

BENDIGO CIVIC PRECINCT



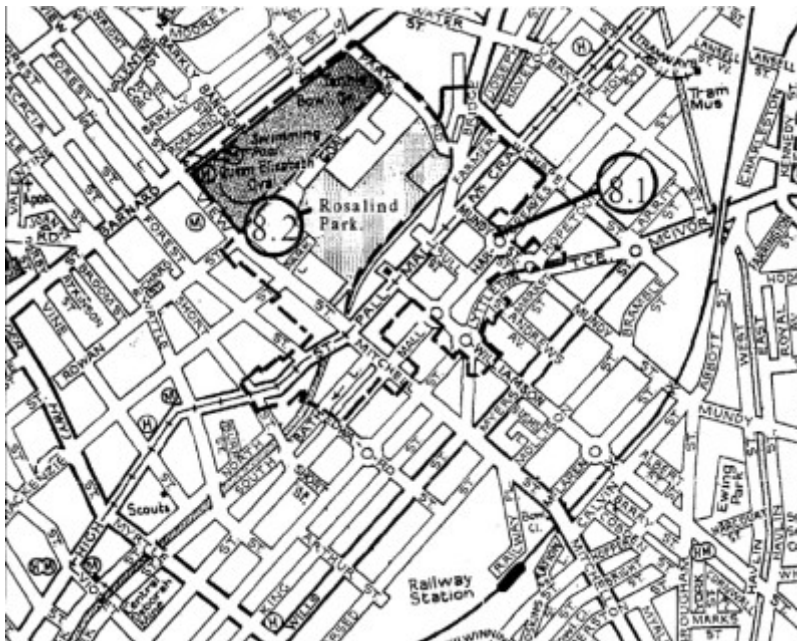
Pall Mall



View Point



View Street



Map - Bendigo Commercial & Civic

Location

HARGREAVES STREET BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO3

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 30, 2023

What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

This precinct contains some of the most historically and architecturally important sites in the study area. It comprises an innovative town plan design, overlaid by early transport routes, both road and rail, and augmented by strategically placed buildings which provide the foci for views and town squares. Its architecture is largely classically derived and shares attributes of scale, siting and finish, within the commercial building type, which offers a high visual cohesion in streetscapes which contain sites created 50 years apart. It also contains the built civic beginnings of the town, in the form of both Colonial and municipal government buildings and has always been the regional focus as a cultural and recreational centre.

The central place of the Government Camp and the relative height of this area made for a settlement over a long period of many of the wealthiest and most influential figures in Bendigo's history. The scale of individual buildings, the street layout and the later plantings distinguish this area from the old mining areas. This is a distinctive area in registering the lifestyle of the wealthiest mining investors and leading professional and commercial figures in Bendigo. The area has many individually significant civic and private buildings and forms a precinct with few parallels amongst zones of elite residence throughout Victoria. The wealth of Bendigo in its heyday and the aspirations to become a great city are best displayed in this precinct.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1850,
Other Names	former Bendigo Commercial and Civic Precinct,
Hermes Number	161911
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Key Sites

Clement's (c1859) now Metropolitan Brazerie, 50 Bull Street 1860

Commercial Hotel, 71 Bull Street 1868

Bendigo Municipality's Alexandra Fountain, Charing Cross 1881

James Lamsey's Store, 69 Farmer Lane 1885

James Brierly's Specimen Cottage, 178-180 Hargreaves Street 1856- 61

Royal Mail Hotel, 264 Hargreaves Street 1895

Thomas Connelly's 'James Connelly Store', 2 High Street 1877

Jean Loridan's City Family Hotel, 41 High Street 1872

Young Mens Christian Assoc. (Y.M.C.A.) Building 121 High Street 1908

Bendigo Municipality's City Hall, Lyttleton Terrace 1859-86

Joseph Abbott's Edinburgh Tannery, 265 Lyttleton Terrace 1881-

Sandhurst Mechanics Institute & School of Mines & Industry, McCrae Street 1864,1873

Niagara Hotel, 116-130 McCrae Street 1864

Black Swan Hotel 117 McCrae Street 1873

Heffernan's Albert Hotel 129-131 McCrae Street 1873

Backhaus Estate Trustees Plaza Theatre, 12 Mitchell Street 1934

Backhaus Estate Trustees Backhaus Building, 14-22 Mitchell Street 1931C

Johnson Morley & Co Department Store, 23 Mitchell Street 1910

Denton's Store, 24 Mitchell Street 1887

Wootton Lansell'S Buildings, 31-33 Mitchell Street 1905

M.u.i.o.o.f Hall, 47 Mundy Street 1865-

Soldiers Memorial Institute and Honour Roll, Pall Mall 1921

Victorian Colonial Government's Bendigo Post Office, Pall Mall 188-7

Victorian Colonial Government's Bendigo Law Courts, Public Offices, Pall Mall 1890-96

Bendigo Council Conservatory, Pall Mall 1898

The Beehive Store, 18 Pall Mall 1872

National Bank of Australasia, 28 Pall Mall, 1887

Colonial Bank, 32 Pall Mall 1887

Bendigo Council's Conservatory Pall Mall 1898

The Beehive Store 18 Pall Mall 1872

Alfred & Sloman Joseph's Shamrock Hotel, 48 Pall Mall 1897

Alex Bayne's Exchange Hotel, 56 Pall Mall 1874

Benjamin Batchelder's Photographic Studio, 70 Pall Mall 1865

Shop & Residence, 84 Pall Mall 1876c

Alexander Bayne's Corner House' 88-90 Pall Mall 1875

Joseph & Aaron Woolfs Freemasons Hotel, 112-114 Pall Mall 1858

William Webb's Golden Eagle Flour Mill & Granary, 2 Queen Street 1878

Robert Bugg's Photographic Studio, 16 Williamson Street 1886

'Bendigo Independent' Office, 38-40 Williamson Street 1875

Cumberland Hotel 56 Williamson Street 1870c-

Physical Description 2

Contributory Streets

Bath, Edwardian, brick, stucco

Bull, Victorian, brick

Hargreaves, Victorian, Edwardian, brick, stucco

High, Victorian, Edwardian, brick, stucco

Howard, Victorian, stucco

Mitchell, Victorian, Edwardian, brick, stucco

McCrae, Victorian, Edwardian, stucco

Pall Mall, Victorian, Edwardian, stucco

View, Victorian, Edwardian, stucco

Typical characteristics are attached siting (zero setbacks), two- storey scale, parapeted rectilinear roof lines and symmetrical arrangement of wall openings. Post-supported street verandahs were once common for the Edwardian and Victorian era commercial buildings.

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