
Synagogue



Synagogue Barkly St Princes St - Ballarat Heritage Review, 1998



Synagogue - Film 2 / Frame 31- Ballarat Conservation Study, 1978



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Location

4 BARKLY STREET, BALLARAT EAST, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0106

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO8

HO178

Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 9, 2024

What is significant?**How is it significant?****Why is it significant?**

Part of Recommended Area A4.1

No SoS provided in this citation. Please refer to the Attachements section in this place record for further information.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Ballarat Heritage Review, Andrew Ward, 1998; Ballarat - Ballarat Conservation Study, Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, 1978;
Construction dates	1861,
Architect/Designer	Cameron, TB,
Hermes Number	120405
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The foundation stone of the Synagogue was laid on .25 January .1861 and the building, designed by T. B. Cameron, was opened in 18 March 1861. The building was erected for the sum of £900. At a later date, two side wings were added and the face brick work unfortunately' rendered The building has a simple form with a front portico and elegant round headed windows. At the sides more round headed windows alternate' with Tuscan pilasters. Internally the Synagogue as an upper gallery surrounded by cast iron decoration. . The Synagogue is intact, and as a result of recent restoration is in good condition. It's uniqueness in Victoria amply justifies its inclusion on the Historic Buildings Register.

Intactness

INTACTNESS: substantially intact

Physical Description 2

The foundation stone of the Synagogue was laid on 25 January 1861 and the brick building, designed by T.B.Cameron was opened on 18 March 1861. 1861. for a cost of £900.

At a later date the two wings were added and the original face brickwork rendered (see pbotograph.H20S14, 1861 attached) . This may have been undertaken in 1886 when T.B.Cameron called for tenders for a new Synagogue or when renovations were carried out in 1903. The Synagogue was restored in 1961.

This building follows the pattern of old European Orthodox Synagogues which 'are distinctly different from the modern and more liberal Temples.

The building is constructed of brick and originally had only the pilasters pediment, window reveals and cornice rendeie4. Sadly all' the 'face brickwork .has now been rendered.

The building takes the form of a single rectangle with a portico supported on pairs of squared Tuscan column and pilasters. Hebrew lettering in the tympanum has a mysterious cipher-like quality and contributes to the building's intrigue. The portfolio and main building are roofed in slate Corner pilasters at the front support ad deep cornice. Elegant round headed sash windows, flanked by pilasters, complete the remainder of the building exterior.

Two small wings have been added on either side of the facade. These additions repeat the cornice pattern and continue a moulding incorporated beneath the front windows. Round headed openings to doors and windows match the original building. The additions, albeit sympathetic detract from the original simplicity of the building, as evidenced in the early, photo.

Internally the Synagogue has an upper gallery surrounded by cast iron decoration. Of note also are two silver plate candelabra crystal chandeliers dating from the 1860's.

This Synagogue is intact, and as a result of recent restoration, in good condition. Its uniqueness in Ballarat amply justifies its inclusion on the Historic Buildings Register

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