FORMER BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES



former bank of nsw view street bendigo entrance



former bank of nsw view street bendigo window detail



former bank of nsw view street bendigo rear view



H0403 former bank of nsw view street bendigo

Location

27 VIEW STREET BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0403

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO265

VHR Registration

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

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The View Street premises of the bank of New South Wales were erected in 1866-67. The building was designed by Leonard Terry, and the builders were Langridge and Whitney. Leonard Terry, one of Victoria's leading architects of the time executed almost all of the bank's new work in the state between 1860 and 1868. Apart from the Bendigo branch, he also designed the Castlemaine, Geelong, Ballarat, Daylesford, Chiltern and Eaglehawk premises of the Bank of New South Wales. In 1879, while in partnership with Percy Oakden the firm was also responsible for the design of the Mansfield branch. The design of the Bendigo branch is a simple and elegant example of the Italianate style. The rendered finely detailed and finely proportioned facade, which was originally symmetrical employs arched door and window openings at the ground level while the upper level windows are square headed. A typological analysis of banks broadly falling into the "conservative classicism" category has revealed that the ground floor articulation of the subject building is unique in Victoria. The gold smelting house which was an integral part of the original gold buying office still stands behind the bank. Although the smelting equipment has been removed, the structure is still intact and serves as a link with Bendigo's gold mining past. As is the case with most banking premises, the interior has undergone considerable alterations and defacement, and at present only minor fragments of the original finishes and fittings remain.

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must <u>notify</u> the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions here.

Construction dates 1866,

Architect/Designer Terry, Leonard,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 143

Property Number

History

Associated People:

Extent of Registration

No. 403. Former Bank of New South Wales, 21 View Street, Bendigo, to the extent of the total external shell of the building together with the roofline, chimneys and as much of the interior as is included in sight lines from the streets, also to the extent of the external shell of the former smelting room and the chimney attached thereto. [Victoria Government Gazette No.59 13 July 1977 p.2294]

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/