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# 100 & 104 BRIDGE STREET SITE (ALLOTMENT 4, SECTION F)

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## Location

100 & 104 BRIDGE MALL BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0506

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The area is first mapped as allotment 5, 6 and 7 of Section F Main Road Ballarat in the 1857 Revised Town Plan of Main Street. The site is within Ballarat's first commercial precinct and between two of the first alluvial gold fields mined in the initial rush. The site is significant as an initial gold rush commercial residential associated with the initial gold rush and will provide archaeological information about the occupation of high turnover premises throughout the late nineteenth century.

### How is it significant?

The site is of historical and archaeological significance.

### Why is it significant?

The site is of historical significance as the location of an early residence and commercial precinct during the years of the Victorian gold rush – one of the most significant rushes in world history. 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 other later 19th-century commercial activities

Interpretation of Site	Directories and Rate books should be reviewed to determine any phasing sequence. Based on comparisons of current street levels and an 1858 contour plan of Ballarat there is likely to be approximately 2m-4m increase in elevation across the site.
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## History

Allotment 5, 6 and 7 of Section F. Only Allotment 5 and 7 are listed in the 1850s and 1860s directories but both have a high turnover of occupants. A search of the directories demonstrated that there was a new occupant every year between 1857 and 1865. Occupants included a hairdresser, a hatter a jewellers and fancy goods and toy store.

Two cesspits are mapped to the south of the sites, in addition to shaft directly south of the fence line. Figure 2: 1857 Town Lot Plan of Main Road Ballarat East. Source: SLV The 1923 plan shows 100 and 102 Bridge Street with three cesspits to the south of the site, and no outbuildings. There are no cellars noted on the plan. Figure 3: 1923 Ballarat Sewerage Plan. Source: Central Highlands Water

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