

BUILDING TITLE BALLARAT HOTEL
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 HOTEL
BUILDING NAME BALLARAT HOTEL
STATE VICTORIA
LOCAL GOVT AREA CITY OF BALLAARAT
STREET BRIDGE ST. No. 92
SUBURB/TOWN BALLARAT C.B.D.
CITY BALLAARAT POSTCODE 3350
RURAL
NEAREST CENTRE Km.

TITLE REFERENCE Vol Fol
DIRECTORY
NEGATIVE FILE FILM 2 / FRAME 7

PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION
DATE OF SURVEY/INSPECTION JULY 1978



OWNERSHIP ORIGINAL C.O. STRAKER / NORTH GRANT HOTEL
PRESENT BALLARAT BREWING CO. LTD
ADDRESS 309 DANA STREET, BALLARAT

ARCHITECT/PRACTICE
BUILDER
ARTISANS/TRADES

TENDERS REFERENCE
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1893/94
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE
ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS 1961 - CORNER WINDOWS AND ENTRANCE
DOOR ALTERED

BUILDING CITATION

This building, constructed in 1893/94 for Mr.C.O.Straker, replaced an earlier timber hotel constructed in 1857 and burnt down on the 26th March 1893. It was originally the North Grant Hotel, but in 1934 the name was changed to Centen Hotel and in 1960 it became the Ballarat Hotel.

The building has unusual arcaded chimneys, and a late window treatment with stilted segmental arches, more common of the 1880's. The string courses, hood moulding and rendered painted band work provide interest and serve to lighten the design.

The rendered signwriting strip at ground floor level has been covered by an inappropriate large fascia, which destroys the continuity of the facade. The corner entrance has been altered, with two large windows replacing smaller windows and doors. An early illustration shows the building with the original facade intact. The corner awning is a later addition.

This corner building is an important streetscape element, with the upper two floors intact, in good condition and of imposing design and detailing. The inappropriate alterations at ground floor level destroy the original design conc

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 and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

- 01 GOVERNMENT RECORDS
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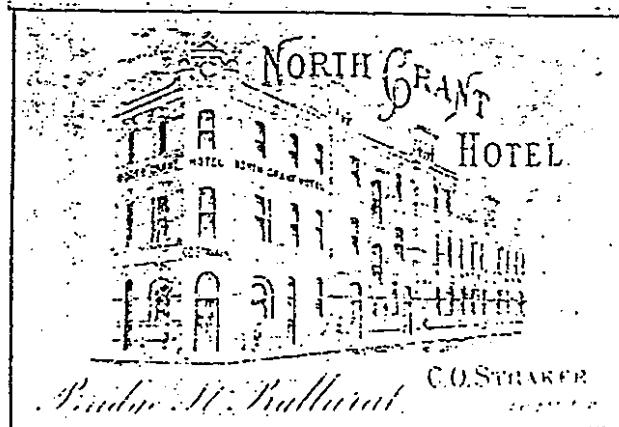
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08 LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION RECORDS

06 BALLARAT AND VICINITY (SHOWN BELOW)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. BALLARAT AND VICINITY 1894. P 205
2. J. HARGREAVES 'BALLARAT HOTELS PAST AND PRESENT' TYPESCRIPT JAN 1943.



ASSESSMENT OF LISTING

CONDITION/INTEGRITY OF BUILDING UPPER 2 FLOORS EXTERNALLY INTACT

SIGNIFICANCE OF BUILDING

LANDSCAPE/STREETSCAPE/ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE PART OF RECOMMENDED AREA A1.4

DOCUMENTATION JACOBS LEWIS VINES DATE SEPTEMBER 1978

ARCHITECTS