

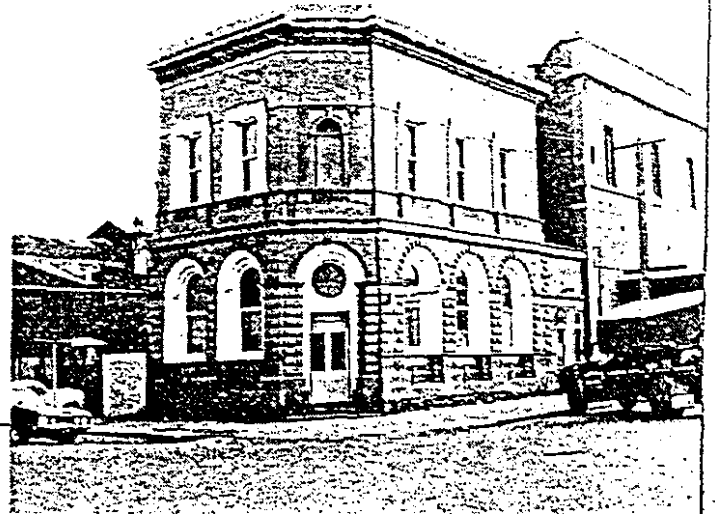
BUILDING TITLE **FORMER GAS COMPANY OFFICE**
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA **CITY OF BALLAARAT**

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

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

BUILDING TYPE **OFFICE**
 BUILDING NAME **FORMER GAS CO.**
 STATE **VICTORIA**
 LOCAL GOVT AREA **CITY OF BALLAARAT**
 STREET **GRENVILLE No. 2**
 SUBURB/TOWN **BALLARAT C.B.D.**
 CITY **BALLAARAT** POSTCODE **3350**
 RURAL
 NEAREST CENTRE Km.

TITLE REFERENCE Vol Fol
 DIRECTORY
 NEGATIVE FILE **FILM 6 / FRAME 11**



PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION
 DATE OF SURVEY/INSPECTION

OWNERSHIP ORIGINAL **BALLARAT GAS COMPANY / OFFICES**
 PRESENT **COUNSEL CHAMBERS PTY. LTD / MENS**
 ADDRESS **26 LYDIARD ST. SOUTH** **HAIRDRESSER**

ARCHITECT/PRACTICE **CASELLI & FIGGIS**
 BUILDER
 ARTISANS/TRADES

TENDERS
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION **1870.**
 ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE
 ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

REFERENCE

BUILDING CITATION

This office building was constructed in 1870 for the Ballarat Gas Corporation to the design of Caselli & Figgis. An early photo survives of the building in its original condition - the window pediments have subsequently been removed, and the facade painted. The building is a pleasing double storey composition on masonry piers with rusticated base course to impost height and matching voussoirs. Within the ground floor arcade a second order is visible surrounding the door and windows. A blind tabernacle with shell motif occupies the splayed corner at first floor level. A delicate dentillated cornice and eaves brackets support a surprisingly plain parapet which may have been stripped.

The overall detailing and use of architectural motifs (e.g. circular transom light, rusticated piers, use of double orders) closely resembles those employed on 54 Lydiard Street. It is possible that Caselli & Figgis were responsible for these two buildings.

The effect of this building has been dramatically changed by the alterations. However it forms an important corner streetscape element in an important precinct, and is in good condition.

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

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- 08 PRIVATE RECORDS

02 BALLARAT RATEBOOKS

- 1875/76 FIGGIS, S. SEC. BALLARAT GAS CO. BRICK OFFICE, LEWIS ST £100
- 1870 " " " " " GAS WORKS GRENVILLE ST £100
- 1870 " " " " " GAS WORKS GRENVILLE ST £100
- 1868, 69 NO ENTRY GAS CO OFFICE, LEWIS ST. £2000

06 BALLARAT ILLUSTRATED c1920 P 10 EARLY PHOTO

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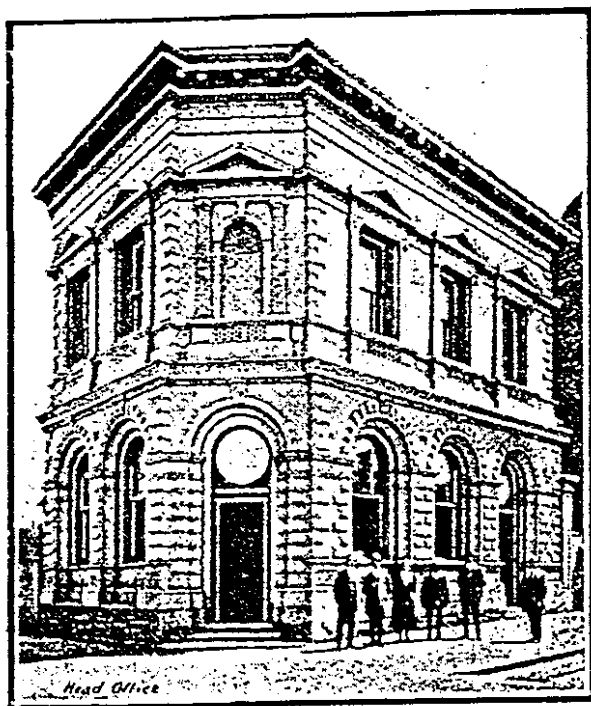
ASSESSMENT OF LISTING

CONDITION/INTEGRITY OF BUILDING PARTIALLY INTACT

SIGNIFICANCE OF BUILDING

LANDSCAPE/STREETScape/ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE PART OF RECOMMENDED AREA A1-2.

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Early photograph from *Ballarat Illustrated* c.1920.