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# Sir Bertram Mackennal - Queen Victoria Monument



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## Location

Sturt Street,, BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350 - Property No B7272

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Queen Victoria Monument, Ballarat, is a key component of Sturt Street in Ballarat, a notable streetscape of the late Victorian era. It represents a pivotal element in the extensive series of public art forms erected during the late nineteenth century in the heyday of Ballarat and added to during the twentieth century.

The Queen Victoria Monument is an over life size statue mounted on a freestone pedestal containing four bronze relief interpretive plaques. It is situated in front of the Ballarat Town Hall, a prominent position on the wide notable picturesque boulevard of Sturt Street. The presence of the monument in the notable Sturt Street gardens precinct together with other significant statues is of importance.

The Queen Victoria Monument at Ballarat is historically significant as a fine example of a tribute to the reigning monarch, initiated by citizens, on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee, prior to her death. It reflects the fervour of the citizens of the town that played an important role in the development of the State of Victoria during the latter half of the nineteenth century.

The Monument is important for its aesthetic characteristics in that it displays a combination of excellent examples

of the artistry and technical skills of the sculptor E.B. MacKennall. These elements are evident in design, carving, and in casting of relief modelling.

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## Physical Description 1

The statue is 330cm in height and 145cm in width at its base. It is carved from Sicilian marble. The Queen is represented in royal regalia with a sceptre and an orb that is surmounted with a bronze winged victory figure. It is mounted on a freestone pedestal 275cm in height resting on a 30cm stepped basalt base. On the four sides of the pedestal are inserted bronze bas relief plaques depicting highlights from the Queen's reign: The Accession 1837; The Coronation 1838; The Diamond Jubilee 1897; Signing the Constitution of the Australian Commonwealth 1900. Photographs of the unveiling 1900 show a white marble, which is now stained to grey tones.

## Intactness

The monument is currently intact and in a reasonable state of preservation. There is surface mould on most surfaces and some disintegration of pointing. Some chipping is evident on the pedestal. As a result of oxidation green metallic stain has emanated from the bronze plaque settings. All surfaces require expert cleaning.

*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.*

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