

FORMER UNION BANK BUILDING



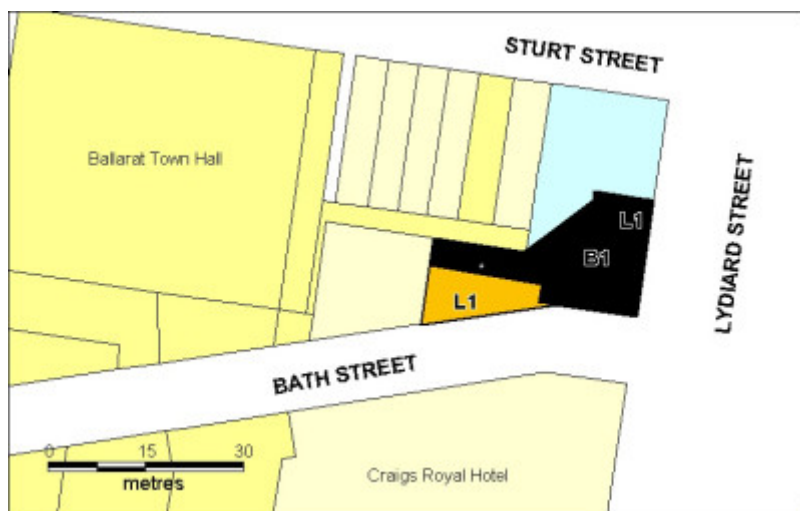
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Former Union Bank Building Ballarat Front View



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Location

4 - 6 LYDIARD STREET SOUTH BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0109

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO64

VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

Amendment to Registration

February 13, 2003

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 19, 2003

What is significant?

This former bank building was built in 1863-64 to the design of architect Leonard Terry. It replaced an earlier building that operated from 1857. The Union Bank disposed of the building in 1951 when it merged with the Bank of Australasia.

This two storey building constructed of stuccoed brick has a five bay facade. The fluted Doric columns of the ground floor colonnade are in the Greek manner, without bases. This colonnade is grandly matched by an upper floor colonnade of unfluted Corinthian columns supporting an entablature with dentillated cornice below a balustraded parapet. Behind the colonnades is a conventional Terry facade, with a rusticated ground floor of ruled masonry courses, and hooded windows in the piano nobile with projecting balconettes. The Greek revival character is maintained by the diagonal patterned transom lights above the entrance and the iron scroll work of the balconettes.

Internally the main rooms and circulation spaces have been maintained, including the large dogleg stair. Some joinery has survived, including unusual mouldings in a Roman style around several doors and windows. The first floor passageway has an elaborate cornice and the ceiling has a Greek frieze patterned border. On the ground floor a large nineteenth century safe door to the strong room has survived intact.

How is it significant?

The former Union Bank is of architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The former Union Bank is one of Terry's finest designs. Terry was a prolific designer for the major banks, and was architect for more than fifty bank branches, many designed in the Italian palazzo style. The Greek Revival character of this bank is expressed through the use of full Doric columns which is unmatched in any of Terry's surviving works in Victoria, although they were employed by Terry in his London Chartered Bank in Melbourne (demolished) and the former Union Bank in Launceston, Tasmania of 1865.

The former Union Bank is of historical significance as one of a number of banks in Ballarat designed by Leonard Terry. The bank demonstrates the historical importance of Ballarat as a gold mining town and is representative of the large number of institutions that established branches to service a thriving community founded on gold.

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Specific Exemptions:

General Conditions: 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. **General Conditions:** 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible. **General Conditions:** 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. **General Conditions:** 4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. **General Conditions:** 5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

Exterior

Minor repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.

Removal of any extraneous items such as air conditioners, pipe work, ducting, wiring, antennae, aerials etc, and making good.

Interior

Interior decoration to the main rooms which involves painting, papering and fitted floor finishes but no works which require the removal or covering of existing joinery, plasterwork and structure.

Alterations to the kitchen and toilets to the extent of new fittings and surfaces.

Installation, removal or replacement of smoke detectors

Installation, removal or replacement of electrical wiring if all new wiring is fully concealed and any original light switches, pull cords, push buttons or power outlets are retained in-situ.

Construction dates 1864,
Architect/Designer Terry, Leonard,
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,
Other Names HBA HOUSE,
Hermes Number 78
Property Number

Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 1995**, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended in that Heritage Register Number H109 in the category described as a Heritage place is now described as:

Former Union Bank Building, 4D6 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat, Ballarat City Council.

EXTENT:

1. All the land shown on Diagram 109 held by the Executive Director being Lot 2 of Plan of Subdivision PS449102N on Title Plan TP16556Y.
2. All the building shown on Diagram 109 held by the Executive Director.

Dated 13 February 2003

RAY TONKIN
Executive Director

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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.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>