
300 MAIR STREET ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Location

106 MARKET STREET BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0460

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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This place is included on the Victorian Heritage Inventory, for its potential to contain historical archaeological remains associated with the settlement and growth of early Ballarat. Under the terms of the Heritage Act 2017 there is protection for all historical archaeological sites and objects in the state.

Archaeological Significance

As the result of Gov Hub preparatory excavation works at 106 Market Street Ballarat Central, approximately 15,000 historical artefacts were uncovered from the northeast corner of the site. Initial views suggest the archaeological remains likely comprise of a refuse or rubbish layer that has been deposited across the site and extending into the adjacent streets (Armstrong Street North). The site has potentially served as a civic tip or dump site at some time, or the material may have been introduced as a 'levelling fill' prior to later construction. The nature of the artefactual remains attributes the fill to the goldrush years, c. 1850-1870s with minimal modern disturbance to the north east corner of the site. No further archaeological remains of structures, foundations or other features were identified. This site demonstrates a medium level of archaeological significance.

Historical Significance	The 'levelling fill' comprises dense fragmentary remains of glass, ceramic, textile, leather and wood artefacts. From further historical research the site has the potential to identify the original location of the introduced fill. This site provides a good opportunity to understand the industries and daily lives of local Ballarat occupants, during the mid-nineteenth century.
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This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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