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## Eaglehawk Precinct



Salvation Army Citadel and the Eaglehawk Government School, Church Streets



High Street 1990 showing the old facades above new shopfronts

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### Location

HIGH STREET EAGLEHAWK, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO19

### Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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### Statement of Significance

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Eaglehawk Precinct comprises:

**Eaglehawk High Street Commercial:** Eaglehawk includes many of the built and landform elements typifying the local life of a nineteenth century mining community. Most of the buildings were created in the principal era of reef mining. They cover the range of such buildings which would have normally constituted town centres across the

goldfields.

In the case of Eaglehawk the unusual road pattern and the manner in which the Town hall and Mechanics Institute sit within a Y- intersection and as well the slope of the land down towards this reserve when approached from Bendigo give a more forceful expression to the patterns seen in other gold towns. The centre of Eaglehawk with its solid commercial structures, its public buildings, its range of houses and its street patterns faithfully reflects the intimate and energetic life of a mining township.

**Eaglehawk High Street Civic:** A small precinct, it nevertheless provides the other end to the strong visual link, down High Street, which starts at the town hall. It contains the most architecturally ambitious group of buildings in Eaglehawk and encapsulates the religious, social and educational themes of the community. It also includes those buildings which, by their nature, differ visually from the rest of the precinct both in scale, materials and siting (given greater vacant land areas for each site).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Other Names	Formerly Eaglehawk High Street Commercial and Formerly Eaglehawk High Street Civic,
Hermes Number	161917
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

General Precinct Description :

Distributed around High Street, the main commercial area, the residential section of this precinct is mainly mid to late 19th century and Edwardian, being clad with both brick and weatherboard.

The residential streetscapes include parts of Panton and Victoria Streets but the most outstanding part of this section is the villa group in Church Street opposite the equally impressive Eaglehawk State School. This area possesses both civic and residential sites of a high significance, including the former Methodist Church and the Anglican Church at the Haggard Street corner of High Street.

The commercial strip is typical of the era, with two-storey parapeted forms, some with verandahs and added cast-iron detail (Victoria Hotel). It leads eventually to the official focus of the precinct, at the bottom of the incline, being the Eaglehawk Town Hall and other public and government structures. This group complements the nearby Canterbury Gardens as the civic show piece of the area.

Further up Sailors Gully Road is an old shopping strip also with high integrity to its development era which backs onto the sports ground with its notable Edwardian grandstand.

Eaglehawk Commercial Precinct

Roof Form: Parapeted.

Scale: One, some two-storey. Wall Materials: Stucco, some face brick (red, cream detail) Roof Materials: Concealed, some corrugated iron. Siting: Attached.

Development Period. Mid-late Victorian, some Edwardian. Contributory Streets: High, Pegleg, Sailors Gully.

Gaining its focus from the government buildings complex in Brassey Square, High Street's corner buildings are fortunately near intact to the precinct's development period. Typically two- storey and deriving from a conservative revival of Italian Renaissance architecture, these key sites include the Camp Hotel (1865), the two former banks (of New South Wales and Victoria) and the grand Victoria Hotel with its highly ornamental verandah. Other outstanding buildings include the former U.F.S. Dispensary (54-56) and the two-storey 47-49 High Street.

In Sailors Gully Road, old shops (10-12) and one defunct hotel (Prince of Wales) and another active hotel (Court House Hotel) sited opposite its 1869 namesake, separating this all but forgotten part of the Eaglehawk commercial area from the rest, is the notable botanical gardens gateway and former tram shelter.

The town hall, war memorial and post office link with the individually significant shop and residence at 2 Pegleg Road (q.v.).

Eaglehawk Civic Precinct

Roof Forms: Gabled, parapeted. Scale: Two-storey equivalent. Wall Materials: Stucco, brick. Roof Materials: Slate.

Siting: Detached.

Development Period: Mid-late Victorian.

## **Physical Description 2**

Contributing Street Eaglehawk Commercial Precinct:

High Street

Contributing Streets Eaglehawk Civic Precinct:

High, Church.

## **Physical Description 3**

Eaglehawk Commercial Precinct:

John Rule's butchers' shop, 2 Peg Leg Road, 1894-

Eaglehawk Town Hall, Sailors Gully Road, 1901

Log lock-up (relocated), Sailors Gully Road, 1857

Bank of Victoria, 9 High Street, 1865-

Anderson's Camp Hotel, 35 High Street, 1865

Oddfellows Hall, 26 High Street, 1904

Bank of NSW, 37 High Street, 1866-

Oriental Bank, 54-6 High Street, 1861-

Eaglehawk Civic Precinct:

St. Peter's Anglican Church, High Street, 1862

East Methodist Church, former, 64 High Street, 1865

Eaglehawk Masonic society's Eaglehawk Masonic Hall Church Street 1873Victorian

Colonial Government's Eaglehawk Primary School No. 210

Church Street 1884-

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