

## FORMER WEIGHBRIDGE HOTEL



South and east elevations, Lockwood Road and Dunlop Lane respectively, c. 1980s (Source: Ruth Hopkins, *Moving Forward, Looking Back: the History of the Marong Shire*, 1985, p. 59).



South and east elevations (2010).



Detail of south elevation.



Rear (north) elevation.

### Location

12 LOCKWOOD ROAD, AND 2 / 12 LOCKWOOD ROAD, KANGAROO FLAT - PROPERTY NUMBERS 199110,214529, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO517

### Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Weighbridge Hotel is a single-storey brick building located at the corner of Lockwood Road and Dunlop Lane in Kangaroo Flat. It is constructed to the south and east property boundaries. The west portion of the building (shops) is of recent origin. The hotel was constructed in 1875. Its name relates to the former weighbridge opposite. The building has a chamfered corner entry bay, with door. There is another door to the south elevation, which is flanked by two windows. There are a further three windows to the Dunlop Lane elevation. All the window and door openings in the original hotel component to Lockwood Road and Dunlop Lane appear original or early, while later openings have been made to the rear (north) elevation. The original hotel walls are built in a variant of English bond with one header course for every three stretcher courses.

### How is it significant?

The former Weighbridge Hotel is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

### Why is it significant?

The former Weighbridge Hotel (1875) is historically significant (Criterion A) as an example of a hotel built during the early years of the development of Kangaroo Flat, prior to its proclamation as a township in 1886. The former hotel also survives as one of nine hotels in Kangaroo Flat included in the Liquor Register of Licensee renewals in December 1884. The name recalls the weighbridge which was historically located opposite the property, now demolished.

The former hotel is also of aesthetic/architectural significance (Criterion E). It is a surviving hotel of the Victorian period which is similar in its low proportions and chamfered corner, and details including the brick-patterned and recessed parapet, and cambered head double-hung sash windows, to a number of historic hotels in the former Rural City of Marong and the goldfields region more generally.

The distinctive parapet treatment with recessed upper courses and dog-tooth or detail brickwork is also common to hotels and shops in the Kangaroo Flat area and is something of a local signature (Criterion D).

## Theme

### 5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

Heritage Study/Consultant Greater Bendigo - Heritage Policy Citations Review, Lovell Chen P/L, 2011;

Construction dates 1875,

Hermes Number 184789

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The former Weighbridge Hotel is a single-storey brick building located at the corner of Lockwood Road and Dunlop Lane in Kangaroo Flat. It is constructed to the south and east property boundaries (zero setbacks). The

west portion of the building (shops) is of recent origin.

The former Weighbridge Hotel itself has a chamfered corner entry bay, with door. There is another door to the south elevation, which is flanked by two windows. There are a further three windows to the Dunlop Lane elevation. All the window and door openings in the original hotel component to Lockwood Road and Dunlop Lane appear original or early, while later openings have been made to the rear (north) elevation. The window to the east of the corner entry door is a double hung sash, with two panes to each sash. The upper panes are framed by a moulded and arched timber plate, suggesting that it may be earlier than the other window openings, which are double hung timber framed sashes with cambered headers. The original hotel walls are built in a variant of English bond with one header course for every three stretcher courses. The bricks walls are overpainted.

There is a stepped parapet to the south and north elevations, with a bracketed projecting course of headers surmounted by stretcher bricks, topped by a further course of headers set back. The parapet continues to the recent addition to the west. Behind the parapet, and with generally limited visibility, is a galvanised steel-clad pitched roof (to the original hotel component). There are three chimneys, including two mounted flush with the five step parapet rear wall. This suggests that this south elevation and the roof it screens were alterations, possibly of the period c.1900-20s. The timber-framed skillion-roofed verandah to the south (front) elevation facing Lockwood Road is of recent origin

A skillion roofed rear addition to the original hotel, evident in the c. 1980s image (see page 1), has been demolished. The rear yard is paved in asphalt. The property appears generally to be in sound condition.

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