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## Former Old House at Home Hotel



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Former Old House at Home Hotel, pictured in August 2008



Former Old House at Home Hotel, west elevation, note tall corrugated sheet metal boundary fence



Former Old House at Home Hotel, north elevation, viewed from Camp Road

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### Location

610 Bendigo-Pyramid Road, WOODVALE VIC 3556 - Property No 198489

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO840

### Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is significant?*

The former the Old House at Home Hotel is a single-storey brick hotel that is believed to have 1860s origins. The brickwork is stuccoed to the west (front), north and south elevations, with a recessed panel for signage in the parapet and a prominent surmounting pediment with acroteria. The north (side) wall has a stepped profile; the south (side) wall does not. The west elevation has a central door and flanking windows. The (non-original) southern window opening comprises three double-hung sashes; the northern window is a single double-hung sash with a projecting sill. Despite the modification to the southern window, the parapet, pediment and central door give the building a sense of symmetry. The verandah was previously supported on square concrete columns and pedestals (possibly timber), dating to the inter-war period. The present verandah, the top of whose square timber posts are visible above the tall fence, has been installed since 2008.

### *How is it significant?*

The former Old House at Home Hotel is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

### *Why is it significant?*

The former Old House at Home Hotel (built from the 1860s), on the Bendigo-Pyramid Road opposite Quinn's Road at Woodvale, is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance. It is historically significant (Criterion A) through its association with the gold rushes that underpinned European settlement of the area from the 1850s, being established to service miners at the nearby Red Flag diggings. The former hotel is approximately 1km from the former Royal Hotel and is one of several hotels that once existed on the Bendigo-Pyramid Road. The location of the hotel also provides evidence of the historic centre of Woodvale; other buildings in the vicinity included the former Red Lion Hotel to the south and a butcher's shop directly opposite (both demolished). The former Old House at Home Hotel was the last operational hotel in Woodvale, being delicensed in 1970. The majority of hotels in the area had been delicensed by 1930. Aesthetically and architecturally (Criterion E), the former hotel is significant as a compact and symmetrical brick building with a pronounced parapet and prominent triangular pediment, with a deep recessed frieze and pediment designed to carry signage. In these respects it is not typical of historic hotels, but relates more to single-storey parapet-fronted retail and commercial buildings in goldfields towns and elsewhere in Victoria, built from the 1860s into the early twentieth century. Modifications, including the replacement verandah, have not significantly compromised the capacity of the building to demonstrate the original design intent. The former hotel is also prominently located on the Bendigo-Pyramid Road, opposite the intersection with Quinn's Road.

## Theme

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

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

Construction dates 1860,

Hermes Number 184960

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The former the Old House at Home Hotel is a single-storey brick hotel that is believed to have 1860s origins, albeit some later modifications to the building frontage/facade. The hotel is located to the south-west of a large landholding in generally flat open countryside on the east side of the Pyramid-Bendigo Road, opposite Quinn's Road at Woodvale. Since 2008, a tall corrugated sheet metal fence has been erected around the property, obscuring views from publically accessible vantage points. Only the parapet, pediment, verandah roof, chimney and some sections of the external walls are visible. A second structure, possibly the stables, is screened from view.

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The hotel was adapted as a private residence in 1970 and appears to have been extended at the rear. Evidence indicates that the brick and stone stables referred to in the 1998 citation are extant. However, the corrugated iron fence obscures views.

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