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## Toll Gate



GW 33 - Shire of Northern  
Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage  
Study, 2004

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### Location

103 Western Highway GREAT WESTERN, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 1, 1997

What is Significant?

The former tollgate, now located at 316 Glenelg Highway, Delacombe is believed to date from c1864, and was previously located on the Glenelg Highway at Smythes Creek. It comprises one of two leaves of a wide double timber gate that now serves as the entrance to a farm. The gate is rectangular and constructed of a wooden frame featuring eight panels with eight internal lightweight timbers arranged in a cross pattern.

The gate is affixed to a much later post (made of a tree stump). The other half of the gate in place is modern metal. Neither of these elements are of significance.

How is it significant?

The former tollgate is of historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Ballarat.

Why is it significant?

The former tollgate is of historical significance as a rare surviving example of a tollgate, erected by the Borough of Smythesdale in c1864, to toll traffic along the Smythesdale - Ballarat Road. It is of further significance for its association with the 19th century practice of collecting tolls to fund road maintenance and improvement in colonial the locality and more broadly, Victoria. (Criterion A)

The former tollgate is of aesthetic significance gate constructed of hardwood and featuring a sturdy, yet decorative detailing of eight panels with eight internal lightweight timber crosses. (Criterion E)

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## Physical Description 1

The former Toll Gate is situated in the foyer of the Mechanics Institute complex, Western Highway, Great Western.

The modestly scale, horizontal weatherboard, rudimentary Victorian styled Toll Gate structure is characterised by a simple gable roof form. The main side is identified by an arched opening framed by a moulded timber architrave. A rounded corner bench projects at the front, with a panelled timber door opening in the centre. Crowning the opening of the arch is the title "Western Toll Gates", and within the structure is a reconstructed "Tolls Payable" sign.

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