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# Eureka Miners' Memorial and Soldiers' Memorial

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## Location

Corner Creswick Road and Macarthur Street BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The Diggers' and Soldiers' Eureka Memorials are of National Estate significance owing to their direct association with the Eureka Stockade insurrection of 3 December 1854, an event of major importance not just in Victoria's gold mining history but in the wider context of the history of Australia (Criterion A.4).

Construction dates 1856,

Hermes Number 126818

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The site consists of both the Miners' Memorial and the Soldiers' Memorial, together with a small number of marked graves. The memorials commemorate those gold diggers and members of the 40th and 12th Regiments who died as a result of the fighting at the Eureka Stockade on 3 December 1854. Erected in 1856, the Miners' Memorial is a grey sandstone obelisk surmounted by a draped urn; its base is made of bluestone. The obelisk is 3.3m high. It consists of several inscriptions including the names of many of the miners who died at Eureka. The

monument was presented to the people of Ballarat by James Leggatt of Geelong.

Constructed in 1879, the Soldiers' Memorial was erected through the efforts of parliamentarian, William Collard Smith, and journalist/historian, William Bramwell Withers, and consists of a freestone obelisk mounted on a pedestal and with marble slabs inserted on the east and west faces. The structure is about 4.3m in height. Each of the memorial enclosures is surrounded by a fence made with a bluestone base surmounted by cast iron work.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Commemorating significant events and people

## **Physical Conditions**

The condition of both memorials is good, although the Diggers' Monument does show some signs of deterioration. (July 1990)

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Commemoration

## **Veterans Description for Public**

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