

# BALLARAT SCHOOL OF MINES (FEDERATION UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA)



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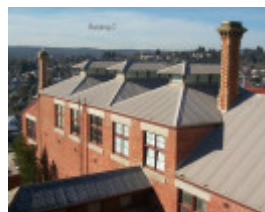
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1882\_Supreme Court  
Bldg.jpg



Building P, Former Wesleyan Chapel, later School of Mines Museum..jpg



Building B, W J Gribble Building, former School of Technical Art.jpg



Building C, Old Chemistry Building.jpg



Building F, Former Supreme Court.jpg



Buildings D, E Former Gaol Governor's Quarters, Walls and Gateway.jpg



Building G, E J T Tippett Building.jpg



Building H and I, Corbould Building, Automotive Skills Centre.jpg



Building K, M B John Building.jpg



Building J, A W Steane Building (Former Junior Technical School).jpg



Building O, Old Plumbing Building.jpg



Building P, Former Wesleyan Chapel, later School of Mines Museum (rear).jpg



Building N and L, Flecknow Building, E J Barker Building.jpg



Landscape elements.jpg



Landscape elements (2).jpg



2017.jpg



1976.jpg



c1980s.jpg



1899, Drawing (front elevation) for Administration Building, former new classrooms building (Building A).jpg



c1950s\_School of Mines.jpg



c1961\_Ballarot Gaol.jpg



Significance Diagram.jpg

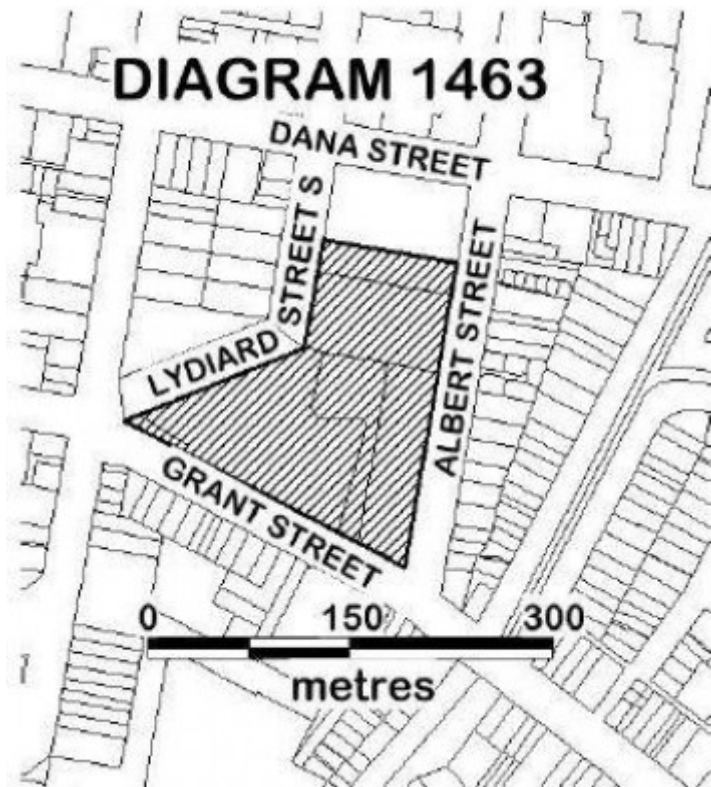


Diagram 1463.JPG

**Location**

107 LYDIARD STREET SOUTH BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

**Municipality**

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1463

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0454

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO54

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

October 11, 2018

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 3, 2023

### What is significant?

The Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia) on a site of approximately 2.8 hectares in Ballarat Central, including buildings, subterranean fabric, and landscape area. These include but are not limited to the Buildings 'C' (Old Chemistry Building); 'P' (Unistyle Hairdressing Building); 'A' (Administration Building); 'B' (W. J. Gribble Building); 'D' (portions of gaol buildings, walls and the courtyard they surround); 'E' (portions of gaol buildings, walls and the courtyard they surround); 'F' (former Supreme Court); 'O' (Old Plumbing Building); 'J' (A. W. Steane Building); 'L' (Flecknoe Building); 'N' (E. J. Barker Building); deep-lead mining tunnels below Building 'P'; bluestone 'former gaol culvert' to the west of Building 'F'; gaol basement spaces and fabric below Building 'G' (E. J. T. Tippet Building); tunnel between Buildings 'F' and 'E'; former Model Mine shaft to immediate east of Building 'C'; Former Junior Technical School's Memorial Garden; Norfolk Island Pine and Canary Island Palm trees within the Former Botanic Garden; the area of the Former Botanic Garden itself (also known as 'System Garden' or 'Von Mueller Garden'); and the terraced layout of the Former Gaol Produce Garden area.

### How is it significant?

The Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia) is of architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria. It satisfies the following criterion for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register:

#### Criterion A

Importance to the course, or pattern, of Victoria's cultural history.

#### Criterion D

Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places and objects.

### **Why is it significant?**

Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia) is significant at the State level for the following reasons:

The Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia) is historically significant as the oldest remnant of a school of mines in Victoria and in Australia. Its association since 1870 with a curriculum featuring in turn mining, art and technical education, university education and vocational training is evident in documentary resources and in the diverse physical fabric of the place. The Victorian, Federation, inter-war and early post-WWII institutional buildings of the complex collectively demonstrate its transformation in parallel with Ballarat's development from burgeoning goldfields township into a regional city. The Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia) has a clear association with the process of goldfields mining and engineering educational institutions evolving into centres of further education. This association is understood better at the Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia) than at most other places in Victoria with substantially the same association. [Criterion A] The Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia) is architecturally significant and demonstrates most of the principal characteristics of the class of further education campuses since the 1870s. It is a notable example of the class as demonstrated through its combination of purpose built and adapted buildings featuring a range of construction eras and built forms and spread over a diverse topography. The Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia) also includes fine two-storey brick and rendered buildings along the former School of Mines' boundary on Lydiard Street South which contrast with buildings constructed at later periods across the balance of the campus. [Criterion D]

## **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:**

Permit Exemptions

#### **Theme**

8. Building community life

Construction dates 1870, 1885,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Other Names SCHOOL OF MINES,  
Hermes Number 77  
Property Number

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## History

The Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia) was established at Lydiard Street South in 1870 to provide training in the techniques required by deep-lead mining to miners and mine managers from the surrounding goldfields. Since that time earlier buildings have been adapted for educational purposes including parts of the Ballarat Gaol complex built in 1858-62, a portion of the original Wesleyan reserve, the 1869 former Supreme Court building and the 1858 former Wesleyan Chapel. Many additional buildings have been constructed across the site in response to changing educational needs. The collection of buildings on the Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia) campus reflects the evolution and development of the site from 1858 until the early twenty-first century. The brick two-storey Old Chemistry building (Building C), the first portion of which was constructed in 1885, is the earliest surviving purpose-built School of Mines building on the site.

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## Assessment Against Criteria

Criterion

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Criterion A]

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Criterion D]

## Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the **Heritage Act 2017**, I give notice under section 53 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by modifying a place in the Heritage Register:

Number: H1463

Category: Registered Place

Place: Ballarat School of Mines (Federation University Australia)

Location: 107 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat Central

Municipality: Ballarat City

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1463 encompassing all of Crown Allotments 1, 1A, 1B, 2 and 2A, Section 9A, Township of Ballarat, and all of Lot 1 on Title Plan 745204.

Dated: 11 October 2018

STEVEN AVERY  
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.*

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