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# FORMER CLEVE BROTHERS WHOLESALE MERCHANT AND FORMER METROPOLITAN HOTEL SITE

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## Location

221 MAIN ROAD GOLDEN POINT, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0530

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The site is first mapped as Allotment 18, 19 and 20 of Section Q on the 1857 *Revised Town Plan of Main Street* and shows two empty allotments, and a large structure occupied by the 'Cleve Bros'. The Ballarat East rate books and land sale information demonstrate the site was sold in 1856 and likely developed into a commercial store and hotel in addition to the Cleve Brothers establishing their wholesale establishment. Throughout the 1870s and 1880 premises were fronting Main Street, and to the east of Little Dodd Street, an 1880s Chinese Camp is mapped. Although -1m are shown in the Ballarat DEM, excavations on the Canadian Chancel show up to 3m of artefact rich fill to the north of the site.

### How is it significant?

The site is of archaeological of local historical significance.

### Why is it significant?

The site is of historical significance as the location of an early wholesale merchant and hotel during the years of the Victorian gold rush. The later nineteenth century shows the development and likely expansion of the site into a site of commercial/ residential occupation. The site has a known association with the early lower socio-economic community. The site is of archaeological significance due to its potential to contain artefacts, deposits

and features that relate to the establishment of commercial operations in the gold rush, and later 19th-century activities.

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