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# FORMER WINDERMERE POST OFFICE

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## Location

109 WEIGHBRIDGE ROAD WINDERMERE, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0315

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Archaeological Significance	The Windermere Post Office site is of high archaeological significance as it provides the opportunity to examine the remains of a commercial building of the 19th century and will improve the information regarding both the lifestyle and commercial aspects of inhabitants living in the area.
Historical Significance	The site of the Windermere Post Office is of significant importance to the local history of Windermere. As an unofficial post office, it offers a glimpse into rural life in Windermere and the Ballarat region during the mid to late 19th century. Local landowners have indicated that the location of the post office at the corner of Blind Creek Road and Windermere-Sulky Road placed the building in a very strategic and central location within the area prior to the building of the Western Highway.
Interpretation of Site	The post office, not the building, was moved near to the Windermere school. Mail bags were brought to the Windermere train station where they were collected and taken to the post office. The post office was then moved closer to the Windermere Railway Station, to Mr and Mrs Tom Fletcher's Store known as Burrumbeet and Windermere Farmers cooperative. Mrs Fletcher and her daughter Ella were in charge of the post office until the Fletchers retired and Mr and Mrs Jack Palmer took over the dwelling.

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## History

The post office was built of bluestone and established as a small non-official post office on 1 September 1862. Mrs Anne Comber managed the Post Office between 1894-1913.

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