

BUILDING TITLE PRATT'S WAREHOUSE  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF BALLARAT

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

DESIGNATION H.B.P.C. REGISTER No. NATIONAL TRUST (C) 02 FILE No.

BUILDING TYPE WAREHOUSE  
 BUILDING NAME PRATT'S WAREHOUSE  
 STATE VICTORIA  
 LOCAL GOVT AREA CITY OF BALLARAT  
 STREET CAMP (CN2 MAIR) No.  
 SUBURB, TOWN BALLARAT CBD  
 CITY POSTCODE 3350  
 RURAL  
 NEAREST CENTRE Km.

TITLE REFERENCE Vol Fol  
 DIRECTORY  
 NEGATIVE FILE FILM 6 / FRAME 23

PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION  
 DATE OF SURVEY/INSPECTION JULY 1978

OWNERSHIP ORIGINAL MCDOWALL & GRAY  
 PRESENT J.R. & J.G. PRATT  
 ADDRESS 209 DOVETON ST, BALLARAT

ARCHITECT/PRACTICE J.A. DOANE  
 BUILDER  
 ARTISANS/TRADES

TENDERS  
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION  
 ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE  
 ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

REFERENCE

BUILDING CITATION

This warehouse was built for McDowall & Gray in 1869 to the design of J.A. Doane, Architect. Constructed in bluestone, the facades are detailed with pronounced stone quoins, voussoirs and projecting keystones above the doors and windows. The windows to the Camp Street elevation are partially infilled, possibly at a later date. Four corner chimneys are expressed as pedestals with two false chimney pedestals on the main street facade. A parapet connects the two chimneys on the Camp Street facade, and serves to balance the elevation.

The interior is substantially intact. The top and basement have intact whitewashed bluestone rubble walls. The ground floor rubble walls are painted. The ground and top floors are supported by 250 mm square chamfer stopped timber columns, with carved capping plates to the under side of the beams. The top floor has four intact corner fireplaces and a clear roof span supported by trusses, with the underside of the slate exposed. The flooring throughout is original, and the basement has random basalt paving and is sound and dry.

This corner warehouse building resembles comparable warehouses in Melbourne which have all been demolished. The elegant design and fine detailing of the exterior, and the substantially intact interior combine to produce a unique corner warehouse building. It forms a strong corner streetscape component.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this building be added to the Historic Buildings Register the Register of the National Estate and be specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

## DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

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- 01 GOVERNMENT RECORDS
- 02 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS
- 03 ARCHIVES/CATALOGUES
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06 MITCHELL LIBRARY, HOLTERMANN COLLECTION  
F992 XXV BHPA VII C1874 (BUILDING VISIBLE  
IN BACKGROUND)

05 VERNON COLLECTION CONTRACT SIGNED  
4 DEC 1868.

02 COUNCIL PLATEBOOKS 1870  
3016 McDOWALL & GRAY OWNER/OCC. STONE STORE #18  
3018 LISTER & ARGIE MERCHANTS STONE SHOP & STORE;

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## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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### ASSESSMENT OF LISTING

CONDITION/INTEGRITY OF BUILDING SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT

SIGNIFICANCE OF BUILDING

LANDSCAPE/STREETSCAPE/ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE PART OF RECOMMENDED  
AREA A1.1.

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DOCUMENTATION JACOBS, LEWIS VINES DATE SEPTEMBER 1978  
ARCHITECTS