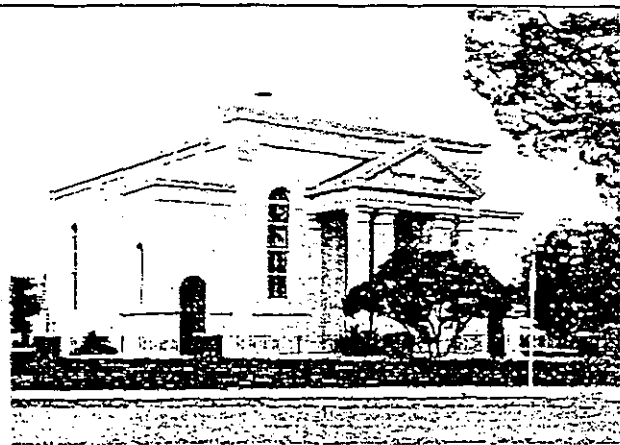


BUILDING TITLE SYNAGOGUE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF BALLAARAT

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

DESIGNATION H.B.P.C. REGISTER No. 106 NATIONAL TRUST (C) ☒ FILE No.

BUILDING TYPE SYNAGOGUE  
BUILDING NAME SYNAGOGUE  
STATE VICTORIA  
LOCAL GOVT AREA CITY OF BALLAARAT  
STREET BARKLY No.  
SUBURB/TOWN BALLARAT EAST  
CITY BALLAARAT POSTCODE 3350  
RURAL  
NEAREST CENTRE Km.



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PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION  
DATE OF SURVEY/INSPECTION JULY 1978

OWNERSHIP ORIGINAL TRUSTEES BALLARAT HEBREW CONGREGATION  
PRESENT TRUSTEES BALLARAT HEBREW CONGREGATION.  
ADDRESS

ARCHITECT/~~PRACTICE~~ T. B. CAMERON.  
BUILDER  
ARTISANS/TRADES

TENDERS  
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1861  
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE £ 900  
ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS FACE BRICKWORK RENDERED, SIDE WINGS ADDED.

#### BUILDING CITATION

The foundation stone of the Synagogue was laid on 25 January 1861, and the building, designed by T.B.Cameron, was opened on 18 March 1861. The building was erected for the sum of £900. At a later date, two side wings were added and the face brick work unfortunately rendered. The building has a simple form with a front portico and elegant round headed windows. At the sides more round headed windows alternate with Tuscan pilasters. Internally the Synagogue has an upper gallery surrounded by cast iron decoration. The Synagogue is intact, and as a result of recent restoration, is in good condition. Its uniqueness in Victoria amply justifies its inclusion on the Historic Buildings Register.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this building be retained on 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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## ASSESSMENT OF LISTING

CONDITION/INTEGRITY OF BUILDING SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT.

SIGNIFICANCE OF BUILDING

LANDSCAPE/STREETScape/ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE PART OF RECOMMENDED AREA A4.1

DOCUMENTATION JACOBS LEWIS VINES DATE SEPTEMBER 1978.

ARCHITECTS

## SYNAGOGUE, BARKLY STREET

### BUILDING ANALYSIS AND DESCRIPTION

The foundation stone of the Synagogue was laid on 25 January 1861 and the brick building, designed by T.B.Cameron was opened on 18 March 1861. 1861 for a cost of £900.<sup>1</sup> At a later date the two wings were added and the original face brickwork rendered (see photograph.H20514, 1861 attached). This may have been undertaken in 1886 when T.B.Cameron called for tenders for a new Synagogue<sup>2</sup> or when renovations were carried out in 1903. The Synagogue was restored in 1961.

This building follows the pattern of old European Orthodox Synagogues which are distinctly different from the modern and more liberal Temples. The building is constructed of brick and originally had only the pilasters, columns, pediment, window reveals and cornice rendered. Sadly all the face brickwork has now been rendered.

The building takes the form of a single rectangle with a portico supported on pairs of squared Tuscan columns and pilasters. Hebrew lettering in the tympanum has a mysterious cipher-like quality and contributes to the building's intrigue. The portico and main building are roofed in slate. Corner pilasters at the front support a deep cornice. Elegant round headed sash windows, flanked by pilasters, complete the remainder of the building exterior.

Two small wings have been added on either side of the facade. These additions repeat the cornice pattern and continue a moulding incorporated beneath the front windows. Round headed openings to doors and windows detract from the original simplicity of the building, as evidenced in the early photo.

Internally the Synagogue has an upper gallery surrounded by cast iron decoration. Of note also are two silver plate candelabra crystal chandeliers dating from the 1860's.

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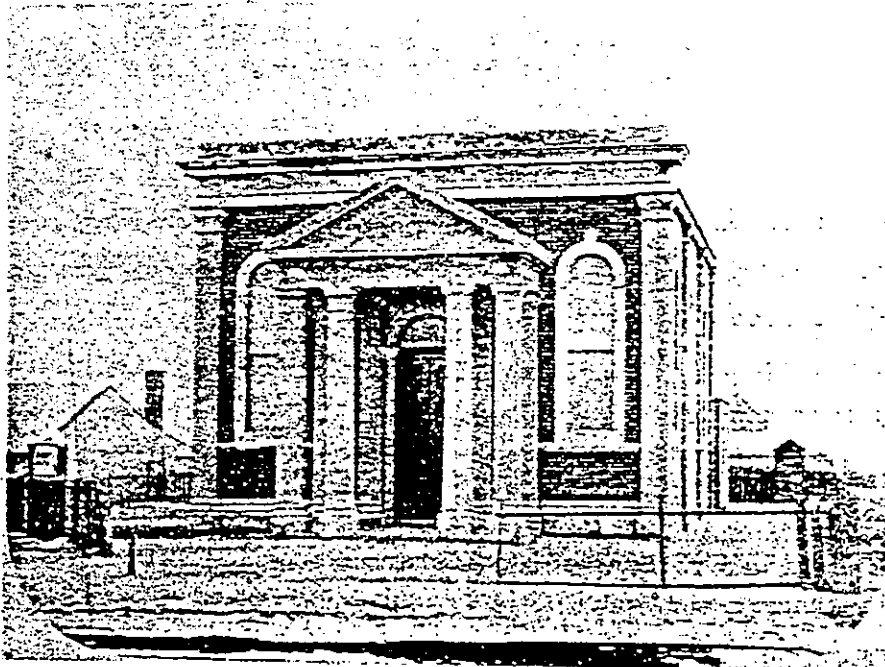
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SYNAGOGUE, BARKLY STREET (contd.)

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