
Former Ballarat Post Office



B0289 Post Office Ballarat

Location

2 Lydiard Street and Cnr Sturt Street,, BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350 - Property No B0289

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1018

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 26, 2004

This is the third Post Office constructed on or near this site. This building was designed by the Public Works Department in two stages. The principal building facing Sturt Street was opened on 28 November 1864. The Lydiard Street section, (formerly Public Offices and Tower was commenced in 1885) Subsequent alterations have occurred: the colonade on the south facade was filled in by 1912 and the ramps to the central entrance changed to two ramps serving the two end openings, which were also modified. The building is constructed in two sections. The earlier Sturt Street building of 1864 is an Italianate Composition with arcuated windows to the upper floor. The hipped roof is broken by a series of projecting cylindrical roof

vents. This design is echoed in the later Lydiard Street section of 1885 which includes a carriage entrance with the tower above. The tower introduces other design elements, particularly the Northern European Renaissance dormer windows and roof. The building is generally intact with the exception of the removal of the slate and iron ridging from the roof, the various alterations to the Sturt Street facade and the unsympathetic paint work. The building is important as a complex designed by the Public Works Department and is a major streetscape element in an important location.

Classified: 11/12/1956

Revised: 03/08/1998

File note 2010: Current use - Arts campus for University of Ballarat.

Other Names University of Ballarat Arts Campus,

Hermes Number 67460

Property Number

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