
Ballarat Masonic Hall (Former)



Electra Hall - Ballarat
Heritage Review, 1998

Location

14 CAMP STREET, BALLARAT CENTRAL - PROPERTY NUMBER 2004417, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO171

Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 3, 2024

What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

Ballarat Conservation Study, 1978

Part of Recommended Area A1.1.

No SoS provided in this citation. Please refer to Attachments section in this place record for further information.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Ballarat Conservation Study, Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, 1978; Ballarat - Ballarat Heritage Review, Andrew Ward, 1998;
Construction dates	1872, 1882,
Architect/Designer	James & Piper, James, Edward, James & Creber,
Other Names	Electra Hall,
Hermes Number	120423
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The building is a fine Greek revival composition. The street elevation is divided into diminutive main floor and attic by horizontal mouldings. The elaborate porch, a later addition (date unknown) projects into the attic level. Above the porch entrance a pair of fluted Roman doric columns support a doric frieze and a cornice with small pediment; all surmounted by a balustrade with another elaborate acroterion. The front double palisade iron fence is unusual. This building is of an unusual and consistently detailed Greek revival composition. The building is substantially intact, apart from the sprayed render to the exterior. The interior has been altered. The Greek temple composition and the elaborate porch appear to be unique to the State of Victoria. The building provides a strong streetscape element to this precinct.

The Greek detailing to this building is quite special. The pediment has bracketed raking cornices surmounted by three exceptionally fine palmette acroteria. The street elevation is divided into a diminutive main floor and attic by horizontal mouldings with two small arched windows flanking the entrance. The ground porch composition projects into the attic level and is supported on square pilasters and piers. At the porch entrance a pair of fluted Roman doric columns support a doric frieze and cornice with a small pediment, all surmounted by a balustrade with another elaborate acroterion.

The iron double palisade front fence is unusual. The principal fence posts are decorated by discs of an interesting star design, presumably a Masonic symbol. The remaining palisades are square bars on an angle with a flat fleur-de-lis cut through. The entrance gates are missing.

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