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# Chancery House



Chancery House - Film 1 /  
Frame 39 - Ballarat  
Conservation Study, 1978

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## Location

38 Lydiard Street South, BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350 - Property No 2021000

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO75

## Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

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## Statement of Significance

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**What is significant?**

**How is it significant?**

**Why is it significant?**

Part of Recommended Area A1.1.

No SoS provided in this citation. Please refer to the Attachments section 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;
Construction dates	1882,
Architect/Designer	Caselli & Figgis,
Hermes Number	177856
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This building, constructed in c.1880, is a neatly detailed composition of columns superimposed on masonry piers. To the ground floor, an inappropriate mode **entrance disrupts the continuous repetition of Roman doric columns. Above this** is a partially surviving doric frieze of triglyphs and metopes, then a dentillated cornice, and an upper floor of reduced Corinthian shafts on pedestals, between which are elegantly turned balusters. The upper windows are expressed as an arcade on piers running behind the columns, and the timber blind hoods are intact. This building provides an extremely important corner streetscape element.

Despite the disastrous alterations to the Lydiard Street facade, the building **reads as a well proportioned and refined Renaissance revival composition. The** Chancery Lane elevation is substantially intact. The facade composition resembles that of the State Bank, Sturt Street (of 1872), but the quoin stones, Roman doric columns and elegant balusters make this possibly more sophisticated.

It differs from the bank in being an almost square building with almost identical facade treatments to both elevations. The building would be significantly enhanced by the restoration of this section of the ground floor facade.

## Integrity

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