

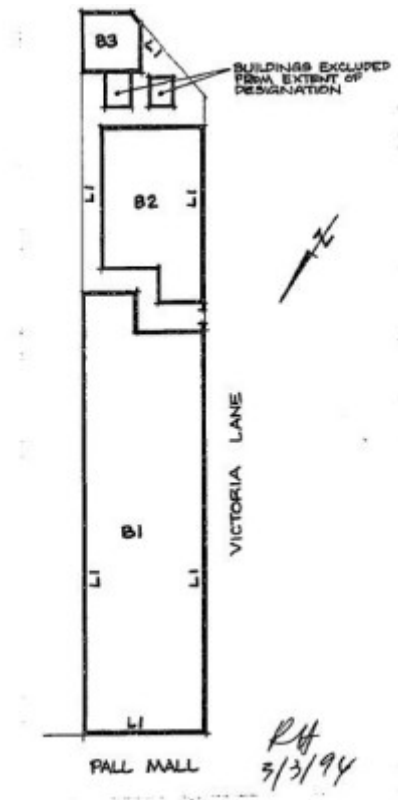
# FORMER COLONIAL BANK



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1 former colonial bank  
bendigo front view dec1993



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## Location

32 PALL MALL BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1020

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO220

## VHR Registration

April 21, 1994

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 13, 2000

The former Colonial Bank, Bendigo was built in 1887 by N Longstaff and Co. to a design by architect WC Vahland. It became a branch of the National Bank in 1918 when the two banks amalgamated and was sold by the bank in 1993.

The elaborate style of the building reflects the important position the bank held in the community and also demonstrates the prosperity of Bendigo, one of the major centres for gold-mining in the nineteenth century.

The building has an important association with the colonial bank. Established in 1856, this institution was a particularly strong rural bank and was the first reputable bank in Australia to advocate amalgamation of the successful banks. Its merger with the National Bank in 1918 resulted in that bank becoming the third largest in Australia after the Bank of Australasia and the Union Bank of Australia.

The building is an important work of the prominent Bendigo architect, WC Vahland. During his long career, Vahland designed many of Bendigo's prominent buildings. The former colonial bank is possibly his best "boom style" building

The former Colonial Bank, with its richly modelled facade and lofty and finely detailed banking chamber, is an extra-ordinary example of Boom Classicism style, where the conventions of conservative classical architecture were playfully distorted and elaborated.

[Source: Report to the Minister]

## 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	1887,
Architect/Designer	Vahland, William Charles,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK,
Hermes Number	1544
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1020.

Former Colonial Bank, 32 Pall Mall, Bendigo.

(To the extent of:

1. All of the building marked B1-B3 inclusive on Plan No. 600402I (A), endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land marked L1 on Plan 600402I (A), endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being all of the land described in Certificate of Title Vol. 839 Folio 167743.)

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G16 21 April 1994 p.1004]

*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/>*