
FORMER STONES DEPARTMENT STORE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Location

2-4 MAIN ROAD BAKERY HILL, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0507

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 30, 2024

What is significant?

The area is first mapped as allotment 1, 2, and 3 of Section H in detail in the 1857 Revised Town Plan of Block A.B. C. D. The site was likely occupied prior as part of the first phase of the Ballarat Main Street development, due to its proximity to Ballarat West and the Gravel Pit alluvial fields. The area was occupied by Bradshaw, Solomon and Co drapery until 1863. By 1865 the site is listed as the Sun Hotel, which later changes its name to 'the Gin Palace' and the Ancient Briton Hotel'. In 1893 the hotel has ceased operation. Stone Department Store was opened in 1909 and closed in 1892.

How is it significant?

The site is of archaeological and historical significance.

Why is it significant?

The site is of historical significance as the location of an early residence and commercial premises during the years of the Victorian gold rush – one of the most significant rushes in world history. The site was likely occupied as a hotel from 1865 until 1893. The site is of archaeological significance due to its potential to contain artefacts, deposits and features associated with the commercial precinct of the early gold rush, and other later 19th-century commercial activities including a hotel.

Hermes Number 212333

Property Number

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