

# CHINESE BRICK WALLS



Rowan St wall



H2197 Corner of Forest and Rowan sts



H2197 Corner of Rowan and Forest sts



H2197 Forest St corner to gateway



H2197 Junction of wall with next property Forest St 1



H2197 Wall associated with single story house obscured by trees



H2197 chinese wall plan

## Location

57-59 FOREST STREET BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## **Municipality**

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H2197

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO124

## **VHR Registration**

March 12, 2009

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

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What is significant?

The brick garden walls at 57-59 Forest Street Bendigo, originally surrounding the house owned by local barrister and commander of the Sandhurst Volunteer Rifle Corps, Captain John Lysaght, on the corner of Forest and Rowan Streets, Bendigo. The garden walls were built in 1860 with Asian style bricks (narrow grey bricks) that were produced locally by Chinese brick-makers. The kiln that produced the bricks was located in Thunder Street, Bendigo, and was constructed and operated by A'Fok, Fok Sing and Co. The kiln commenced operation in 1857. The wall, two bricks in width, extends 20.4 metres along Forest Street and 50.8 metres along Rowan Street with brick piers at each end, the corner and either side of the front gateway. There are two openings along Rowan Street and steps at the front gateway in Forest Street.

*How is it significant?*

The brick garden walls at 57-59 Forest Street Bendigo are of historical and scientific (technological), significance to the State of Victoria

Why is it significant?

The brick garden walls at 57-59 Forest Street Bendigo are historically significant due to their association with the migration of Chinese people to Victoria during the gold rush and their assimilation into community and economic life.

The brick garden walls at 57-59 Forest Street Bendigo are of scientific (technological) significance for the Chinese-style construction. As the bricks are objects directly associated with the Thunder Street Chinese brick making kiln (VHR 2106), this augments their significance, as together the wall and the kiln are outstanding examples of the technological and architectural transfer that took place during the Victorian gold rush period. The bricks are also of scientific interest for the information they provide on Chinese 19th century brick making techniques.

## 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:

**General Conditions:** 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. **General Conditions:** 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible. **Note:** All archaeological places have the potential to contain significant sub-surface artefacts and other remains. In most cases it will be necessary to obtain approval from the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria before the undertaking any works that have a significant sub-surface component. **General Conditions:** 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan endorsed by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. **Note:** The existence of a Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan endorsed by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria provides guidance for the management of the heritage values associated with the site. It may not be necessary to obtain a heritage permit for certain works specified in the management plan. **General Conditions:** 4. Nothing in this determination prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. **General Conditions:** 5. Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authorities where applicable. **Minor Works :** **Note:** Any Minor Works that in the opinion of the Executive Director will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place may be exempt from the permit requirements of the Heritage Act. A person proposing to undertake minor works may submit a proposal to the Executive Director. If the Executive Director is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage values of the site, the applicant may be exempted from the requirement to obtain a heritage permit. If an applicant is uncertain whether a heritage permit is required, it is recommended that the permits co-ordinator be contacted.

Construction dates	1860,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	CHINESE WALLS,

Hermes Number 34761

Property Number

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## Plaque Citation

The walls were built in 1860 with Asian style bricks that were produced by Chinese brick-makers at the kiln located in Thunder Street, Bendigo, operated by A'Fok, Fok Sing and Co from 1857.

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## Extent of Registration

1. All of the buildings and structures marked as follows on Diagram 2197 held by the Executive Director:  
B1 Brick fence
2. All of the land marked L1 being part of the land on Certificate of Title Vol.02253 Fol.506 and Vol. 01734 Fol. 664 on Diagram 2197 held by the Executive Director.

*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/>*