

FORMER BENDIGO GAS WORKS



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1 former bendigo gas works
bendigo rear view oct1992



former bendigo gas works
bendigo residence office



former bendigo gas works
bendigo silo mar1989



H0781 plan

Location

8-32 WEEROONA AVENUE BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0781

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO294

VHR Registration

August 29, 1990

Amendment to Registration

September 11, 1991

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 1, 1999

The former Bendigo Gas Works were established by the Bendigo Gas Company in 1860 and operated continuously until the introduction of natural gas in 1973. The Bendigo Gas Works were amongst the first in the colonies and were constructed by Messrs George White and Co of Melbourne. Expansion of the works occurred during the 1860s and 1870s, but from the 1890s they experienced difficulties caused in part by falling gas consumption and rising costs. The retort house and gas distribution system underwent significant improvements between 1923 and World War II. Further upgrading of the plant occurred after purchase by the Gas and Fuel Corporation in 1958.

The former Bendigo Gas Works is the only coal gas production plant to survive in Victoria. The plant represents 113 years of coal gas production and major plant components including twentieth century modifications remain intact.

The Bendigo gas works are of architectural and historic importance for the following reasons:

1 as the last and technologically most complete gas works in Victoria, having operated continuously from 1860 to 1973.

2 as a substantially complete example of the town gas process which was associated with towns and cities in Victoria in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

3 for the quality and technological design attributes of the plant's various elements - notably the retort house, the gasholders and associated equipment.

4 it is an important monument to black coal gas production in Victoria during the nineteenth century.

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 [notify](#) 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](#).

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| Construction dates | 1860, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Other Names | Gasworks, |
| Hermes Number | 147 |
| Property Number | |

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 781.

Former Bendigo Gas Works, Weeroona Avenue, Bendigo

Extent:

1. All of the buildings known as the Bendigo Gas Works, Weeroona Avenue Bendigo at the time of registration; and

2. All of the land shown hatched in the plan held by the Department of Planning and Housing (labelled Attachment 8114758A) which is the land described in Certificates of Title Volume 541 Folio 129, Volume 863 Folio 424, Volume 3352 Folio 231, Volume 6589 Folio 511, Volume 9412 Folio 624 and part of Crown Allotment 14A being part of the land more particularly described in Conveyance Book 794 No. 431.
[Victoria Government Gazette No. G35 11 September 1991 pp.2545-2546]

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/>