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# Ballarat East Fire Station Tower



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## Location

20-22 Barkly Street,, BALLARAT EAST VIC 3350 - Property No B4924

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

File only

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1001

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Ballarat Fire Brigade Tower, designed by prominent local architect Henry Caselli, was constructed in 1864 by William Cowland, builder and brigade volunteer. Lack of funds prevented the Engine House from being constructed to Caselli's design, the existing Engine House officially opened in 1916, recalls the earlier structure (1858) which it replaced.

The Ballarat Fire Station is historically significant as one of the few remaining examples of nineteenth century fire stations and is possibly the oldest in Victoria.

Formed in 1856, the brigade was the first to be established in Ballarat, and was progressive in its use of new fire

fighting technology being the first in Victoria to use a steam fire engine and install electric street fire alarms. The Ballarat Fire Station is of architectural significance demonstrating outstanding application of brick masonry as both a decorative and structural material in the octagonal tower in particular, with its combination of arcaded corbel tables and angled bricks. The tower in combination with the boldly articulated and complementary Engine House forms an unusual and sophisticated ensemble of buildings.

The Ballarat Fire Station is of further historical significance in its ability to demonstrate the size and pre-eminence of the Ballarat region in the state of Victoria.

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