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# House

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## Location

136 BANKIN STREET, LEARMONTH, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO180

## 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?**

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Ballarat Heritage Precincts Study, Dr David Rowe and Wendy Jacobs, 2006;
Hermes Number	160886
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Fine Arts Gallery, designed by Tappin, Gilbert & Dennehy, is built on a site provided by the government. Tenders were accepted from Harvey and Morison, Ballarat, in May 1888. Additions were undertaken in 1914 by Clegg Miller and Cameron, and in 1927. In 1967 the original, and until then intact, shopfronts and two unusual pyramidal verandahs were removed and replaced with blind windows to provide additional floor space for the Gallery. At ground floor there are heavy rusticated pilasters with a large segmental pediment over the entry. The first floor is divided into three bays by fluted engaged Corinthian Columns; the central bay is surmounted by a triangular segmental pediment which forms part of the balustraded parapet.

Internally the stone stairs and balustrading and front gallery ceiling are the most intact and interesting elements. This building is of importance historically, being an early provincial art gallery. It is also important as a large public building with its principal rooms upstairs, which is reflected in its external design. Its imposing scale, intact external finishes and impressive stairs combine to make this building one of state importance. It is an extremely important streetscape element.

## **Intactness**

### **SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT**

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