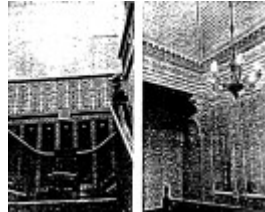

OLD COLONISTS' HALL



Old Colonists Hall 16-24
Lydiard St - Film 1 /Frame 21
- Ballarat Conservation Study,
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Location

16-24 LYDIARD STREET NORTH, BALLARAT CENTRAL - PROPERTY NUMBERS 2043493, 2020929, 2020928, 2020927, 2020926, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0116

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO69

Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 17, 2024

What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

The Old Colonists' Hall is included on the Victorian Heritage Register (H0116) as a place of State significance. Please refer to the VHR citation for the statement of significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Ballarat Conservation Study, Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, 1978;
Construction dates	1887, 1901,
Architect/Designer	Legge, AG, Molloy & Smith,
Hermes Number	120879
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Physical Description 1

The former Old Colonists' Hall, excluding the verandah, is a restrained Renaissance Revival composition. The ground floor is divided into four bays of shop fronts with a central arched entrance to the club rooms. The original shop fronts have been removed and replaced with a variety of later shop fronts; the right hand shop has some character - an elaborate design with bronze frames and leadlights. The banded piers dividing these shoppes and the elaborate treatment of the semi-circular arched clubrooms entrance have fortunately survived, as have the original bolection moulded entrance doors.

The fenestration of the upper floor is a simple repetition of elements, a structural representation of part incised piers supporting an arcade of semi-circular arches which is broken only by a central window section. This consists of a tabernacle motif capped by a segmental arch pediment over the front entrance which is flanked by engaged columns.

The parapet is notable for having two levels. The lower section comprises a bracketed cornice projected forward over the entrance. The upper level is elegantly balustraded and extends above only the two central bays and entrance. It is finished with pedestals and scrolls. The upper level flanks a central interrupted triangular pediment which houses the Old Colonists Association Coat of Arms in full relief. There are six urns located at each change in profile of the parapet.

The verandah, as discussed in the History, is a later addition. Early photographs show it first with no verandah and then with a single storey convex roof. The present verandah is constructed in two levels. The ground floor has slender iron Corinthian columns equally spaced except for iron frieze is of the narrower entrance bay. The fine decorative design specified by the City of Ballarat in 1908. The first floor comprises similar columns to the ground floor, only more slender. The balustrading employs an interesting alternate sequence of decorative iron panels and simple balusters. The iron frieze is enclosed and supported by decorative iron brackets with pendants. The roof is convex corrugated iron with a transverse triangular gablet enclosing an unusual decorative iron panel and capped with an elaborate iron finial.

At the rear of the building there is a first floor balcony off the billiard room with iron columns and a decorative frieze.

The interior is also of special interest. The entrance hall has an elaborate skylight with coved and ribbed surrounds and a rectangular lantern structure. The stairs have decorative iron balustrading with tiles and wood graining, recently redone, allegedly by the original craftsman.

The club rooms are on the first floor; the front rooms are still in an essentially intact but painted condition. The billiard room at the rear is also of special interest. The deeply coved cornices return elegantly over the fireplace.

There are large ceiling roses and smaller ventilating rosettes. ; There is much original furniture and equipment.

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