
FORMER LIMERICK HOTEL AND COMMERCIAL/ RESIDENTIAL SITE

Location

27-31 PEEL STREET SOUTH BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0516

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 30, 2024

What is significant?

The site is first mapped on the 1861 Gold Fields Plan of Ballarat No 1. The plan, shows two structures on the south east corner of the site. In 1865 the site was formally sold to assist in the remediation of Lake Como, a local nuisance. Lake Como likely formed as a result of the alluvial mining and later quartz mining of the area. The 1870s Panorama from Ballarat Town Hall shows the 'City of Limerick Hotel' which occupied the site until c.1890 a number of timber residences were also sold alongside the site in the 1880s. There are multiple descriptions of the filling of Lake Como with mining waste and rubbish, in addition to Hil's DEM showing 1m-3m of fill across the site demonstrating that archaeology is likely to survive under the current structures

How is it significant?

The site is of local historical and archaeological significance.

Why is it significant?

The site is of historical significance as the location of an early residence and commercial precinct during the years of the Victorian gold rush – one of the most significant rushes in world history. The site is of archaeological significance due to its potential to contain artefacts, deposits and features that relate to the establishment of commercial operations in the gold rush, and other later 19th-century commercial activities.

Hermes Number 212317

Property Number

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