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# FORMER GRAIN, WOOL AND AUCTION STORE SITE

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## Location

411 & 401 MAIR STREET BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0545

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The site is first mapped as Allotment 3 and 4 of Section 5 on the 1852 Municipality of Ballarat Plan with the occupied being purchased by Eyre. The 1861 Gold Fields Plan shows no structures across the site. The site was occupied by a Grain, Wool and Auction store on the corner of Mair Street and Doveton Street and comprised a residence to the west of the site. There is a -1m to 1m elevation change between 1858 and 2019. Excavations within the roadway have revealed a timber bridge structure at 0.75m in depth. The site currently contains late twentieth century structures.

### How is it significant?

The site is of Historical and Archaeological significance.

### Why is it significant?

The site is of historical significance as the location of site in Ballarat West during the years of the Victorian gold rush. The later nineteenth century shows the development and likely expansion of the commercial and residential use of the site. The site is of archaeological significance due to its potential to contain artefacts, deposits and features that relate to the establishment of commercial operations and the exchange hotel in the gold rush, and later 19th-century activities.

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