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# FORMER WASHINGTON HOTEL AND CIRCUS SITE

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## Location

221 MAIN ROAD GOLDEN POINT, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0531

## 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 21, 22, 23 and 24 of Section Q on the 1857 *Revised Town Plan of Main Street*. The site shows the Washington Hotel Fronting Main Street, and the Washinton Circus to the west of the site, within Little Dodds Street. The site was likely developed as a residential commercial premises throughout the nineteenth century. The Ballarat DEM predicts approximately 0.5m of fill across the site, although excavations in proximity to the area show 3m of fill across the Canadian Channel.

### How is it significant?

The site is of archaeological of local historical significance.

### Why is it significant?

The site is of historical significance as the location of an early hotel and circus 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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