

BUILDING TITLE NATIONAL BANK
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) (R) FILE No.

BUILDING TYPE BANK
BUILDING NAME NATIONAL BANK
STATE VICTORIA
LOCAL GOVT AREA CITY OF BALLAARAT
STREET LYDIARD (NORTH) No. 5
SUBURB/TOWN BALLARAT C.B.D.
CITY BALLAARAT POSTCODE 3350
RURAL
NEAREST CENTRE Km.

TITLE REFERENCE Vol Fol
DIRECTORY
NEGATIVE FILE FILM 8 / FRAME 6

PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION
DATE OF SURVEY/INSPECTION JULY 1978



OWNERSHIP ORIGINAL NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA
PRESENT NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA LTD.
ADDRESS

ARCHITECT/PRACTICE LEONARD TERRY
BUILDER
ARTISANS/TRADES

TENDERS 24.12.1861; 28.8.1862
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1862-63.

REFERENCE ARGUS 24.12.1861
28.8.1862

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE £7272.7.10.

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS INTERNAL ALTERATIONS; L.H.S. WINDOW WAS
ORIGINALLY A DOOR; NEW FRONT DOORS.

BUILDING CITATION

This building constructed in 1863 to the design of Leonard Terry, Architect, is the only gold fields branch of this bank that has traded continuously up to the present day.

The ground floor is rusticated, and the circular lights above the door and window transoms (used only on this bank in Ballarat) are an elegant reflection of the shape of the arcading. The whole composition is surmounted by a prominent cornice, and despite the extra height of this building, it blends well with the two banks on either side.

The building forms part of an important streetscape of four Leonard Terry banks. The grouping of these buildings is unique to the State of Victoria. The extra height of the National Bank, provides a variety of scale to the streetscape. The building is in good condition. Apart from the unsympathetic green-grey paint colour which disrupts the continuity of the streetscape, the alteration to the door (now a window) and the new entrance door, this building is externally intact. The interior has been altered.

RECOMMENDATIONS

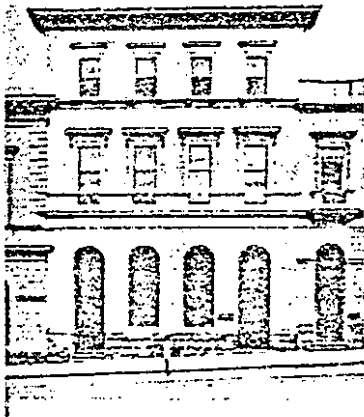
It is recommended that this building be added to the Historic Buildings Register, the Register of the National Estate, and be specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

- 01 GOVERNMENT RECORDS
- 02 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS
- 03 ARCHIVES/CATALOGUES
- 04 ARCHITECTS INDEX
- 05 ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS/ILLUSTRATIONS
- 06 PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS
- 07 NATIONAL TRUST FILE/ HISTORIC BUILDINGS PRESERVATION COUNCIL FILE
- 08 PRIVATE RECORDS

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• SEE REF 1 BELOW.

08 NATIONAL BANK ARCHIVES.



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2. H. TROPPE 'LEONARD TERRY & SOME OF HIS BANKS'
B. ARCH. UNIV. MELB. 1970.
3. B. TRETOWAN 'A STUDY OF BANKS IN VICTORIA 1851-1939' FOR THE H.B.P.C. DEC 1976.
4. ARGUS 24. 12. 1861; 28. 8. 1862; 13. 11. 1862
5. LOURIER 27. 4. 1968. p 19.

ASSESSMENT OF LISTING

CONDITION/INTEGRITY OF BUILDING SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT

SIGNIFICANCE OF BUILDING

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

DOCUMENTATION JACOBS LEWIS VINES DATE SEPTEMBER 1978.

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BUILDING ANALYSIS AND DESCRIPTION

A branch of this bank was opened on February 16, 1859,¹ and it was the first of many branches opened in the gold fields: It is the only one that has traded continuously up to the present day.

Tenders were called on December 24th, 1861,² and again on August 28th, 1862,³ by Architect Leonard Terry. On November 13th, 1862⁴ tenders were called for fittings. No original drawings of the building survive but a plan is recorded in the original premises book.⁵

The ground floor is rusticated, and a plinth course cuts through the architraves to meet the window guards in a similar fashion to the Bank of New South Wales, 13-15 Lydiard Street. The circular lights above the door and left hand window transoms are an elegant reflection of the shape of the arcading. The window to the left was originally a door.

The first floor windows are surmounted by hoods supported on consoles; the upper floor is treated at a reduced scale, but with hooded instead of attic windows. The whole composition is surmounted by a prominent cornice, and despite the extra height, the design compliments the other Terry bank buildings on either side.

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1. *National Bank of Australasia Ltd. Souvenir of the Jubilee of the Bank*
 2. *Argus* December 24, 1861. 1858-1908 Melbourne 1909, p.44.
 3. *Argus* August 28, 1862.
 4. *Argus* November 13, 1862.
 5. This is discussed in H. Troppe *Leonard Terry and Some of his Banks* 1970. p.77.

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BUILDING ANALYSIS AND DESCRIPTION

This building forms part of an important streetscape of four Leonard Terry banks. This grouping of buildings is unique to the State of Victoria. The added height of the National Bank provides a diversity of scale to this group. Apart from the unsympathetic green-grey paint colour, the alteration to the left hand door, (now a window), and the new entrance doors, the building is intact externally. It has been altered internally.