
Former Royal Hotel, 67 Bendigo Street, Prahran



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Location

67 Bendigo Street PRAHRAN, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO405

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former Royal Hotel, 67 Bendigo Street, Prahran, is a double-storey Victorian Italianate style corner hotel constructed c1891. It replaced an earlier hotel building on the site dating back to 1868.

How is it Significant?

The former Royal Hotel is of local architectural and historical significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it Significant?

The former Royal Hotel is of historical significance for the enduring use of the site as licensed premises for almost one and a half centuries. It is of additional significance as an example of a hotel which was built away from main roads to serve a residential neighbourhood.

The former Royal Hotel is architecturally significant as a good example of a Victorian Italianate style corner hotel with a highly intact facade.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Hotels in the City of Stonnington Heritage Citations Project, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2010;
Hermes Number	149819
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Physical Description 1

The former Royal Hotel occupies a site on the south west corner of Bendigo and Princess streets, Prahran. The hotel is a double-storey Victorian Italianate style building constructed of rendered masonry with a parapet concealing a hipped corrugated iron roof. Both street facades are built directly on the property boundary with a chamfer at the corner entry. A moulded string course separates the ground and first floor levels. The ground floor has square-headed door and window openings of varying widths with hood mouldings springing from impost mouldings. First floor windows are round arched timber-framed double-hung sashes spaced at regular intervals and embellished with hood and impost mouldings. The whole of the facade is surmounted by a cornice and a balustrated parapet with a round arched pediment at the corner. The pediment has a coquillage insert and a sign in raised render lettering which reads 'Erected 1891'.

The hotel facade remains substantially intact to its c1891 state but with some relatively minor alterations at ground floor level including the recessed entry on the Princess Street frontage. It is also possible that one of the two door openings on the Bendigo Street frontage was originally a window. The external toilet block on the west boundary presumably dates from the c1940 upgrade of the hotel described in the history above. There is also a relatively recent glazed conservatory style addition on the south side of the hotel but this is set back from the principal facade and partly concealed by a high fence. The hotel interior was not inspected in detail as part of this assessment but nonetheless appears to retain little fabric of heritage value.

Historical Australian Themes

The former Royal Hotel illustrates the following themes as identified in the Stonnington Thematic Environmental History (Context Pty Ltd, 2006):

7.1 Serving Local Communities

7.4.1 Early Hotels

7.4.2 Developing a Modern Hospitality Industry

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