seeds were sent from Dr Mueller of the Melbourne Botanic gardens but by 1891 they were replaced with European oaks. The beautification project continued throughout the 1880s and 1890s when most of the streets in the area were formed and substantial bluestone spoon drains constructed. Early in 1900s the newly electrified tram system ran along Victoria Street to the Stawell Street terminus and by 1914 the street was regarded as the formal entrance to Ballarat from Melbourne, designed in a manner to compare

favourably with beautiful streets of the world. In 1917 planting began for Avenue of Honour with plantings continuing to 1930.

The Precinct is historically important as it demonstrates a continuous progression of urban development from the 1860s- early 1960s. The Precinct is important for its association with the earliest establishment of a place for Catholic worship in the district and development of the St Alipius Catholic parish as well as the Sisters of Mercy convent and school. Many significant historic sites are located along Victoria Street and include the sites of the St Alipius complex (church, presbytery and kindergarden), the St Alipius School, former Convent of Sisters of Mercy, and the Victoria Bowling Club and greens. It is also identified by the former Ballarat Orphanage first established in 1865 (but limited to the former Toddlers' Block; former Ballarat Orphanage State School No. 1256; memorial front garden with the Magnolia tree; two Dutch Elm trees near the front boundary; western brick boundary wall; foundation stone to the former Administrative Block, foundation stone to the former William Farrell Cottage; memorial obelisk in front of the former William Farrell Cottage with the lower plaque from 1974; along with the foundation stone to the former Service Block, Dining Room, Intermediate Cottage & Swimming Pool). Other significant larger sites include the former Ballarat East (Queen Street) Primary School No.1998 on the corner of Queen Street and Dyte Parade, the St Alipius Hall and tennis courts in Hopetoun Street, McKenzie Reserve in King Street South, and reserve adjacent to Pearse Street. The extension of the tram system in the early 1900s encouraged wealthy residential development in the area, especially the small scale retail corner shops.

The Victoria Street Precinct is **architecturally and aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level.(AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

The Precinct is architecturally important as it demonstrates many original and intact architectural design qualities associated with the residential, educational, and cultural/community development of this area of East Ballarat between the 1860s and the 1940s as well as some early 1960s residences.

It is important for its heterogeneous mixture of substantially intact residential buildings of varying styles which were constructed from the late 1850s to 1940s/50s, and which are distributed almost equally throughout the Precinct. Although constructed in different eras, the residences tend to be similar in scale, of a small size and simple form with dominant chimneys. There is an important collection of early small Victorian cottages and vernacular styled timber miners cottages scattered throughout the precinct, which reinforces the visually dominant historic mining character of the area and its historical context with Eureka Stockade.

The residential allotment sizes vary considerably, many are based on the 19th century Government survey others are based on the original sizes and shapes of land selected and leased by individuals under Miner's Right leases (later termed as Residential Area Right leases) from the mid-19th century onwards. In the southern section, adjacent to the Specimen Vale Creek Channel allotment sizes are predominantly irregular and reflect the distinctly undulating topography, as well as Crown land held under Miner's Right lease for many decades. While the most regular, government surveyed allotments can be seen along the axial line of Victoria Street.

The Precinct is aesthetically significant as it demonstrates important visual qualities that reflect the historical, cultural and architectural development of the Precinct, and contribute to the setting of Ballarat. Victoria Street is a place of strong aesthetic value and is a significant focus of the Ballarat area and provides the setting for a variety of significant urban landmarks, a number of which can be seen from outside of the Precinct. Other attributes include the complex views across and through the precinct to other parts of Ballarat including to the northern and southern areas of East Ballarat, to Black Hill, to the Specimen Vale Creek Channel, to the city centre, and to the adjacent former civic area of the municipality of Ballarat East.

The important visual qualities of the Precinct are also enhanced by the mature street trees that are a significant component of most of the streetscapes; by the gravel/grass road shoulders and turf nature strips or footpaths; and by extensive areas of landscaped public open spaces including school grounds and many private gardens with their mature canopy trees. These landscaped and treed areas provide the Precinct with a garden setting of considerable variety, particularly along the Victoria Street axis. The McKenzie Reserve and the grassed and treed slopes along much of the southern boundary, which provide a scenic 'rural' focus to this edge of the Precinct

Furthermore, the visual qualities of the Precinct are specially enhanced by the continued use of the former tram shelters, and by the substantial integrity of the original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the extensive network of spoon drain channels constructed of bluestone pitchers.

The architectural and aesthetic important features of the Precinct are associated with many educational and cultural/community buildings including, but not limited to, the former Baptist Church, the former convent of the Sisters of Mercy, the distinctive complex of buildings associated with the St Alipius parish - the presbytery, church, and kindergarten as well as the former Ballarat East (Queen Street) School No.1998, which forms an important focus to arrival from the only entry point on the northern side of the Precinct; the former hotel building at the eastern end of Victoria Street; the former Toddlers' Block, front memorial garden with Magnolia tree and two Dutch Elm trees, western brick boundary wall and various plaques and foundation stones at the former Ballarat Orphanage site, which has a distinctive presence in this part of Victoria Street; the road bridge and footbridges over the former branch railway line to Buninyong, the remains of the former Sunshine Biscuit Factory building on the corner of Victoria Street and East Street North; the highly decorated 'Old Curiosity Shop' and its surrounds at 7 Queen Street; the distinctive terrace row at 152-162 Victoria Street and the shops at the various corner intersections with Victoria Street.

The Victoria Street Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria C2).

*(c) the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history.*

*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The Precinct is of importance for contributing to a history of the infrastructure development of East Ballarat, as identified by the extensive network of significantly intact bluestone channels, gutters and kerbs, the early short span integrated concrete kerb and spoon gutters and the asphalt footpaths. Furthermore the precinct contains a highly significant specimen of Tasmanian Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus globulus subsp. globulus*), which is believed to be some 140 years old.

The Victoria Street Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;*

The Precinct is recognized and highly valued by the local community for residential, educational, religious, and recreational reasons. Of particular social significance is the surviving fabric at the former Ballarat Orphanage site (particularly the former Toddlers' Block and former Ballarat Orphanage State School No. 1256, memorial garden with Magnolia tree and the western brick boundary wall facing Stawell Street), which engenders strong personal associations for the thousands of former child residents and their families, as well as others that were part of the orphanage and wider communities, for its previous long-serving function as a welfare facility. It also has significance for the Aboriginal community of Ballarat, for the role it played in the history of the stolen generations.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO 177 VICTORIA STREET PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
2	Chamberlain Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
6	Chamberlain Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
8	Chamberlain Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
CA 1	Corbett Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3	Corbett Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
40	Corbett Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
42	Corbett Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
4	Dyte Parade	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
12	Dyte Parade	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
18	Dyte Parade	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
48	Dyte Parade	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
50	Dyte Parade	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
56	Dyte Parade	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
4	East Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
6	East Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
8	East Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
10	East Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
12	East Street North	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
14	East Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
16	East Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
18	East Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
20	East Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
22	East Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
24	East Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
1	Gent Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
5	Gent Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
8	Gent Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
20	Gent Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
23	Gent Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
28	Gent Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
30	Gent Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
1/60	Gent Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2/60	Gent Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
1	Glazebrook Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350

5	Glazebrook Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
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## HO 177 VICTORIA STREET PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
17	Glazebrook Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
24	Glazebrook Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
28	Glazebrook Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
29	Glazebrook Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
30	Glazebrook Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
31	Glazebrook Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
34	Glazebrook Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
38	Glazebrook Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
8	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
10	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
10A	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
12	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
18	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
28	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
38	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
48	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
56	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
58	Hopetoun Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
18	Humffray Street North	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
7	King Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
6	King Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
88	Mair Street East	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
2	Otway Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2A	Otway Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
4	Otway Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
5	Otway Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
7	Otway Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
13	Otway Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2	Princes Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
13	Princes Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
1	Queen Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2	Queen Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
15	Queen Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2	Rodier Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
8	Rodier Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
15	Rodier Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
21	Rodier Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
1	Stawell Street North	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
6	Trevor Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
31-47	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
75-77	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
1/242	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
1/219	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
1/206	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350

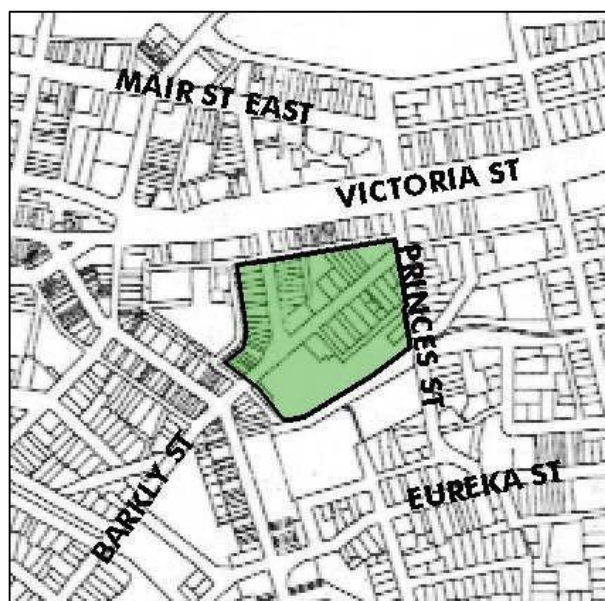
## HO 177 VICTORIA STREET PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
1/137	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2/137	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3/137	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
200	Victoria Street Former Ballarat Orphanage. The fabric of no significance is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former Administration Block (except foundation stone).</li> <li>• Former William Farrell Cottage (except for memorial obelisk in the front garden with the lower plaque from 1974 and foundation stone).</li> <li>• Former Albert Leach Cottage incorporating the Tulloch/John Wing Unit.</li> <li>• Former Sloyd Room.</li> <li>• Former Service Block, Dining Room, Gymnasium, Intermediate Cottage &amp; Swimming Pool (except foundation stone).</li> <li>• Former Bluebirds Cottage including covered area and portable classrooms.</li> </ul>	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
200A	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
200B	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2/206	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3/206	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
4/206	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2/219	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2/242	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3/242	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
4/242	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
16	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
18	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
23	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
29	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
53	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
60	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
63	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
67	Victoria Street	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
69	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
84	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
87	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
109	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
143	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
159	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
167	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
169	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
184	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
186	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
190A	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
190B	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350

201	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
214	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
236	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
238	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
239	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
240	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
240A	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
246	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
257	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
259	Victoria Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350

## BALLARAT EAST CIVIC HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 17 Ballarat East Civic Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “P” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Ballarat East Civic Precinct covers a small area set on high ground in urban Ballarat. The precinct features a number of important early Victorian era civic and community/cultural buildings adjoined by and interspersed with a small pocket of Victorian, Federation and Inter-War era residential buildings.

The precinct is bordered by Hopetoun Street to the north, Specimen Vale to the south and Princes Street to the east. The western boundary follows a right-of-way at the rear of the residential properties on the west side of East Street South and then wraps southwards to link at the Specimen Vale Creek.

The Ballarat East Civic precinct is characterised by Victorian, Federation and Inter-war residential, civic and cultural buildings built between the 1850's and the 1930's.

This area was settled in the 1850's as a result of gold discoveries in the area. The precinct is also important being the centre for administration for the now defunct Ballarat East municipality. The remaining civic and cultural buildings are a reminder of the separate historic foundations of the municipalities of East and West Ballarat.

The area was chosen as the focus for the new municipality of East Ballarat, being one of the highest points in the area. The site commanded a view over much of the new municipality. The grandeur of the civic and cultural buildings symbolised order and civilisation of cultivated European society in the 19<sup>th</sup> century against the ad hoc nature of life below in the diggings.

The precinct contains individually significant and contributory places. Significant places include the Former Ballarat East Library, the Ballarat Fire Station, the

Synagogue and associated hall and residence and the Methodist Church and associated hall and residence.

Residential buildings within the precinct are characterised by their single storey, hipped and gabled roofs clad in corrugated iron, slate or tiles, weatherboard or brick construction, timber windows, verandahs, timber fences and regular setbacks.

The precinct is aesthetically important in that it has retained views to significant landmarks such as the Synagogue and the Canary Island pine in its grounds. These are an important focus as you come into the area from the east. Also visually important is the Ballarat East fire station, seen from many vantage points within and outside the precinct.

These features also combine with the strong streetscape features of the Methodist buildings, the Ballarat Free Library and the remains of its original fencing, the mature exotic trees in the former Ballarat East Town Hall gardens and the intact and well maintained residential buildings.

The precinct is also important scientifically as it shows the history of infrastructure development in the region, notably the intact bluestone channels, gutters, kerbs and asphalt footpaths.

## BALLARAT EAST CIVIC HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ballarat East Civic Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion A and H).

*9a) The place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(a4) & (h1) Importance for association with events, developments, cultural phases and individuals which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the region.*

The Precinct has historical importance for its association with the discovery of gold in the early 1850s and for its close relationship with the early development of Main Road, recognized as the commercial centre of the alluvial and deep lead mining area by 1853-1854. The profits generated from the sale of services and goods from the many commercial and retail ventures stretched along the length of Main Road from Bridge Street in the north through to Golden Point in the south were often reinvested among small co-operatives of miners. This helped to facilitate the commercial cooperation between miners and storekeepers that was so crucial while exploration of the Ballarat goldfields continued. It also created an integrated social and commercial system that helped to create the municipal framework of early East Ballarat.

The Precinct has historical importance for its association with the early development of East Ballarat as a municipality, with a separate political and social identity from West Ballarat. In spite of the many difficulties associated with its development on the main alluvial diggings site, in February 1857 sale of frontages (freehold land) in Main Road provided the basis for ratepayer to elect a local government and form the municipality of Ballarat East in 1857. Plans began shortly afterwards for a collection of civic and cultural buildings in Barkly Street off Main Road including a Town Hall, Police Court, Mechanics Institute, Museum and Public Library.

The Precinct has historical importance for its substantially intact physical evidence, scarce examples of the now defunct transient mining development along Main Road which because of its flood prone, low lying ground made it a most unsuitable site for a permanent commercial centre. The priority given to alluvial and deep lead mining interests in this area helps to explain the distinctive street pattern through the Ballarat East Civic precinct. Streets and lanes developed organically from the main arteries and the urban pattern is in stark contrast to the formal surveyed grid layout of Ballarat West.

The Ballarat East Civic Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;*

The Precinct is recognised and highly valued by the local community for civic, religious and educational reasons. Collectively, the civic buildings surviving in East Ballarat are symbols of the way in which the residents of East Ballarat developed and

indeed, cultivated a separate municipal, political and social identity from the township above on the plateau.

The Ballarat East Civic Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

The Precinct is architecturally important for its association with the location of the new civic centre and municipality of East Ballarat, which was built on one of the highest points in the area with commanding views over much of mining activity in Yarrowee creek below. The new town hall (1861demolished 1949) with its later formal botanic garden glasshouse and fernery was a symbol of order and civilization in contrast with the ad hoc transient nature of life on the diggings. The associated civic buildings incorporated the full range of facilities symbolic of cultivated European society in the nineteenth century inclusive of a museum and library for education and self-improvement and a police court as an instrument of law and order. Contemporary maps show that the site was one of few locations left relatively untouched by direct mining works such as the nearby shafts of the Britannia United Shaft, Eastern Star Extension and Sulieman Pasha No. 2 mining sites. Although the Town Hall was demolished in 1949, other buildings in the civic precinct remain. These include 1867 the Ballarat East Free Library (1867) and the Ballarat Fire Station and brick tower (1864-67) which has historical significance as one of the few remaining examples of nineteenth century fire stations. Other buildings include the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Jewish Synagogue, hall and Rabbi's residences which are among the oldest buildings in the Precinct, constructed in 1860 and 1861 respectively.

The Precinct is architecturally important for it demonstrates many original and intact architectural design qualities associated with the residential, civic, and cultural/community development of the area between the 1850s and the late 1930s.

While civic and cultural life was the primary function of buildings within this precinct, scattered pockets of residential buildings developed from the late 1850s onwards. The eastern end of Barkly Street was constructed within the vicinity of the Gravel Pits Lead and the Fire Brigade Reef while there was also shallow alluvial mining activity in the surrounding area. The cottages provided accommodation for miners. The precinct still contains scattered examples of very early cottages, possibly built under the provisions of the Miner's Right. By 1866, Crown sales of small residential allotments with frontages of between 26 feet and approximately 75 feet had taken place along East and Barkly Streets. The Precinct also contains examples of later Victorian style housing constructed towards the latter part of the nineteenth century when mining was becoming a less dominant force within East Ballarat. Similarly, there are a number of examples of buildings erected from the turn of the century to the end of the inter-war period, as the area developed more structured residential pockets alongside the early civic and cultural buildings

The Ballarat East Civic Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural*

*environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

The Precinct has aesthetic significance as a 19<sup>th</sup> century gold mining townscape which demonstrates important visual qualities that reflect the historical, cultural and architectural development of the Precinct, and contribute to the setting of Ballarat. These qualities are substantially demonstrated by the significant urban foci, notably the Synagogue and associated Canary Island Pine, which form an important focus to arrival at the eastern edge of the Precinct; the Ballarat Fire station, which due to its position on high ground at the divergence of two streets and its imposing tower, forms a dramatic landmark on the skyline and can be seen from many vantage points both within and outside of the precinct; the strong streetscape elements of the former Wesleyan Methodist complex of buildings, which includes the Church, the hall, and the former parsonage; the strong streetscape element of the former East Ballarat Free Library with its associated original fence; the original fencing, entrance gates and the mature exotic trees to the former Ballarat East Town Hall Gardens, which provide a scenic garden focus along Barkly Street at the western edge of the Precinct; the original large cast-iron gas lamp in the centre of the Barkly Street and East Street South intersection; and the significant visual connections between all of the above-mentioned buildings and significant streetscape elements, and their juxtaposition with the pockets of intact and generally well-maintained residential buildings

The Ballarat East Civic Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion C.2).

*(c) the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history.*

The Precinct is of importance for contributing to a history of the infrastructure development of Ballarat East, as identified by the significantly intact bluestone channels, gutters and kerbs, and the asphalt footpaths.



## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

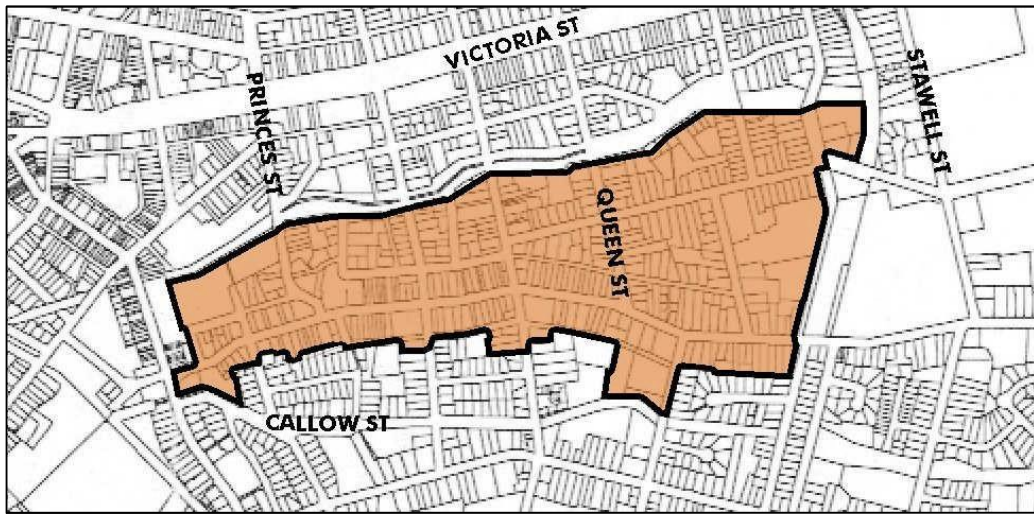
The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO 178 BALLARAT EAST/CIVIC PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
1/9	Barkly Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2/9	Barkly Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3/9	Barkly Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
14	Barkly Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
13-15	Barkly Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
30	Barkly Street	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
3	East Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
6	East Street South	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
11	East Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
12-14	East Street South	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350

## EUREKA STREET HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*



*Figure 18 Eureka Street Heritage Precinct Map, shown as “Q” on the Proposed Ballarat Urban Heritage Precincts Map*

The Eureka Street/Ballarat East Precinct is located to the south-west of the Ballarat City centre, on the edge of urban Ballarat. It is characterised by a heterogeneous mixture of substantially intact residential buildings, which were constructed from the late 1850s to the 1940s and are interspersed with a small number of commercial, industrial and cultural/community buildings constructed from the 1860s onwards. A small number of the residences also feature attached shops. The precinct is also characterised by the mature and semi-mature street tree plantings along a number of the streets, but particularly along Joseph and George Streets; by areas of grassed and variously landscaped public, private and recreational open space, which includes the Britannia Reserve and the land alongside the Specimen Vale Channel; and by a number of mature trees in private gardens. Furthermore, the precinct is distinguished by the retention of much of its original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the numerous stretches of bluestone or brick spoon drains or gutters, and associated bluestone or brick kerbing.

The Eureka Street/Ballarat East Precinct is bounded for its full length on the north by the Specimen Vale Channel. The east boundary is generally formed by the west side of Rodier Street, except between the Specimen Vale Channel and Charlesworth Street where the east boundary runs along the rear of the allotments on the east side of Rodier Street. The south boundary of the precinct generally runs along the rear of the allotments facing Eureka Street with one extension running southwards down Joseph Street to the Warrenheip Gully Channel, another extension running southwards down Otway Street South to take in allotments on both sides of the street, and a third short extension running southwards down King Street. The west boundary essentially extends from the Warrenheip Gully Channel to the Specimen Vale Channel. It runs along part of the east side of Main Road to the junction with Eureka Street then turns to run along the west side of Alexander Street and the west side of the Britannia Reserve.

Eureka Street was originally part of the route to the goldfields. Development of the Eureka Street area accelerated following the discovery of the Eureka lead. Settlements clustered around the leads, mainly drawn from the Irish community. In 1854 the western end of Victoria Street was the site of a meeting that was the prelude to the Eureka Stockade Uprising. The uprising occurred on 4 December 1854, resulting in 21 men killed and was the first time arms had been raised against lawful government in Australia.

Building developed rapidly along Eureka Street but was slower away from the road due to mining activities. Over the years, the timber buildings were replaced with new buildings. The early development left the legacy of the winding road and irregular shaped lots, following the placement of mining and building sites and the ridge line between the Specimen Vale and Warrenheip Gully Creeks.

The precinct is architecturally important as it contains many original and early examples of Victorian, Federation and Interwar era residential, commercial, industrial and cultural/community buildings. These include key landmark buildings such as Town and City Mission building, the former Ballarat (Eureka Street) State School No. 1071, Montrose Cottage, Farmers Ham and Bacon Factory

Typically, residential buildings in the precinct are single storey, with hipped and/or gabled roofs, predominantly clad with galvanised corrugated iron or Marsellies pattern terracotta tiles, horizontal weatherboard or brick with polychromatic detailing, projecting verandahs or porches, decorative detailing and timber framed doors and timber casement or double hung windows.

The industrial and cultural/community buildings generally follow the same style as the residential buildings but are either single or double storied.

Other key features in the precinct is the distinctive weatherboard Federation House and the two notable weeping elm trees at 315 Eureka Street, the small shops along Eureka Street, the former Cowley's Eureka Iron Works in Rodier Street and Britannia Reserve. The mature trees in Britannia Reserve and Joseph Street and the worked over Mullock Heap from which most of the reserve was formed.

The important visual qualities of the precinct include the view across and through the precinct such as to Black Hill Reserve, to Specimen Vale Creek and Warrenheip Gully Channels, views to the civic area of Ballarat East and to the Eureka Centre and historic reserve. The views along roads running in different directions allow views of the rear of many houses and other buildings within the precinct. The visual qualities of the precinct are enhanced by the retention of original engineering infrastructure such as the bluestone or brick spoon drains and bluestone or brick kerbing.

## EUREKA STREET HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Eureka Street/Ballarat East Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria A, B H.1, G).

- (a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*
- (b) the place's possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Australia's natural or cultural history;*
- (c) the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*
- (g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Precinct is associated with the discovery of gold in the early 1850s, in particular the alluvial and quartz mining of the Eureka and Black Hill Leads. It is significant because it provides the historical context and setting for Eureka Stockade Garden which is included on the National Heritage List for its association with Eureka Stockade rebellion. *"The gold miners' revolt against the goldfield administration, and particularly the loss of life (33 miners and 5 soldiers) resulting from the insurrection, is a major event in Australia's political and social history. While there is little above ground evidence of the event that took place at Ballarat and while the exact location is not agreed upon, Eureka Stockade Gardens is important for its association with this uncommon and highly significant event in the nation's past."* The precinct is significant because of its potential to yield archaeological evidence of the rebellion in 1854 and the likelihood of underground deposits or artifacts associated with Eureka, participants of the battle who traversed the area and the associated Eureka Lead, and other auriferous deposits being worked by the miners at the time of the revolt.

Eureka Street, the early winding road that runs through the precinct along a ridgeline between the valleys of two separate waterways, Specimen Vale and Warrenheip Creeks, is historically important as the main track to Melbourne, built at the commencement of Victoria's world famous gold rushes. The creek banks as well as the undulating hillsides were subject to extensive and long-running mining activities. The subsequent layout of many of the other roads in a partly distorted grid pattern is important as it illustrates attempts by bureaucracy to introduce a formal urban plan over the chaos and haphazard development of the area that was dominant by mining for many years on both the alluvial flats and the quartz-rich hills.

The Precinct is of further historical significance for demonstrating the influence of mining activities on the early subdivision of the surveyed sections. Settlement clustered around the Leads, in particular the Irish community was strongly identified with the Eureka Lead, although at the time of the rebellion the miners were represented by over 16 different nationalities. Most of the allotments were laid out by private selection under Miner's Right leases resulting in many irregularly shaped blocks of land. The more regularly shaped, government surveyed allotments can predominantly be seen along the east end of Eureka Street. After the rebellion the general area was still used for mining for some years, and in a piecemeal fashion, then housing development with early haphazard timber buildings being later replaced with new buildings that aligned the road reserves.

The Eureka Street/Ballarat East Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*

The Precinct is important for its heterogeneous mixture of substantially intact residential buildings of varying styles which were constructed from the late 1850s to 1940s/50s, and which are distributed almost equally throughout the Precinct. Although constructed in different eras, the residences tend to be similar in scale, of a small size and simple form with dominant chimneys. There is an important collection of early small Victorian cottages and vernacular styled timber miners cottages scattered throughout the Precinct, which reinforces the visually dominant historic mining character of the area and its historical context with Eureka Stockade. Some larger villas are located on Eureka and George Streets. There are in addition several small shops distributed the length of Eureka Street or located on corner sites, often built in conjunction with their residences. Only a small number of commercial, industrial and cultural community buildings were constructed from the 1860s onwards. These include the Town & City Mission and the former Eureka Street state school No 1071 which has a dominant position, as well as the former Farmer's Ham & Bacon Factory and galvanized corrugated iron factory building associated with the former Cowley's Eureka Iron Works. The eastern boundary of the Precinct was marked by an 19<sup>th</sup> century Chinese village and large Orphanage.

The Eureka Street/Ballarat East Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D & E)

*(d) the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments; (e) the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*

The Precinct demonstrates important visual qualities that reflect the historical, cultural and architectural development of the Precinct that contribute to its early gold mining character. The visual qualities include a variety of significant urban landmarks and focal points, some of which can be seen from outside of the Precinct. They particularly comprise the Town and City Mission building, the former Ballarat (Eureka Street) State School No.1071, Montrose Cottage at 111 Eureka Street; the former school; the various small shops along Eureka Street; the main buildings of the former Farmer's Ham and Bacon Factory, and the galvanised corrugated iron factory building associated with the former Cowley's Eureka Iron Works in Rodier Street. There are a number of vantage points throughout the precinct afforded by the steep topographical character of Specimen Vale Creek that runs through the centre of the Precinct. From the upper banks of the Creek unexpected picturesque views of the haphazard collection of small cottages with distinctive chimneys can be seen, including the row of mature oak trees on the east side of Joseph Street; and the Britannia Reserve with its perimeter plantings of mature trees, predominantly elms.

Other important aesthetic qualities include the complex views across and through the precinct to other parts of Ballarat including to Black Hill and Mount Warrenheip, to Specimen Vale Creek and Warrenheip Gully Channels. Other important vistas and view corridors link the area with the former civic area of the municipality of Ballarat East, and to the adjacent Eureka Centre and historic reserve, which commemorates

the Eureka Stockade Rebellion. There are also important views within the Precinct along north and south axis roads across the undulating topography, to the rear of many of the houses and other buildings within the Precinct, and additional truncated internal views up to and along Eureka Street which meanders along a distinctive ridgeline on the south side of the precinct.

The important historic visual qualities of the Precinct are also enhanced by the gravel/grass road shoulders and turf nature strips or footpaths; by the stretches of unmade roads; and by private gardens with mature canopy trees. Together with the variously treed and landscaped areas of open public, private and recreational land they provide the precinct with a less urbanised setting of considerable variety. Furthermore, the visual qualities of the Precinct are specially enhanced by the retention of much of its original engineering infrastructure, particularly as identified by the numerous stretches of bluestone or brick spoon drains, and bluestone or brick kerbing.

The Eureka Street/Ballarat East Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion G)

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Precinct is recognised and highly valued by the local community for its association with mining the Eureka Lead, one of the best yielding leads in Ballarat, and the Eureka Rebellion. The Eureka Rebellion as an historical event and the associated rebel miners' Southern Cross flag, have become symbols for democracy in Australia. The event is ingrained in Australian culture through literature, art, poetry, film and also marked by the local commemoration ceremony, the Eureka Dawn Lantern Walk which is staged each year on Sedition Sunday. The area is significant for its association with the 1855 Commission of Inquiry into the Goldfields set up to investigate the Eureka uprising. In consequence the gold license system was replaced by the annual Miner's Rights which was introduced throughout Australia, giving miner's voting and residential rights. Furthermore, the area has strong links with Peter Lalor, the leader of the rebellion, who by the end of 1855 was elected to the Victorian parliament. The area is socially significant for ongoing residential, commercial, social, educational, industrial and recreational functions.

The Eureka Street/Ballarat East Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria C and F)

*(c) the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(f) the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

The Precinct is important for contributing to the history of the development of the infrastructure of this area of East Ballarat, particularly as identified by the extensive network of significantly intact bluestone and brick spoon drains, gutters and kerbs. The later examples of short span integrated concrete kerbs and spoon gutters, and the asphalt and early concrete footpaths demonstrates how much of the area was left undeveloped for long periods of time due to the impact of mining in the area.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

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The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

### HO 179 EUREKA STREET PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
1/9	Barkly Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2/9	Barkly Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3/9	Barkly Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
14	Barkly Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
13-15	Barkly Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
30	Barkly Street	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
2	Belford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
4	Belford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
6	Belford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
8	Belford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
27	Belford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
1	Bentley Place	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2	Bentley Place	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3	Bentley Place	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
4	Bentley Place	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
5	Bentley Place	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
6	Bentley Place	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
7	Bentley Place	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
8	Bentley Place	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
9	Bentley Place	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
10	Bentley Place	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
28	Chamberlain Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
30	Chamberlain Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
3	East Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
6	East Street South	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
11	East Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
12-14	East Street South	BAKERY HILL VIC 3350
1/104	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2/104	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
112	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
122	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
129A	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
129B	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
129C	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
135	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
137B	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
137A	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
201	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350

## HO 179 EUREKA STREET PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
202	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
208	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
301A	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
310	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
317	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
322	Eureka Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
1/405	Eureka Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
2/405	Eureka Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
3/405	Eureka Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
4/405	Eureka Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
5/405	Eureka Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
6/405	Eureka Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
413	Eureka Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
5	Ford Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
7	Ford Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
13	Ford Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
15	Ford Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
16	Ford Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
17	Ford Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
18	Ford Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
19	Ford Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
27	Ford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
31A	Ford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
32	Ford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
33	Ford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
39	Ford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
40	Ford Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
4	George Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
5	George Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
9	George Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
21	George Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
29	George Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
30	George Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
36	George Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
41A	George Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
54	George Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
56-58	George Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
1	Gordon Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3	Gordon Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
7	Gordon Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
7A	Gordon Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
12	Gordon Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
14	Gordon Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
16	Gordon Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
8	Gray Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
11	Gray Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
20	King Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
27	King Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
29	King Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350



## HO 179 EUREKA STREET PRECINCT

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
11	Martin Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
16	Otway Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
21A	Otway Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
21B	Otway Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
25	Otway Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2/25	Otway Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3/25	Otway Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
28	Otway Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
32	Otway Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
33	Princes Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
35	Princes Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
37	Princes Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
39	Princes Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
41	Princes Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
43	Princes Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
1/16	Queen Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
2/16	Queen Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
3/16	Queen Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
18	Queen Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
28	Queen Street South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
5	Richardson Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
9	Richardson Street	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
Lot 3	Rodier Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
126	Rodier Street	EUREKA VIC 3350
10	Specimen Vale South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
212	Specimen Vale South	BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350
300	Specimen Vale South	EUREKA VIC 3350
304	Specimen Vale South	EUREKA VIC 3350
306	Specimen Vale South	EUREKA VIC 3350

## LEARMONTH HERITAGE PRECINCT

### *Description / Precinct Boundaries*

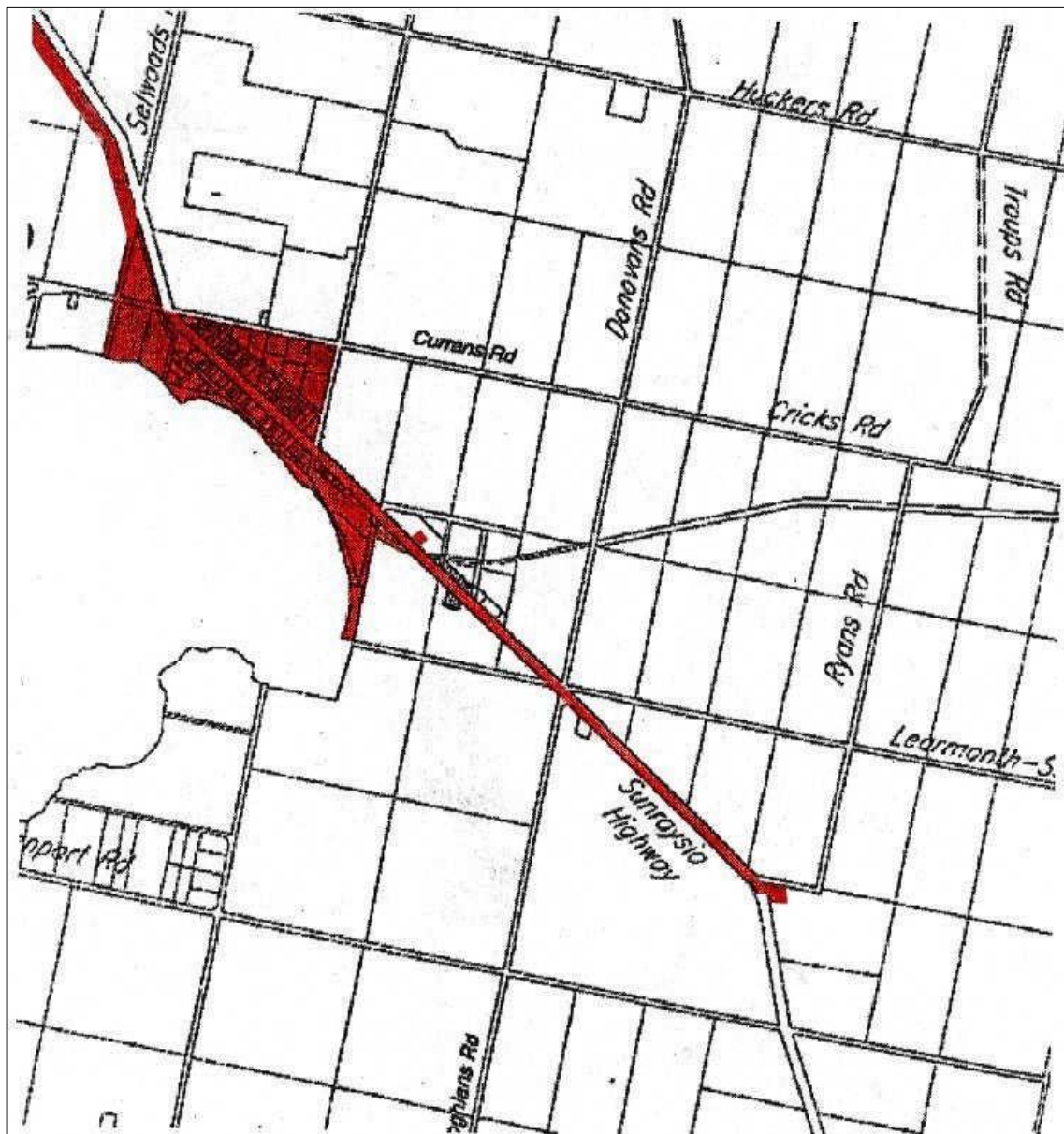


Figure 19      *Learmonth Heritage Precinct Map*

Learmonth is a small township to the north east of Ballarat along the Sunraysia Highway. The precinct incorporates the township which is effectively one block deep either side of the highway with Learmonth lake providing the southern border to the town and the Morton's channel defining the western boundary of the town. The Precinct also extends some 3½ kilometres along the Sunraysia Highway to the south-east with the Avenue of Honour that terminates at Ryans Road, and a short distance along the Sunraysia Highway with the ANA Avenue (see map below).

The Learmonth Precinct is especially characterised by its 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century mixed residential, commercial, civic and cultural buildings and structures.

The Learmonth Precinct incorporates the township of Learmonth. The Learmonth family and Thomas Bath settled in the region in the late 1830's, attracted to the area by the good grazing land and permanent water supply of Lake Learmonth and nearby creeks.

The discovery of gold brought opportunities for people to supply produce to the goldfields. The Learmonth area attracted people to the food producing area and soon a settlement was established at the location of the present township. Learmonth was also an easy day's ride from Ballarat and became a stopping place for travellers heading towards the Avoca goldfields.

In 1859 Assistant Surveyor John Carruthers formally surveyed the township which set out the allotment and reserves seen today. The original subdivision was laid out focusing on the main thoroughfare passing through the middle of the settlement. The formal layout of the public buildings and commercial premises all face the Sunraysia Highway, while the residential blocks nearly all face the highway and extend no further than one block from the highway. During the 1860's – 1870's Learmonth prospered and many of the buildings from that era remain such as the police station complex erected in 1860, the Courthouse, the Church of England, Catholic and Presbyterian churches, the school, bank and Temperance Hall (later the Mechanics Institute). Another special feature of Learmonth was its emerging role in local government. The town was located in the first Shire to be established in Victoria, in 1863 and was the municipal centre for the Shire.

In 1888, the rail way line was extended to Learmonth as a spur line from Ballarat and was subsequently dismantled in 1973, however, the curving line of the embankment, the nearby weighbridge and parts of the station platform still exist. Learmonth continued to grow at the turn of the century with the expansion of the Mechanics Institute and Police Station and the erection of a Masonic Temple.

The houses in the town reflect the early establishment of the township in the 1850's, the subsequent development in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the further consolidation in the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Typically, the styles include the Victorian, Federation and Interwar styled residential, commercial, civic, cultural and community buildings. Generally buildings are one storey although some of the cultural/community buildings have double height interiors and extended rooflines.

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Buildings are generally constructed of brick, stone or from weatherboard, roof forms are hipped and/or gabled and made from galvanised corrugated iron, slate or Marseilles pattern terracotta tiles. Other features of the buildings are the alignment of the buildings with the street, verandahs, timber or rendered brick parapets, brick chimneys and timber framed double hung windows and doors.

Other visual qualities are the views to Lake Learmonth, along the grassy railway embankment, the rear of buildings in High Street. Also important is the view to farmland and volcanic hills which provide a visual link to the foundation of the town and its development. Other key landmarks are the two large Monterey cypress trees in the grounds of All Saints Church, the Stag Hotel, the commemorative street lamp, the War memorial and the spire of the Presbyterian Church.

The tree-lined highway with the wide grassed median strip, the Avenue of Honour and the ANA Avenue of cypress trees, contribute to the rural and architectural setting of the town.

Further significant features are the Memorial Wall at the beginning of the Avenue of Honour, the Railway memorial, the memorial plaque and Redwood tree and the concrete mile markers '83' and '84'. Morton's Cutting, built in 1863 is also scientifically important for its contribution to the history of the establishment and maintenance of irrigation to large tracts of farmland established by early settlers.

## LEARMONTH HERITAGE PRECINCT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Learmonth Precinct is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion A 3, 4 and H.1).

*(a) the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(a3) importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of built landscapes and cultural features;*

*(a4) & (h1) importance for association with events, developments, cultural phases and individuals which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the region.*

The Precinct is historically important for its association with the early pastoral development of the district by the Learmonth family, who took up the pastoral stations of Buninyong (or Boninyong as it was also called) Burrumbeet and later Ercildoune run. The Learmonth family settled in the area together with Thomas Bath and others, in the late 1840s, attracted by the good grazing land and the permanent waters of Lake Learmonth and the nearby creeks which supplied the lake. Livingstone Learmonth is noted as an excellent sheep breeder, which was instrumental in the early success of the pastoral stations.

The Precinct is historically important for its ability to demonstrate the sustained early agricultural development on the rich volcanic soils of the district after the discovery of gold in Ballarat, which brought a rapidly increasing population to the district. Increase demands for meat and other supplies stimulated the growth of Learmonth from the 1850s, which was first surveyed by Assistant Surveyor John Carruthers in 1859. The availability of fresh water and good grass encouraged settlers, many of whom saw an opportunity to make money supplying food to the goldfields.

The Precinct is important as a historical landscape of unusual richness; the small township of Learmonth is bound by the ancient volcanic cones of Brown's Hill, Saddleback Hill, Weatherboard Hill and Bankin Hill with Lake Learmonth being located roughly in the centre of the four hills. The present township site is located astride the current Sunraysia Highway, which was originally a busy road northwest from Ballarat to Avoca cut between the lake and Bankin Hill. This location, some 18kms from Ballarat, was an easy day's ride on the way to the Avoca goldfields and beyond and placed it as an overnight stopping place. Hotels, stables and boarding houses met the demand. When the gold rushes ceased and deep mining became more common the Learmonth became a service town to Ballarat. Through the 1860s and 1870s Learmonth became a busy township with 4 blacksmiths, several hotels, 2 bakeries, a doctor and 4 general stores as well as saddler's shops. Many of these buildings are still well preserved.

Learmonth is particularly associated with the emerging role of local government in Victoria during the late 19th century, being located within the first Shire to be established in Victoria. The Shire of Ballarat was proclaimed on 24 November 1863 and the foundation stone of the Shire Hall (now the headquarters of the Learmonth Historical Society) was laid on 5 November 1866. Richmond Park adjacent to Lake Learmonth was named in 1873 after James Richmond, who commenced as the first full time Shire Secretary in 1866 and served in this position until his death in 1879.

Learmonth is historically important as an agricultural focus for the surrounding district for a long period of time. Its strategic importance is evidenced by the many incremental changes and additions to civic buildings such as the police station, which was enlarged in 1904 and the Temperance Hall was formally constituted into the Learmonth Mechanics' Institute and Free Library in 1912, while two years later a new Library with Billiard room were added to the Institute. In 1915 the Masonic Temple was opened and throughout the 1930s further changes to the urban fabric took place clearly demonstrating the prosperity of the area.

Learmonth and its environs are historically important for their ability to illustrate the evolution of farming practices over the past 150 years. The volcanic landscape with its broad plains, lakes and steep volcanic cones was greatly modified by intensive farming practices resulting from the miner's petitioning government to release land in 1854 with the subdivision of Creswick, Yuille's, Clarke and Learmonth runs, and Ercildoune and Dowling Forest stations as well as later sub-divisions resulting from the Land Acts. The impact of this development led to the construction of an intricate matrix of narrow country roads, linear fences and cypress windbreaks which delineated the rectangular layout of these smaller properties.

The Learmonth Heritage Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique);*

*(e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*

The Precinct demonstrates many original and early design qualities associated with the residential, commercial, civic, and cultural/community development of the Learmonth Township between the 1850s and the 1930s. It is architecturally significant as it still retains many of the original subdivisions which date from the first land sales in November 1859 and February 1860. It still retains its rural atmosphere, effectively consisting of a small village with all the buildings one block deep, fronting either side of the highway which bisects the town.

The Learmonth Precinct is characterized by a mixture of mid to late 19th and early 20<sup>th</sup> century residential, commercial, civic and cultural/community buildings. The majority of the individually residences in the Learmonth Precinct are single storey and detached, with a small number attached to associated stores. The majority of these residences are traditional timber frame weatherboard structures but there are exceptions such as the former Church of England Manse at 9-11 Bankin Street, the house at 224 High Street and the house at 13 McKay Street, the house at 317-319 High Street, and the former Presbyterian Manse at 107 Church Street. These latter buildings stand out in the streetscape due to their notable designs and construction materials. Most of the houses are of a Victorian style, from the mid to late 19th century, with a few late Federation and early Inter-War Bungalow styles. The houses are generally similar in size, although there are a few smaller Victorian cottages. Almost all the houses have characteristic verandahs and chimneys which are a feature of the townscape.

Many of the civic, commercial and cultural/community buildings in this Precinct date back to the early period of expansion in 1850s-1860s. Learmonth became a prosperous centre of local government, commerce and trade, and a cultural focus for the district. A number of the early buildings still remain, and include the Stag Hotel

(c.1854) and timber Presbyterian and Catholic churches (c.1857), the police station, along with a brick stables and brick lock-up and Courthouse, erected around 1860 and in 1864. The present stone Church of England was opened in 1861, construction of the present Catholic Church began in 1873, and the present Presbyterian Church (which was designed by noted English church architect, Charles Hansom, with its construction overseen by Ballarat architect Henry Caselli) was opened in 1876. The school opened in 1862, a branch of the National Bank was opened in Learmonth in 1866, and a Temperance Hall (later the Mechanic's Institute) was opened in 1867. Other buildings are associated with the later consolidation of the town notably during the Federation period (c.1900-1915) and the Inter-War period (1920-40), as identified by the additions to the former Mechanics Institute (1914), the Masonic Hall (1915), the Learmonth Avenue of Honour (after 1919), and the alterations and additions made to the Stag Hotel (c.1930s).

A defining characteristic of the Precinct is its small scale nature of the buildings and dominance of the tree lined avenue. Most of the buildings have similar massing, form, are single storey height and are of a traditional form.

The Learmonth Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

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*(e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;*

Learmonth Precinct demonstrates important visual qualities that reflect the historical and cultural development of the township and surrounding areas, and contribute to the rural and architectural setting of the township. These qualities include the tree-lined character of the main highway that bisects the town, particularly the length of the highway between Queen Street and Morton Street, which is flanked on either side by a wide grassed median strip landscaped with an avenue of mature deciduous trees including elm, plane and oak trees; the lengthy Learmonth Avenue of Honour along the south-eastern approach to the town; and the densely planted ANA Avenue of cypress trees along the north-western approach to the town. Complex views across and through the precinct to Lake Learmonth, along and across the grassy embankment of the former railway line, of the rear of the buildings facing High Street, and towards the surrounding agricultural farmland and volcanic hills, provide important visual links to the foundations of the town's settlement and its later development.

Other important aesthetic qualities include the significant urban foci, notably the two large Monterey cypress trees in the grounds of the All Saints Church of England, which form an important focus to arrival and departure at the south-east end of the town; the Stag Hotel at the intersection of High Street (Sunraysia Highway) and Morton Street which forms an important focus to arrival and departure at the north-west end of the town; the commemorative street lamp and the war memorial located in the grassed median strip in front of the former Shire Offices, and the spire of the Presbyterian (former Uniting) Church.

Further significant aesthetic elements and foci are the Memorial Wall at the beginning of the Avenue of Honour, the Railway memorial at the junction of the former railway embankment with the Sunraysia Highway, the memorial plaque and Redwood tree

planted in memory of ANA member, Michael Casey, and the concrete mile markers '83' and '84'.

The Learmonth Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion C.2 and F).

*(c) its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(f) importance for its technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement.*

The Morton's Channel cutting is of importance for contributing to a history of the establishment, maintenance and irrigation of large tracts of farmland by early settlers constructed in c.1863. Water for irrigation of the pasture lands was always an issue in the area, and rather than drain the swampy Lake Learmonth for use as a town common, it was decided to create a diversionary channel by which water could be brought over the divide from Coghill's Creek. It helped maintain the level of the lake for use in irrigation by diverting water which came from Mount Bolton and Mount Addington via a creek located some distance to the north. A water gate on the creek allowed water to be diverted into the channel or down the creek. The line of this channel is still evident, as is the diversion gate, and it is important as an early (and possibly the first) example of water diversion in Victoria.

The Learmonth Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

This area of Learmonth is recognized and highly valued by the local community for commercial, civic, cultural, religious, commemorative and recreational reasons.

The three major volcanic hills closest to the new township, Brown's Hill, Bankin Hill and Sellwood Hill and particularly Lake Learmonth itself have long provided places of natural beauty for the growing population of Learmonth, as well as visitors to the area. The lake has always been a central focus of the district. In the past an annual regatta was held at Lake Learmonth and was always a popular event as was the Learmonth Agricultural Show. Both events attracted crowds from nearby towns such as Miner's Rest and Beaufort as well as from Ballarat. The Learmonth Ski and Powerboat Clubhouse and the Yacht Clubhouse are located on the east side of the lake.

The wide streets of Learmonth are heavily planted with shade trees and the provision of generous and well-planted public parklands make the township an attractive place to visit. Ballarat visitors often journeyed by train to Learmonth for regular picnics in the parks or by the lake where the shoreline was all reserved for public use.

Learmonth is also a town proud of its history and the Avenue of Honour along the highway carefully remembers each soldier, nurse and chaplain, in fact all who served, by the placement of a tree. An Obelisk located in the centre of the town in High Street commemorates the death of Sgt. Charles Vaughan in 1901 during the Boer War. The local ANA, established in 1887, planted an avenue of trees in 1917 along the west edge of the Sunraysia Highway on the north-western approach to the town. They also planted the Redwood tree at the southern end of the avenue, and marked it with a separate memorial plaque to ANA member Michael Casey, who died in 1932.



## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

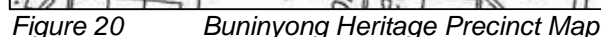
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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
CA 7	Bankin Street	LEARMONTH VIC
13	Bankin Street	LEARMONTH VIC
17	Bankin Street	LEARMONTH VIC
19	Bankin Street	LEARMONTH VIC
131	Bankin Street	LEARMONTH VIC
101	Church Street	LEARMONTH VIC
102-104	Church Street	LEARMONTH VIC
103	Church Street	LEARMONTH VIC
106	Church Street	LEARMONTH VIC
108	Church Street	LEARMONTH VIC
110	Church Street	LEARMONTH VIC
Lot 1	Foreshore Road	LEARMONTH VIC
19	Foreshore Road	LEARMONTH VIC 3352
65-67	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
69	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
71	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
101-105	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
139	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
141	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC 3352
147-149	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
151	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
155	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
200-212	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
201-203	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
205	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
207	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
218	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
220	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
222	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
229	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
300	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
301	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC 3352
302	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
304	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
306	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
311-315	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
344	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
346	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC

**HO 180 LEARMONTH HERITAGE PRECINCT**

NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
347-349	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
408	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
415-437	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
414-416	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
420-422	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
501	High Street	LEARMONTH VIC
2-8	Laidlaw Street	LEARMONTH VIC
18-20	Laidlaw Street	LEARMONTH VIC
1-5	McKay Street	LEARMONTH VIC
7-9	McKay Street	LEARMONTH VIC
11	McKay Street	LEARMONTH VIC
101	McKay Street	LEARMONTH VIC 3352
103-105	McKay Street	LEARMONTH VIC 3352
104	McKay Street	LEARMONTH VIC
106	McKay Street	LEARMONTH VIC
108	McKay Street	LEARMONTH VIC
CA 8	Morton Street	LEARMONTH VIC
18	Morton Street	LEARMONTH VIC 3352
74	Morton Street	LEARMONTH VIC 3352
78	Morton Street	LEARMONTH VIC 3352
80	Morton Street	LEARMONTH VIC 3352
90	Morton Street	LEARMONTH VIC 3352

### **Description / Precinct Boundaries**



The northernmost boundary of the Buninyong Heritage Precinct lies on the north side of the intersection of the Ballarat-Buninyong Road with the Union Jack Creek. \* From

this point the east boundary begins, first running in a southerly direction to Forest Street, along the rear of the allotments lining the east side of Warrenheip Street (the Ballarat-Buninyong Road). At Forest Street the boundary takes a staggered line, firstly turning to run along the south side of Forest Street before turning again to run alongside the east boundaries of the allotments at 313 Forest Street and 314 Learmonth Street. After it reaches Learmonth Street, the boundary runs along the north side of the road reserve to the eastern side of the intersection with Cornish Street before turning again to run across Learmonth Street and along the east side of the Cornish Street road reserve for a short distance. When the boundary line reaches 605 Cornish Street, it deviates to take in 605 and 607 Cornish Street before running along the north side of Scott Street for some distance.

The easternmost boundary is then formed from a point on the north side of Scott Street, and along the east boundary of the land belonging to the St Peter's and St Paul's Catholic Church, to a point on the south side of the surveyed line of Yuille Street. From this point the boundary turns in a westerly direction, running to and then along the east side of Fiskin Street to Simpson Street.

The south boundary of the precinct essentially runs along the north side of the Simpson Street road reserve to Warrenheip Street before deviating to run along the south side of the first few allotments in Simpson Street. The west boundary begins on the west side of the allotment at 407 Simpson Street and takes a staggered line to Learmonth Street along the west sides of various allotments facing Simpson, Yuille, Scott and Learmonth Streets. At Learmonth Street the boundary line turns to run on the south side of the road reserve to the first bend in the road, which is essentially the end of the mature tree plantings of the Avenue of Honour, and then turns to run back again along the north side of Learmonth Street to the west side of the surveyed line of Winter Street. The west boundary line turns at this point to run along the west side of the Winter Street road reserve to Eyre Street and takes in the allotment at 208 Winter Street ('Clifton Villa') before turning to run along the north side of Eyre Street for a short distance. The remainder of the west boundary runs in a staggered line along the west boundaries of various allotments facing Eyre, Palmerston and Warrenheip Streets before ending at the northernmost boundary.

The Buninyong Precinct generally includes land either side of Warrenheip and Learmonth Street and extends as far south as Simpson Street and north of Elizabeth Street.

Buninyong was first settled in late 1830s by pastoralists and was a small town by the early 1840s, later supporting a clergyman, blacksmith, shoemaker and a medical practitioner. In 1848, the first inland boarding school, associated with a church was opened by The Reverend Thomas Hastie.

The discovery of gold in the area by Thomas Hiscock in 1851 brought prospectors from Geelong and other goldfields. This rush was short-lived but another find in 1856 triggered further growth in the township.

The first survey of the township was undertaken in 1850 and the first land sales occurred in 1851. The first local County Court and Court of General Sessions in the district opened in 1853, serving the Ballarat region until the 1860s. By the late 1850s –1860s Buninyong prospered as seen by the construction of many of the church buildings. Buninyong continued to develop in the 1870s after mining declined, with the construction of the Post Office, Police Quarters, Town Hall and Court House. The Buninyong gardens were established in 1888 which later included a number of recreational facilities. The Gardens were to become the social centre of the town.

Commercial building was continuous throughout the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and is an indicator of the commercial prosperity of the town. By the 1920s the town had declined economically. Little change occurred to the town until the 1960s with the erection of the pre school centre and the R.S.L building.

The precinct is important as it shows many original and early examples of Victorian, residential, commercial, cultural/community and educational buildings built between the 1850s – 1930s. The precinct is also important as a settlement providing civic and commercial functions, predating nearby Ballarat.

Typically the residential buildings are single storey, mostly weatherboard with some face brick render construction. Roofs are either gabled or hipped and clad in either unpainted or painted corrugated iron. Houses display eaves and porches.

The commercial buildings are either one or two storeys in height, constructed from brick, bluestone or weatherboard. Most shops had post supported verandahs, with some still remaining.

The cultural/community buildings range in size but are generally constructed of brick or bluestone, sometimes rendered or over-painted. They mostly have steep pitched roofs clad in slate or corrugated iron and exhibit individual decorative detailing.

Key landmark buildings include the former Anglican and Methodist Churches and Presbyterian Church, the Crown Hotel and Shire Hall, other commercial and cultural buildings along Learmonth Street. Views from the precinct to Mt Buninyong and the surrounding treed horizon are also important.

Other visual features are the mature exotic street tree planting and in private gardens, the landscaped median strip including mature Elm trees in Learmonth Street, the Avenue of Honour consisting of Elms, Silver Poplar and Oak trees in Learmonth Street and the Botanical Gardens, which all contribute to the rural setting of the precinct. Also important is the location of the township within a treed landscape. The grassed verges, open street drainage and unsealed roads also add to the rural character of the precinct.

The Botanical Gardens contain important structures including the Bowling Club Pavilion, the Queen Victoria Rotunda, the Public baths, bridges and fencing. Several original stone fences remain, demarcating former paddocks and pastoral acres. Buninyong prospered as seen by the construction of many of the church buildings. Buninyong continued to develop in the 1870s after mining declined, with the construction of the Post Office, Police Quarters, Town Hall and Court House. The Buninyong gardens were established in 1888 which later included a number of recreational facilities. The Gardens were to become the social centre of the town.

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Buninyong is historically important for its association with the early settlement of Port Phillip from Van Diemens Land, when fleets of small boats carrying sheep crossed Bass Strait to land at Corio in 1836. The pastoral runs near Buninyong were taken up in 1838 and 1839 by Learmonth, Scott and Inglis at Yendon. All three names are remembered by the street names in the first survey.

Buninyong is historically important for its association with the Watharrung people, the Indigenous people who gave the name Buninyong to the nearby volcanic hill where the small township began to develop in the early 1840s, for men employed by the squatters. The township took its name from the mountain and made it its icon. The road to Portland Bay, known also as the Great Western Road, ran past the township and provided the trade link necessary for it to become established, while later the Warrenheip Road to Ballarat became the main gold fields route from Geelong.

Buninyong is historically important for its association with Reverend Thomas Hastie, who established a church and the first inland boarding school at Buninyong, in 1848 where thirty-one boarders and twenty-two day scholars were enrolled. Buninyong is historically important as it was established in 1848 with original town survey before the gold rush and settlement at Ballarat. By 1850 William Malcolm, a Government Surveyor had completed the town layout for a mile square township. The first land sales took place in May 1851.

The Precinct is historically important for its association with the early gold finds by Thomas Hiscock in 1851 and later rush in 1856, when the Durham Lead and Black Lead, Napoleon Lead, Durham Lead, Scotchmans Lead, Webb Hill Lead were mined close to Buninyong. Mining activity brought formal government development to the town as evidenced by many early structures.

These include the Magistrates Court, Ballarat gaining the supremacy early as a County Court. Judge Warrington Rogers of this County Court built a house in Buninyong in 1859. The Buninyong Court was also a busy Licensing Court. The temporary court accommodation was replaced in 1858 by a Police Court and Wardens Office both built of stone, and in 1859 a brick police station was erected in close proximity. One stone building survives as well as the brick police station. These remained in use until 1888 when new offices were built in Learmonth Street. Nearby, a brewery was erected in 1856 and a Roads Board was established in 1858, with a Municipal Council in 1859. By 1861-62 the Buninyong Township was thriving with five hotels, four churches, one bank and three schools, in addition to many residences as

well as a Public Library and the Buninyong Botanic Gardens which were gazetted as a temporary reserve that same year (and some years later in 1889 the 10-acre site was permanently reserved as a Public Gardens). The government constructed a reservoir in 1861 to supply water to the miners.

The Buninyong Precinct is of importance for the location and development of the outstanding Buninyong Botanic Gardens (1861) and Gong reservoir. Special features include the swimming pool (created in 1873 from a bluestone lined water storage built to augment the supply in the large town reservoir), a caretaker's cottage, a bowling green, two tennis courts, two ponds (one a pond of reflection), and a rotunda. Built in 1901, it was the first memorial to Queen Victoria built in the state of Victoria after her death.

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*(a3) importance in exhibiting unusual richness or diversity of built landscapes and cultural features;*

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Buninyong is historically important for its association with the Watharrung people, the Indigenous people of the area and the nearby volcanic hill, Mount Buninyong, which forms a visually important iconic backdrop to the town, and which has been the subject of many historic paintings and illustrations. Buninyong is historically important for its association with the early settlement of Port Phillip and the pastoral runs near Buninyong taken up by Learmonth, Scott and Inglis in 1838 and 1839. It is an important pre-gold rush town, established in 1848 near the Warrenheip River on the main road to Portland Bay, and later the main route to the Ballarat goldfields from Geelong. It is associated with Reverend Thomas Hastie, who established an early church and first inland boarding school at Buninyong. By 1850 William Malcolm, a Government Surveyor had completed the town layout plan and first land sales took place in 1851.

The Precinct is historically important for its association with the early gold finds by Thomas Hiscock in 1851 and later gold rush in 1856, when many nearby Leads were mined.

The Precinct is historically important for its association with gold mining activities which stimulated government development in the town as evidenced by many early structures, which remain substantially intact. These sites include in 1858 a Police Court and Wardens Office, and in 1859 a brick police station and residence of Judge Warrington Rogers of Ballarat County Court. These buildings retained their function until 1888 when new offices were built in Learmonth Street. Nearby, a brewery was erected in 1856 and a Roads Board was established in 1858, with a Municipal Council in 1859. The government constructed a reservoir in 1861 to supply water to the miners, and by then Buninyong Township was thriving with five hotels, four churches, one bank and three schools, in addition to many residences as well as a Public Library and the Buninyong Botanic Gardens which were gazetted as a temporary reserve that same year (and some years later in 1889 the 10-acre site was permanently reserved as a Public Gardens).



The Buninyong Precinct is of importance for the location and development of the outstanding Buninyong Botanic Gardens (1861) and Gong reservoir. Special features include the swimming pool (created in 1873 from a bluestone lined water storage built to augment the supply in the large town reservoir), a caretaker's cottage, a bowling green, two tennis courts, two ponds (one a pond of reflection), and a rotunda.

The Buninyong Heritage Precinct is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique);*

*(e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*

Buninyong Precinct is important for its collection of buildings, architecture and overall development associated with the early settlement of this area by squatters in the 1840s followed by gold diggers, and the subsequent development from the early 1850s of a formally surveyed grid street layout which preceded that of Ballarat. The small rural township is strongly characterized by long straight streets organized in a dominant grid pattern. The civic and cultural/community buildings, in particular, are reminders of the separate historic foundations of the former municipality of Buninyong through which community facilities, organizations and cultural identity became distinctly separate from Ballarat.

The former Buninyong Town Hall is of particular architectural significance for its dominant location and grandiose design as the civic centre of the Shire of Buninyong. The remaining early buildings of the town are important examples of the development of the town in a beautiful landscape setting with a backdrop of forests which still echo the original beauty and history of this important village.

Buninyong Precinct is important for its classical 19<sup>th</sup> century colonial urban design. The street pattern remains essentially as surveyed in the early 1850s, with the centre of the town dominated by two main roads which were critical to its establishment. These include Learmonth Street (Midland Highway), which provides an important east-west oriented axis through the middle of the precinct, and is historically part of the early route from the Pyrenees to Geelong, and Warrenheip Road, the early gold route from Geelong to the Ballarat gold fields. The intersection where these two roads cross is a visually dominant central feature of Buninyong, and is highlighted by the location of landmark buildings on the corners of the intersection. The group of commercial shops with street verandahs that line the corner add to the historical importance of Warrenheip Road, as the main road to the Ballarat goldfields.

The Precinct demonstrates many original and intact design qualities associated with the commercial, civic, cultural/community and educational developments in the township between the 1850s and early decades of the 20th century. They are complemented by a number of substantially intact residential buildings, which were constructed from the 1850s to the Inter-War era.

Most of the historic residential buildings in the Buninyong Precinct were erected in the Victorian era from the 1850s to the 1890s, with the remainder being erected in the first few decades of the 20th century. They generally represent a heterogeneous collection of different styles which are well distributed throughout the precinct. There are a number of houses with notable architectural designs which are scattered

through the township, and beyond the precinct boundaries. Overall, there is a high level of integrity with many brick chimneys adorning the rooflines throughout the precinct. The houses range in scale with examples of larger villas as well as small cottages, usually set in mature gardens.

The Buninyong Precinct is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria D.2, E.1).

*(d) its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's Cultural places; or (ii) a class of Australia's cultural environments (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique);*

*(e) its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.*

The Buninyong Precinct, as well as the entire township is particularly characterized by its distinctive rural setting in a valley surrounded by treed ridges and with an eastern horizon dominated by Mount Buninyong and northern boundary defined by the beautiful Warrenheip River, which meanders past the rear allotments of the town. The visual qualities of this historical cultural landscape are strengthened by the historical, cultural and architectural development of the precinct, which remains substantially intact and well preserved

Important vistas and view corridors that contribute to the character of the Precinct include the panoramic views across the town to the surrounding countryside as well as to Mount Buninyong in the east. Unobstructed views of Mount Buninyong dominate the viewscape, and are an outstanding element of the townscape. Other important topographical views include the treed ridges of the 'Grammar School Hill' and of the Union Jack Reserve that edge the horizon in the north; the former Recreational Ground (now the Golf Club) in the west; as well as the historically important open spaces in the south afforded by larger residential acreages, farmland, former market gardens, the former Durham Lead diggings and the Learmonth's former pastoral property.

The Buninyong Precinct is aesthetically important for its early street planting which was mostly of European exotic species. The avenues and mature trees, in particular elm, oak and ash trees as well as some historic native trees are important to the town's character. The tree lined avenues form important views along many roads; in particular the central avenues of the main streets and across many of the gridded blocks to the rear and sides of various houses within the precinct. Learmonth Street, to the east of Warrenheip Street, features an avenue of large mature oak trees located within the two grassed median strips between the service lanes and the main road thoroughfare. There are also a number of mature elm trees in front of the former Shire Offices and Court House. An Avenue of Honour, which was planted to commemorate the First World War, extends along Learmonth Street, west of Warrenheip Street, toward the Golf Course. The Avenue includes mature silver poplars, oaks and elms. There is also an important row of mature elm trees on the west side of Inglis Street, adjacent to the present Uniting Church.

The Buninyong Precinct is aesthetically important for the variety of significant historic urban landmarks. These comprise views of the churches and their associated buildings, but particularly the Uniting Church with its distinctive tower and its open park-like setting; the former civic buildings along Learmonth Street, but particularly the former Buninyong Town Hall with its notable Italianate styling and dominant central tower; the various commercial buildings along Learmonth and Warrenheip

Streets, but particularly the verandahed shops, the Crown Hotel and former National Bank of Australasia, which both form important focal points of interest on separate corners of the intersection of these streets, and the former Eagle Hotel at 507 Warrenheip Street with its elaborate detailing; the notable former Mechanics Institute and Free Library, and the dominant Masonic Lodge and Buninyong State School No.1270, which all face Warrenheip Street. The distinctive Victorian era residences, some of which feature notable picturesque Victorian Gothic styling; the striking form of the Bunya Pine in the front garden of 'Netherby' at 606 Warrenheip Street; the open landscape of the De Soza Park with its stands of mature conifers, which provides a scenic recreational focus within the dominant commercial area of this part of the precinct; and the diverse landscaping and mature woodland appearance of the Buninyong Botanical Gardens and the adjacent Gong, which provide a scenic recreational focus within the dominant residential area of this part of the precinct.

The important historic visual qualities of the precinct are also enhanced by treatment of roads and verges which form a significant component of most of the streetscapes. These include the gravel/grass road shoulders of a number of the roads; by the turf nature strips with open, earth-formed street drains; by areas of grassed and variously landscaped public and private open spaces and the many private gardens with their mature canopy trees. These landscaped and treed areas provide the precinct with a semi-rural garden setting of considerable variety.

The Buninyong Botanic Gardens and the adjacent lake area known as 'The Gong' are considered to be of State significance (Victorian Heritage Register No. H1826), and are of considerable aesthetic significance to the Precinct. They form an important landscaped area in the Precinct with their mature woodland appearance, and many mature shrubs and trees survive from the early years of the planting of the Botanic Gardens. De Soza Park and the R.S.L. Memorial Park are other important open areas in the precinct and they variously feature landscaped areas of grass, shrubs and mature trees. The small mound and adjacent wire fenced enclosure in De Soza Park are the last visible remains of the 'Crown Mine' mullock heap and shaft.

The Buninyong Precinct is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criterion G.1).

*(g) the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.*

The Buninyong Precinct is recognized and highly valued by the local community for its early and predominantly ongoing residential, commercial, civic, educational, social, religious, and recreational associations.

The Buninyong Botanic Gardens are of social significance attracting picnickers from a wide area to view the Gardens and plant collection, and to drink the spring waters.

The South Ballarat Precinct is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC criteria C.2 and F1).

*(c) its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;*

*(f) importance for its technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement.*

The Buninyong Precinct is of scientific importance for its early infrastructure development, which demonstrates the technical achievements of the early inhabitants. Examples include in particular the large bluestone lined, arched culvert

with bluestone wing walls that carries the Union Jack Creek under the Midland Highway (Warrenheip Street) at the north edge of the precinct and the reservoir and water reticulation system of the Botanic Gardens. The use of bluestone pitchers as the principal material to form this type of engineering infrastructure also demonstrates an early, and now rarely used construction technology, as well as the excellence of traditional craftsmanship.

The Buninyong Precinct is of importance for the Buninyong Gardens (1861) have scientific (botanical) significance due to their collection of plants, especially conifers, with the *Abies pinsapo* as an outstanding specimen of this uncommon species. The two *Acer opalus subsp. obtusatum* is rare in cultivations, only three other specimens are known in Victoria and the *Acer platanoides* 'Crimson King' and *Acer platanoides* are outstanding examples of the species.

## Buildings Not Significant to a Precinct

The following buildings are considered to be 'not of heritage significance' to a heritage place ('the precinct') based on their period of construction. All other buildings within the area identified as the 'heritage precinct' are considered to be prima facie contributory to the significance of the heritage place.

The Statement of Significance for this heritage precinct identifies the period of construction that is of significance.

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NO.	STREET NAME	SUBURB & POSTCODE
607	Cornish Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
803	Cornish Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
805	Cornish Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
807	Cornish Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
1/405-407	Eyre Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
2/405-407	Eyre Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
3/405-407	Eyre Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
4/405-407	Eyre Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
5/405-407	Eyre Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
6/405-407	Eyre Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
7/405-407	Eyre Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
8/405-407	Eyre Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
9/405-407	Eyre Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
10/405-407	Eyre Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
315	Forest Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
607	Inglis Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
609	Inglis Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
704	Inglis Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
706	Inglis Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
708	Inglis Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
207	Learmonth Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
209	Learmonth Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
211	Learmonth Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
213	Learmonth Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
215	Learmonth Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
217	Learmonth Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
309	Learmonth Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
314	Learmonth Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
202-204	Scott Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
206	Scott Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
303	Scott Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
305	Scott Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
312-314	Scott Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
313	Scott Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
108	Simpson Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357

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110	Simpson Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
112	Simpson Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
302-316	Simpson Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
402	Simpson Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
404	Simpson Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
402	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
1/403	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
2-3/403	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
4/403	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
404	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
409	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
501-503	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
507	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
509	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
601	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
603-605	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
705	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
707	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
808	Warrenheip Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
109	Yuille Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
113	Yuille Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
115	Yuille Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
1/302	Yuille Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
2/302	Yuille Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
304	Yuille Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
402	Yuille Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357
403	Yuille Street	BUNINYONG VIC 3357