CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PARSONAGE (FORMER)



Congregational Church Parsonage - Film 6 / Frame 34 - Ballarat Conservation Study, 1978

Location

505 MAIR STREET, BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO90

Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 10, 2024

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

Part of Recommended Area A1.3

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Heritage Study/Consultant Ballarat - Ballarat Conservation Study, Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, 1978;

Construction dates 1862,

Architect/Designer Figgis, Charles Douglas,

Hermes Number 123546

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This building was constructed in 1862 at a cost of £1480. The architect was C.D.Figgis.

The building is predominantly Gothic in detailing - windows, gables and side en .There has apparently been some later work -"the art nouveau verandah balustrade and Queen Anne chimneys. The building is externally intact, other than the external stairs. It is important as an early example of Figgis' work in a domestic Gothic vein, and also as it forms part of a complex with the important Congregational Church and church hall. The iron balustrading is of particular interest.

Intactness

INTACTNESS:

Substantially intact

Physical Description 2

This building was being C.D.Figgis constructed in 1862 at a cost of 1480, the architect (Figgis and Caselli were responsible for the adjacent church almost twenty years later.) It is curious that in the same year J.A.Doane is responsible for a school hall/chapel on the same site.

The building is predominantly Gothic in detailing with pointed arched windows - the main gable with a loopy barge board and finial now truncated. The gabled parapet is continued in an elegant bell cast sweep to enclose the verandah.

A very interesting Gothic side door has been partially obscured by the later external stair. Non-Gothic elements are the bay window which has a dentillated cornice. The windows above are surmounted by a corbelled triangular window canopy with an. elaborate gable treatment. The apparently later banded chimneys are of a Quee~ Anne character. The balcony .has a cast iron balustrade..of unusual design with decorative iron terminations to the turned timber balustrade standards. The balustrade . is also presumably later, (possibly coinciding with the chimneys) and is a very good example of art nouveau work comprising two broad panels of a Viollet-le-Duc character.

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