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# Sandhurst Trustees Co



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## Location

18-22 View Street, BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No B1368

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1342

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 6, 2007

The Sandhurst Trustees building was constructed as the first permanent post and telegraph office for the developing town of Sandhurst (now Bendigo) in 1867 to designs prepared by the Public Works Department under William Wilkinson Wardell. The two storeyed rendered brick building, prominently located on View Street, has a hipped roof and one storeyed bays flanking the principal building. The building is an example of early Victorian classical architecture. In 1891, after a new post office in Pall Mall was completed, the Sandhurst and Northern

Districts Trustees Executors and Agency Company purchased the building and used it for their offices which they remain to this day (1997). To accommodate the growing company additions the building has experienced several periods of growth. The principal chamber, centrally located in the building on the ground floor, is a particularly intact late nineteenth century interior with very fine timber joinery, including wainscoting, internal columns, ceiling detailing, doors, architraves and a counter of good design and craftsmanship.

The Sandhurst Trustees Building (the former Sandhurst Post and Telegraph Office) is of historical, architectural and aesthetic significance to the State of Victoria.

The building, which reflects the first stages of Bendigo's development as a town following the discovery of gold, is historically important as a substantial public works project completed when renowned Victorian architect, William Wilkinson Wardell was the Inspector of Public Works and Chief Architect. For over one hundred years the building has been the home of an important Bendigo based company, the Sandhurst Trustees, who now have branches throughout Victoria.

The building has architectural importance as a well composed masonry structure which contributes, and indeed, established the standard for the design and massing of later buildings on View Street. The intact nineteenth century interior of the building is of particular aesthetic importance for its well crafted joinery and plasterwork.

Adopted from Heritage Victoria Statement of Significance 29/07/2010.

Classified: 08/02/1962

Revised: Classified: State: 03/08/1998

Other Names      Former Post And Telegraph Office,

Hermes Number    70110

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