

# FORMER BAPTIST CHURCH



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former baptist church ballarat front entrance



former baptist church ballarat columns



former baptist church ballarat portico steps



1 former baptist church ballarat front view



h00107 ballarat baptist plan

## Location

9/3 DAWSON STREET SOUTH BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0107

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO32

## **VHR Registration**

October 9, 1974

## **Amendment to Registration**

March 11, 2004

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - March 11, 2004

What is significant?

The Former Baptist Church, 3 Dawson Street, Ballarat, was designed by Ballarat architect J.A. Doane, begun in 1866-67 and completed externally in 1875-79. The Baptist Church is located in a church precinct dating from the 1860s, close to the intersection of Sturt and Dawson Streets, which is dominated by St Patrick's Cathedral and Hall as well as St Andrew's Kirk on the other side of Sturt Street and the former Congregational Church in Dawson Street. The church was renovated in 1891, 1910 and again in 1933. In 1958 further internal changes were made. A new pulpit and panelling in front of the choir stalls were dedicated in September 1959. The stuccoed main facade features a double storied, pedimented prostyle portico on fluted Corinthian columns. The main wall is faced with giant Corinthian pilasters supporting the parapet and continuous entablature and is infilled with ashlar masonry and blind pedimented openings. The bluestone side walls have not been rendered. The church is largely intact externally. The window and door openings survive. The exterior has been painted white and internally the platform, pews, baptistry, choir stalls and sloping auditorium floor have been removed, and a mezzanine floor introduced.

How is it significant ?

The Former Baptist Church, 3 Dawson Street, Ballarat is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Former Baptist Church, Ballarat, is architecturally significant as a rare example of a substantial church in the classical revival style.

The Former Baptist Church, Ballarat is architecturally significant as one of a small group of Baptist churches in this style and is externally the most intact.

The Former Baptist Church, Ballarat is architecturally significant as one of J. A. Doane's most important works and is of note particularly for the fine detailing of the pedimented portico.

The Former Baptist Church, Ballarat is architecturally and historically significant as part of one of the finest religious precincts in Victoria, constructed in the 1860s from the prosperity due to the gold discoveries.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

**General Conditions:** 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. **General Conditions:** 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such works shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible. **Note:** All archaeological places have the potential to contain significant sub-surface artefacts and other remains. In most cases it will be necessary to obtain approval from Heritage Victoria before the undertaking any works that have a significant sub-surface component. **General Conditions:** 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. **Note:** The existence of a Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan endorsed by Heritage Victoria provides guidance for the management of the heritage values associated with the site. It may not be necessary to obtain a heritage permit for certain works specified in the management plan. **General Conditions:** 4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. **General Conditions:** 5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authorities where applicable.

Construction dates            1866,

Architect/Designer            Doane, JA,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 64

Property Number

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## History

Associated People:

## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 1995**, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 107 in the category described as a Heritage place is now described as:

Former Baptist Church, 3 Dawson Street, Ballarat, Ballarat City Council.

### EXTENT:

1. All of the building marked B1 on Diagram 107 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land marked L1 on Diagram 107 held by the Executive Director.

Dated 11 March 2004

RAY TONKIN  
Executive Director

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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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*