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## East Ballarat Post Office (Former)



East Ballarat Post Office -  
Film 6 / Frame 20 - Ballarat  
Conservation Study, 1978

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### Location

21 Main Road, BAKERY HILL VIC 3354 - Property No 2021560

### Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO94

### Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 5, 2024

**What is significant?**

**How is it significant?**

**Why is it significant?**

Part of Recommended Area A1.5

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

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Ballarat Heritage Precincts Study, Dr David Rowe and Wendy Jacobs, 2006; Ballarat - Ballarat Conservation Study, Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, 1978;
Construction dates	1884,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department, Marsden, John Hudson,
Hermes Number	177831
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This building was constructed in 1884 to a Public Works Department design for a cost of £3,332. The drawings were initialled by J. Marsden. In 1885 the clock was added.

This building is very similar to the Shepparton Post Office of 1881 which exhibits a new decorative treatment on the familiar Italianate palazzo composition. After the austerity of William Wardell, who left the Department in 1878, and until 1885 post offices displayed more variety with new window decorations, polychrome brickwork and flattened arches, but they retained the palazzo forms. This building provides a typical combination of elements such as stilted segmental arches on cast iron columns, and Venetian/Florentine Gothic windows in the upper storey. The whole composition is still a simple classical form with a recessed arcaded loggia symmetrically placed on the ground floor.

This building, despite alterations including the painting of the polychrome brickwork, the removal of the roof slate and cast iron ridge decoration and the replacement with cement tiles, provides a significant corner streetscape element.

The picket and cast iron fencing is intact. The positioning of the new telephone boxes is inappropriate. This building would be greatly enhanced by a correctly and carefully organised restoration programme

## Intactness

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