
FORMER BAPTIST CHURCH



Baptist Church Dawson St.jpg

Location

9 / 3 Dawson Street South, BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350 - Property No 2007369

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0107

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO32

Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 5, 2024

What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

Ballarat Conservation Study, 1978

Part of Recommended Area A1.3.

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

Ballarat Heritage Review, 1998

No SoS provided. Please refer to History, Images and listings sections 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; Ballarat - Ballarat Heritage Review, Andrew Ward, 1998;
Construction dates	1866, 1908, 1959,
Architect/Designer	Doane, JA, James & Creber,
Hermes Number	178070
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Baptist Church is a fine example of the Victorian Classical style. The classical composition consists of a fluted Corinthian giant order portico attached to a facade with unfluted Corinthian pilasters on a represented ashlar carcass. This facade has an irregular arrangement of fenestration, consisting of blind tabernacle niches in the outer bays, and arched windows capped by broken pediments rising to a slightly greater height than the outer arches. A further central tabernacle niche rises higher still. The two entrance doors are placed below the arched windows. The entablature of the portico and the building proper is very refined with dentillations and modillions running up the pediment. The pediment itself is formed up on a timber frame in plaster. The composition, with a large classical portico, resembles that of the Baptist Church in Collins Street (The portico to this church was added in 1862 to the design of Reed and Barnes) which has similar giant Corinthian columns and glazed niches in the outer bays.

The interior is relatively intact and of a domestic character. The arched windows have vermiculated keystones and simple Georgian glazing bars. Above is a shallow moulded frieze surmounted by a line of foliated brackets carrying a deep cornice. A plain cove with circular vents runs into the flat of the ceiling which has a panel surrounded by rosettes in the centre of which are 2 large ventilating flowers (which formerly carried gas lamps).

At the east end there is a tabernacle arrangement, now chopped off at the base by the levelling of the floor, which formerly sloped to its lowest at this end. At the entrance there is a gallery which was possibly always infilled. The two pairs of double doors and the joinery is intact and varnished. From either side of the lobby rises the stairs to the gallery. The gallery itself is of interest with a screen wall which cantilevers out with timber brackets, and a solid panelled balustrade.

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