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Ltd - Film 8 / Frame 16 -
Ballarat Conservation Study,
1978



56 Lydiard Street South

Location

56 LYDIARD STREET SOUTH, BALLARAT CENTRAL - PROPERTY NUMBER 2020993, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO171

Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 7, 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 and history sections in this place record for further information.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Ballarat Conservation Study, Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, 1978;
Construction dates	1869,
Architect/Designer	Cuthbert, CD,
Hermes Number	120913
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This building reputedly occupies the site of the first house constructed in Ballarat. The present building displays a combination of somewhat exotic medieval detailing and an unmodelled facade surface with a ground floor in which paired arched windows are divided by a Corinthian shaft (which, in the medieval fashion, is much slimmer than the springing). The failure to match the shaft at the sides of the openings gives a rather bizarre imbalance.

The entrance door has been replaced, but is surmounted by a flat pointed arch.

In the upper floor the windows are paired, divided by a full pier, and the arched heads are loosely reflected by the rising impost moulding of a nail head pattern which carries a hint of the Florentine or Venetian arch.

Finally a Gothic arcaded corbel table of Venetian/Lombardic derivation supports a cornice, on the face of which are small lions heads. The facade is in brick, now painted, but was probably polychrome.

This corner building is of considerable architectural interest. It terminates an extremely significant streetscape sequence, and provides an important corner component. It is substantially intact and in good condition.

Integrity

SIGNIFICANTLY INTACT

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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