

## FORMER ROYAL BANK



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1 former royal bank bendigo  
front view apr1997



former royal bank bendigo plan

### Location

17 VIEW POINT BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1332

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO258

## VHR Registration

August 14, 1997

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 13, 1999

The former Royal Bank was constructed in 1908 to the design of local architects William Beebe and George Garvin. The three storeyed building, one of the finest and most intact art nouveau designed commercial buildings in the city, was constructed overlooking the Alexandra Fountain at View Point at the heart of the Bendigo business district. Though constructed as the premises for the Royal Bank, the building was used from the late 1920s as the premises of Colonial Mutual Life when internal renovations were undertaken to accommodate offices in the floors of the building previously used for the bank manager's residence. The current owners, who have leased part of the building for use as a restaurant, are now restoring the interior.

The former Royal Bank building has architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

The former Royal Bank building is of considerable architectural merit as a well designed, interesting example of art nouveau influenced architecture. The building which is prominently located in the city, has a well composed face brick facade featuring many characteristic art nouveau elements; including window openings of a variety of sizes and shapes; contrasting stucco detailing; art nouveau patterned leadlight; foliated stucco panels and feature elements; overscaled and distorted classical detailing and an overall strongly articulated elongated composition integrating disparate architectural elements. The interior of the building is of particular note for its excellent planning; fitting a large floor area on a narrow asymmetrical block and incorporating light wells, vistas, an elaborate stair, finely designed joinery and a roof garden.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or

activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

Nil

Construction dates	1908,
Architect/Designer	Beebe, William,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	5229
Property Number	

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### History

Contextual History:History of Place:

The Royal Bank was constructed in 1908 to the design of prominent Bendigo architect, William Beebe who was then in partner ship with George Garvin, as the premises of the Royal Bank. The building was constructed by WH Deague and Son. In 1927 the Royal Bank merged with the ES & A bank which already had a building in Bendigo making this surplus. Soon after the building became the home of Colonial Mutual Life when internal renovations were completed which saw some of the upper floor, former residence, space turned into office space. The building is now used as restaurant, and the people who now own the building are restoring the upper floors to a residence.

Associated People: George Garvin

### Extent of Registration

1. All the building formerly known as the Royal Bank and marked B1 on Diagram 607800 held by the Executive Director.
2. All the land marked L1 on Diagram 607800 held by the Executive Director, being all the land described in Certificate of Title Vol. 1353 Folio 270489.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*