

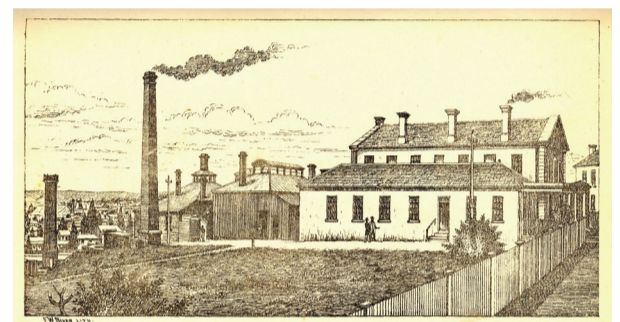
# Ballarat School of Mines

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*Claim of the Waterloo Mining Co., Golden Point, Ballarat* [artist unknown]  
The church on the horizon is now a part of the SMB campus and is currently used by the School of Hairdressing

Classes commenced in the former Circuit Court House in Lydiard Street with 21 students enrolling in **1871**. Initially subjects were offered in Mining Engineering, Chemistry, Assaying and Mining Surveying. In **1910** the name changed to Ballarat School of Mines and Industries reflecting the growth of trade subjects.



Ballarat School of Mines [former Circuit Court House], with laboratories at rear, and gauge tower a far left.

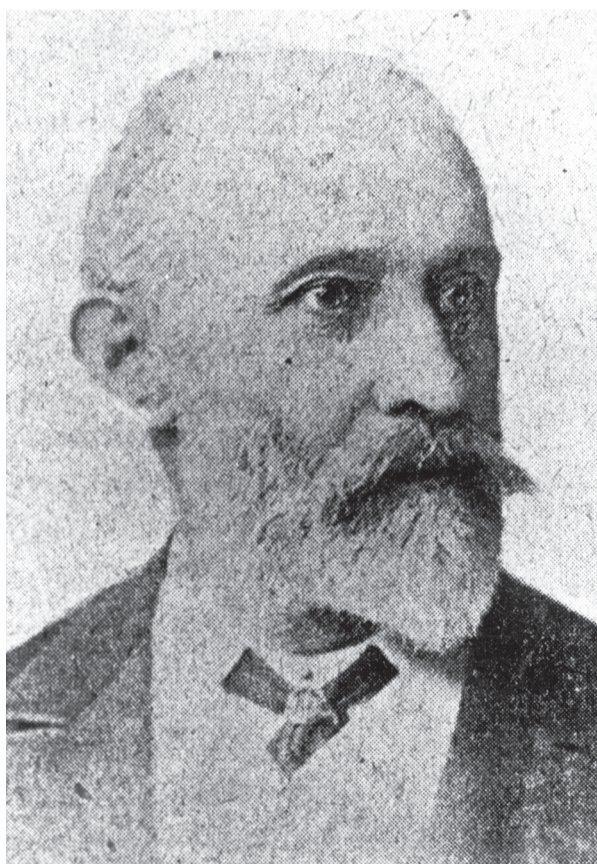
As the Ballarat School of Mines continued to grow, wider ranging courses were established. Over the years proof of the standard of the School's education was reflected by enrolments from around the world, and continual calls upon the School for skilled help to supply mine managers, engineers, assayers, and geologists, even from as far-off as South Africa. Many famous mining fields around the world were established by SMB Associates such as William Corbould.



School of Mines Students c1901

In **1998** the Ballarat School of Mines (a TAFE College including Ararat TAFE) and the Wimmera Institute of TAFE were incorporated into the University of Ballarat.

**Following the extensive gold rushes of the 1850s Ballarat's mining moved to deep underground leads requiring massive machinery (often steam-powered). Qualified miners were much sought after, leading to a meeting of the Ballarat Mining Board in 1869 at which it was decided to establish A School of Mines, Australia's first technical education institution.**



Harrie Wood moved the motion to establish a School of Mines at Ballarat.



Judge Warrington Rogers

Sir Redmond Barry [Chief Justice of Victoria] was elected first President, Judge Rogers [Mining Court of Ballarat] as Vice President, with Somerville Learmonth [squatter] and Rivett Henry Bland [Port Phillip Mine Manager] as trustees.

**The Constitution stated:** The primary object of the School is to impart instruction in the various branches of science relating to mining, mine management, mine surveying, and mine engineering.