Victorian Heritage Database Report

Redan Prince of Wales store (former)





2 Albert Street Sebastopol

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Location

2 ALBERT STREET, SEBASTOPOL - PROPERTY NUMBER 2000573, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO223

Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Prince of Wales Store, situated at 2 Albert Street, Sebastopol to the extent of the 1860s fabric. The two-storey building is sited on a corner location and has a chamfered central bay highlighting the entrance and two main elevations, facing Albert and Rubicon streets, which are finished in a smooth render, while the secondary elevations are brick (overpainted). Below the parapet is a band of raised lettering, which stretches all the way around the two main elevations. It reads 'Redan Prince of Wales Store / Jermyn's / Prince of Wales Store.'

The cantilevered verandah and a single-storey wing on Rubicon Street appear to date from the mid-20th century and are not of significance.

How is it significant?

The former Redan Prince of Wales store is of historic, aesthetic and architectural significance to the City of Ballarat.

Why is it significant?

The former Redan Prince of Wales store is of historical significance as the earliest surviving two-storey store in Sebastopol, dating from the gold mining era of the town, erected on a prominent corner addressing the main thoroughfare and commercial centre of north Sebastopol. (Criterion A)

The former Redan Prince of Wales store is of aesthetic significance as a local landmark, by virtue of its prominent corner location and height, which provides a visual gateway to Sebastopol from the north. (Criterion E)

The former Redan Prince of Wales store is of architectural significance as a representative example of the more substantial commercial buildings erected in Sebastopol. (Criterion D)

Theme

5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

Heritage Study/Consultant Ballarat - Sebastopol Heritage Study (Stage 2), Context Pty Ltd, 2015;

Other Names Jermyn's,

Hermes Number 183806

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The former Redan Prince of Wales Store is a two-storey Victorian commercial premises situated on a prominent corner site. It addresses the corner with a chamfered central bay highlighting the entrance. The two main elevations, facing Albert and Rubicon streets, are finished in a smooth render, while the secondary elevations are brick (overpainted).

The upper floor has a blank window in this chamfered bay, flanked by two one-over-one sash windows each in the main elevations. All of the windows have very simple surrounds with stop-chamfering to the sides, and a projecting sill (possibly overpainted stone).

Above the windows is a band of raised lettering, which stretches all the way around the two main elevations. It reads: Redan Prince of Wales Store / Jermyn's / Prince of Wales Store.' The sign sits just above a simple moulded stringcourse and below a projecting moulded cornice. Above the cornice is a parapet with a curved motif above the corner section. It appears to have been greatly simplified in its details, probably during the 20th century.

The parapet is not high enough to conceal the roof, which retains early corrugated iron sheets. The roof terminates in a steep hip on the north side, and abuts a parapeted gable on the south.

The ground floor has been extensively altered during the 20th century; covered in small tiles (overpainted) and large timber shop windows installed. The cantilevered verandah and a single-storey wing on Rubicon Street appear to date from the mid-20th century.

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