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# FORMER REID'S COFFEE PALACE



Reids Coffee Palace - Film 6 /  
Frame 35 - Ballarat  
Conservation Study, 1978



Reids Coffee Palace02 - View  
of Ceiling in Stairwell - Film 2 /  
Frame 12 - Ballarat  
Conservation Study, 1978

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## Location

128 Lydiard Street North BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0469

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO84

## 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 and History sections in this place record for further information.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Ballarat - Ballarat Conservation Study, Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, 1978; |
| Construction dates        | 1886, 1888, 1900,  |
| Architect/Designer        | Tappin & Gilbert, Tappin, Gilbert & Dennehy,                                 |
| Hermes Number             | 120894   |
| Property Number           |  |

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**Physical Description 1**

Reid's Coffee Palace was built by J .Reid on the site of his New York Bakery in two stages. The first was in 1886, architects being Tappin and Gilbert, and contractors Taylor and Ellis. The extensions were undertaken by Tappin Gilbert and Dennehy in 1888. The verandah would appear to have been built about ten year, later again. This building remained extraordinarily intact, both internally and externally until the property was sold in 1977, the furniture sold off and the whole building redecorated internally and externally. Externally the two stages' are clearly evident with two bracketted pediments surmounted by elaborate name plates and flanked by a balustraded parapet. The Edwardian balcony verandah with central gablet, densely patterned frieze iron and matching unusual triangular brackets is of interest. Internally the stairwell with its wonderful hand painted ceiling and wall panels, clerestory, glazing and entrance arch are perhaps of greatest importance. The building is intact, other than recent repainting and signs, and two shopfronts of the 1920's. Internally, only major items of interest have survived. The combination of the stairwell with the balcony verandah make this an important building of the Coffee Palace era, and unique on a state-wide basis.

**Integrity**

SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT

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