

BUILDING TITLE SHOP, 24, 26 BRIDGE ST.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF BALLAARAT

NATIONAL ESTATE PROJECT No.
DOCUMENTATION OF LISTED HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN VICTORIA

DESIGNATION H.B.P.C. REGISTER No. NATIONAL TRUST ☒ ☒ FILE No.

BUILDING TYPE SHOP
BUILDING NAME
STATE VICTORIA
LOCAL GOVT AREA CITY OF BALLAARAT
STREET BRIDGE No. 24, 26
SUBURB/TOWN BALLARAT C.B.D.
CITY BALLAARAT POSTCODE 3350
RURAL
NEAREST CENTRE Km.

TITLE REFERENCE Vol Fol
DIRECTORY
NEGATIVE FILE FILM B / FRAME 18

PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION
DATE OF SURVEY/INSPECTION JULY 1978



OWNERSHIP ORIGINAL
PRESENT 24- FRANCOS THEAL, 1 GRANDVIEW AVE WENDOUREE
ADDRESS 26-J.H. EDWARDS PTY LTD, 27 MELBOURNE RD. BALLAARAT

ARCHITECT/PRACTICE
BUILDER
ARTISANS/TRADES

TENDERS REFERENCE
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1890 (DATE ON PEDIMENT)
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE
ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS 1937, 1938 SHOPFRONTS ALTERED

BUILDING CITATION

This pair of shops, constructed in 1890, has an intact ornate upper facade. The first floor is represented as a masonry piano nobile with arched triple windows, with the central arch stilted, a Norman device used in a Renaissance vocabulary. The arches are supported on elaborate ancones, and at the window sill line there are ornamental square sectioned urns. The facade is broken vertically by pilasters terminating in a short fluted block, topped by two paterae. A cornice with a fine line of dentillation divides the two floors.

The upper floor is less ornate but has unusual square bosses at the springing of the archivolt. The central window keystones carry triglyphs above, providing a rudimentary indication of a doric frieze above. This is surmounted by a bracketed cornice with a balustraded parapet with intact garlanded balls.

The ornate upper facade of this building embodies the diverse elements of boom classical architecture, with architectural elements combined in an imaginative way. It is an important streetscape element, is in good condition, and the upper floors are relatively intact. The modernised shop fronts, the illuminated sign at first floor level, and new awning detract from the integrity of the building.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of the National Estate and be specified under Clause 8 of the Town & Country Planning Act.

DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

- 01 GOVERNMENT RECORDS
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02 BALLARAT CITY COUNCIL BUILDING PERMITS BOOK,
SHOPFRONTS ALTERED 1937-38

06 PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM, BALLARAT LIBRARY (919.453 BAL)
PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS VERANDAH INTACT.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

ASSESSMENT OF LISTING

CONDITION/INTEGRITY OF BUILDING INTACT OTHER THAN SHOPFRONT AND
SIGNIFICANCE OF BUILDING VERANDAH

LANDSCAPE/STREETSCAPE/ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE PART OF RECOMMENDED
AREA 31.1.

DOCUMENTATION JACOBS LEWIS VINES DATE SEPTEMBER 1978
ARCHITECTS