
Post Office - Bendigo



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Location

51-73 Pall Mall, BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No B1370

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1080

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 2004

The Bendigo Post Office was erected in 1883-87 by the Public Works Department. The architect was G W Watson. The contractors were McCulloch and McAlpine. The two storey brick structure has rendered facades and is dominated by a clock tower complete with carillon.

The elaborately decorated facades have arcuated systems of openings on both floors. There are superimposed piers on the ground floor and corinthian pilasters above. The roof is clad in slates.

The Bendigo Post Office and Law Courts comprise the finest Boom style public buildings in Victoria. The Post Office, with its elaborate facades and decorative roof forms pioneered a new era in Public Works Department design; an era free from the austerity of the Wardell years. Many later public buildings were based on its architectural composition and decoration. The high standard of detail is most significant. The Post Office is an outstanding element of the Pall Mall Precinct and of this historic city.

The urns from the clock tower and along the parapets and the crowning piece of statuary to the Pall Mall facade have been removed. Additions to the rear now hide the Park facade. There have been considerable alterations to the interior.

Of national significance.

First classified: 01/08/1963

Revised: classified: 20/04/1978

Revised: Classified State 3/8/98

See also File Number 5126 Law Courts.

Hermes Number 70090

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