

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0545

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO140

VHR Registration

June 22, 1983

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 22, 1999

The Former Bendigo Police Barracks, Rosalind Park, were erected in 1860 by the public works department. The architect responsible was AT Snow and the contractor was J Robertson. The building replaced an earlier slab building erected on the police reserve on camp hill and continued to be used for police purposes until the 1920s. The barracks served as the first law courts on the Bendigo goldfields and are therefore connected with Bendigo's most famous magistrate, Lachlan MacLachlan ("Bendigo Mac"). The building is constructed on two levels with the barrack room and offices above and the messroom and kitchens below. The lower floor is partially set into the side of the hill. It is constructed of local sandstone with brick dressings around the windows and has a slate roof. The interior has lathe and plaster ceilings and the walls are either plastered or covered with lining boards. This building is one of the oldest extant buildings in Bendigo and is historically important as a record of early government administration on the Bendigo goldfields.

Stylistically it is typical of early public works department design in its simple Victorian form and is a rare survivor of that idiom. The building has suffered neglect for a lengthy period of time and has suffered salt damp attack in the sandstone walls. It is currently being restored.

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](#).

Construction dates	1860,
Architect/Designer	Snow, Alfred T,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	Rosalind Park, Former Government Camp Precinct, Government Reserve,
Hermes Number	136
Property Number	

History

Associated People: Assoc.People LACHLAN MACLACHLAN

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 545 Old Police Barracks, Rosalind Park, Bendigo (to the extent of the buildings and land contained in Crown Allotment 13, Section 89c at Bendigo, Parish of Sandhurst, County of Bendigo [Victoria Government Gazette No. 55 22 June 1983 p.1735]

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/>