
Bridge Street North Precinct



Bridge Street streetscape



106 Bridge Street



80 Bridge Street



86 Bridge Street

Location

62-112 & 81-125 BRIDGE STREET and 3 BAYNE STREET and 23-29 NOLAN STREET and 62, 78 & 80 ARNOLD STREET BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO893

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Bridge Street North, developed between Arnold and Nolan Streets from the mid 1850s with commercial activities, later consolidating as a residential area with growth and expansion into the 1940s, is significant. The avenues of elm street trees are also significant.

Significant elements of the precinct include:

- . 95-97 Bridge Street
- . Linda House and Garden, 74 Bridge Street (HO99)
- . Building, 123 Bridge Street HO100
- . 125 Bridge Street
- . Street trees (elms)

Contributory elements include:

Arnold Street

- . 80 Arnold Street

Bridge Street

- . 62 Bridge Street
- . 70 Bridge Street
- . 68 Bridge Street
- . 78 Bridge Street
- . 80 Bridge Street
- . 81 Bridge Street
- . 82 Bridge Street
- . 86 Bridge Street
- . 87 Bridge Street
- . 88 Bridge Street
- . 89 Bridge Street
- . 91 Bridge Street
- . 96 Bridge Street
- . 103 Bridge Street
- . 105 Bridge Street
- . 106-108 Bridge Street
- . 107 Bridge Street
- . 109 Bridge Street
- . 110 Bridge Street
- . 112 Bridge Street
- . 117 Bridge Street
- . 119 Bridge Street

Nolan Street

- . 29 Nolan Street

How is it significant?

Bridge Street North precinct is of local historic and aesthetic value to City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

Bridge Street North is representative of Bendigo's inner suburban areas developed initially as a mixed area combining commercial activities, but consolidating into a residential area with buildings representing a spectrum of growth and development. The suburban areas around Bendigo North, including that of Bridge Street, demonstrate the growth of housing alongside that of the industrial expansion of Bendigo. Nearby employment at the railway workshops, tramways depot, industries on Charleston Road, flour mill, abattoir and cattle yard, brewery and various timber and metal workshops provided the means for the expansion of suburban areas north and west of the city centre. The former Norfolk Brewery site is a tangible reminder of this important industry and is one of several breweries that operated in Bendigo. Bridge Street North is notable for its early twentieth century

(Inter-war) development around Nolan Street with 106-108, 123 and 125 Bridge Street being fine examples of this period. 107 Bridge Street is a tangible link with the street's former mixed land use. (Criterion A)

The qualities of the street include single storey detached dwellings with similar setbacks and low front fences, a mix of brick and timber used in construction, and a range of Victorian, Edwardian, Inter-war and early Post-war residences. Bridge Street North is a fine example of the suburban expansion of Bendigo also characterised in the Baxter Street precinct (HO2). When compared with other streets in the Bendigo North area, Bridge Street is notable for its street trees providing a near continuous canopy and a sense of enclosure. The street has aesthetic value for its range of architectural styles from the 1870s to the 1940s and its degree of intactness with minimal new development encroaching. Places of individual significance include 123 and 125 Bridge Street and the former Norfolk Brewery, 95-97 Bridge Street. (Criterion E)

Whilst Bridge Street has some similar qualities to a number of other residential precincts including King Street (HO6), Tomlins Street (HO14), Baxter Street (HO2) and Stevenson Street (HO13), it is one of the most intact streets in Bendigo North. (Criterion D)

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Construction dates	1860,
Hermes Number	198294
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Bridge Street North precinct between Arnold and Nolan Streets is located to the north of the city centre. The regular surveyed grid of streets around North Bendigo is unlike many areas of Bendigo's suburbs that tend to respond to the topography and to the presence of mining activity, resulting in irregular patterns of subdivision. Further toward the city centre, Bridge Street has a mixed character with commercial activity as the dominant land use, replacing the mixed commercial and residential uses. From Arnold to Nolan Street Bridge Street North is largely residential with some small industrial activities. Key industries include the former Norfolk Brewery at 95-97 Bridge Street (now the Norfolk Centre). A shop at 107 Bridge Street contrasts with its surroundings through its street frontage and verandah. The street has wide grassed verges and a row of elm trees both sides of the street. Street trees are more continuous north of Bayne Street where their canopy is greatest.

Bridge Street North comprises mainly single storey detached residences representing common building styles including Victorian, Edwardian and Inter-war in detached dwellings. The street also contains some early Post-war housing that is complementary to these earlier periods of development. There is a mixture of brick and timber construction evident throughout the street. Towards Nolan Street there are several key Inter-war buildings, including 123 Bridge Street (HO100) and 125 Bridge Street that has been individually assessed as part of this study. Opposite these is 106-108 Bridge Street, also a fine example of an Inter-war brick bungalow.

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