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# FORMER NATIONAL MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. OFFICES



Former National Mutual Insurance Co.



Former National Mutual Insurance Co - Film 1 / Frame 32 - Ballarat Conservation Study, 1978



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## Location

2 & 2B LYDIARD STREET SOUTH, AND 201-203 & 205 STURT STREET, BALLARAT CENTRAL - PROPERTY NUMBERS 2021013, 2038689, 2021012, 2030749, 2030750, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO62

## Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 29, 2024

**What is significant?**

**How is it significant?**

## Why is it significant?

Part of Recommended Area A1.1.

No SoS provided in this citation. Please refer to attachments sections in this place record for further information.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Ballarat Conservation Study, Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, 1978;
Construction dates	1905,
Architect/Designer	Clarke, John James & EJ,
Other Names	Shops,
Hermes Number	120901
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This imposing corner building was built in 1905 to the design of Architects J.J. & E.J. Clarke, and constructed in face stonework by Contractor P.Rogers. It is one of the most substantial commercial buildings constructed in Ballarat at this time, and represents the beginning of the early 20th Century eclecticism common 'in commercial buildings in Melbourne of this date.

The building is a sizeable composition with mixed Renaissance and Venetian Gothic characteristics, including recessed logias on the three upper levels, with trefoil Gothic arches to two levels and very unusual cusped stilted segmental arches on the top storey. From the roof projects an openwork octagonal structure, formerly domed with pinnacles at the corners.

Internally there is little of note, apart from a range of pressed metal ceilings of varying patterns on the first and second floors.

The building has been altered: The original verandah with paired columns has been replaced by an unsympathetic cantilevered awning, and the shopfronts modernised. There were originally three corner mansarded turrets capped by finials. The building however still provides a unique streetscape element; there appears to be no building of similar design, throughout the State of Victoria. It is substantially intact above ground floor level, and in good condition

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