
Pair of shops



Front (east) elevation



Property as viewed from the north



Viewed from the north-east, showing the east return wall

Location

67-69 BRIDGE STREET, BENDIGO - PROPERTY NUMBER 171958, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO868

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

No. 67-69 Bridge Street, Bendigo is a single-storey brick shop pair of the mid-1880s, with timber shop fronts. The subject property appears to be relatively intact to its original construction. The focus of significance is on the shops addressing Bridge Street, including their return brick walls. The additions and outbuildings to the rear of the property are not significant.

How is it significant?

No. 67-69 Bridge Street, Bendigo is of local historical and aesthetic (architectural) significance.

Why is it significant?

67-69 Bridge Street, Bendigo (c. 1886) is of local historical significance as a late nineteenth century shop pair dating from a period of economic consolidation in Bendigo, building on the gold-based success of previous decades. The painted Cohn Bros advertisement is of interest as a reference to a major local manufacturer and employer from the 1850s to the 1980s.

The shop pair is of local aesthetic (architectural) as a representative and relatively intact example of a late nineteenth century single-story brick shop pair. It is more intact than most, retaining the original arrangement of paired shop fronts with timber plinths, angled ingoes, and high parapeted facade. The combination of bichromatic brick pilasters and timber panelling to the facade with the stepped side walls and chimneys gives the subject property a distinctive character and presentation.

Theme

5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993; Greater Bendigo - White Hills & East Bendigo Heritage Study 2014, Lovell Chen, 2015;
Construction dates	1885,
Hermes Number	199279
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Description and integrity

No. 67-69 Bridge Street Bendigo is a long allotment with a cranked plan, located on the west side of Bridge Street, and with a secondary frontage to Uley Street. The brick shop pair addresses Bridge Street and features bichrome brick pilasters with arched brick caps and recessed shopfronts on low timber plinths. The timber entry doors with highlight windows are inset with timber-lined soffits; one door is four-panelled while the other is a modern replacement. The upper section of the shopfronts is of timber boarding and conceals a skillion roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. Timber frames to the upper section may have originally contained shop signage. While timber-framed, the shop windows appear possibly to have been modified/replaced. The stepped return walls are of red brick, with two red brick chimneys with cream brick corbels. A skillion roofed brick addition has been constructed to the rear, and a variety of lean-to structures are located in the rear yard.

A c.1955 painted advertisement for Cohns lemonade is on the north elevation (the Cohn Brothers ice works and brewery is located nearby on Water Street), indicating that the north elevation has been exposed since at least that date.⁹

⁹ Sandra Bruce, *Beginning in Bendigo: from humble origins to captured market*, Bendigo, Post Office Gallery, 2011, p. 6.

Intactness

Good

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