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# Former Liverpool Arms Hotel



East elevation, addressing High Street.



South elevation, addressing View Street.



Detail of external wall at corner of High and View streets.

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## Location

182 High Street, KANGAROO FLAT VIC 3555 - Property No 197475

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO514

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Liverpool Arms Hotel (built before 1884), located prominently at the corner of High and View streets in Kangaroo Flat, is a single storey bichromatic brick (overpainted) building constructed to the boundaries of its corner site. The building has frontages to both streets (High and View streets), with the principal presentation to

High Street. The return verandah to these building frontages is not original. Significant elements include the moulded and recessed parapet with a stuccoed panel for signage; the low, spreading proportions; the cambered headed double-hung sash windows; and the multiple doors in the two street frontages. The location at the southern entry to Kangaroo Flat, on the township's main street, is also important.

How is it significant?

The former Liverpool Arms Hotel at the corner of High and View streets, Kangaroo Flat, is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

Why is it significant?

The former Liverpool Arms Hotel (built before 1884), at the corner of High and View streets in Kangaroo Flat, is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance. It is historically significant (Criterion A) as an example of a hotel built during the early years of the development of Kangaroo Flat, prior to its proclamation as a township. The former Liverpool Arms Hotel was one of nine hotels at Kangaroo Flat in 1884, and although de-licensed in 1915, remains as evidence of the proliferation of hotels in the goldfields settlements. Its prominent location on High Street also emphasises the role of hotels on main roads. The former Liverpool Arms Hotel, although an evolved building (with additions and modifications) is also of aesthetic/architectural significance (Criterion E); and retains some of the principal characteristics of historic single-storey hotels in the area (Criterion D). The latter include the distinctive elements of single-storey historic hotels, such as the moulded and recessed parapet with a stuccoed panel for signage; the low, spreading proportions; and cambered headed double-hung sash windows. The multiple doors in the two street frontages also reflect its historic hotel function, in originally providing entry to different areas of the building (bar and residence). Its location at the southern entry to Kangaroo Flat, on the township's main street, additionally gives the property a degree of prominence in the local context.

Assessment Against Criteria

*Amended Heritage Victoria Criteria*

*Criterion A: Importance to the course, or pattern, of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.*

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*Criterion B: Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.*

N/A

*Criterion C: Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.*

N/A

*Criterion D: Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places or objects.*

The former Liverpool Arms Hotel retains some of the principal characteristics of historic single-storey hotels in the area. These include the moulded and recessed parapet with stuccoed panel for signage; the low, spreading proportions; cambered headed double-hung sash windows; and multiple doors in the two street frontages for providing entry to different areas (and internal functions) of the building.

*Criterion E: Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics in the context of the municipality.*

The former Liverpool Arms Hotel, although an evolved building (with additions and modifications), is of aesthetic/architectural significance. It retains the distinctive elements of other single-storey historic hotels in the area, including the moulded and recessed parapet with a stuccoed panel for signage; the low, spreading proportions; and cambered headed double-hung sash windows. The multiple doors in the two street frontages also reflect its historic hotel function, in originally providing entry to different areas of the building such as the public bar and the residence. Its location at the southern entry to Kangaroo Flat, on the township's main street, additionally gives the property a degree of prominence in the local context.

*Criterion F: Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

N/A

*Criterion G: Strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons. This includes the significance of the place to Indigenous peoples as part of their continuing and developing cultural traditions.*

N/A

*Criterion H: Special association with life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the City of Greater Bendigo's history.*

N/A

## **Theme**

### 5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Heritage Policy Citations Review, Lovell Chen P/L, 2011;
Construction dates	1884,
Hermes Number	184801
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

The former Liverpool Arms Hotel on the High Street at Kangaroo Flat is a single storey construction of bichromatic brick (overpainted) built to the boundaries of its corner site. Being located at a corner, the building has frontages to both streets (High and View streets), with the principal presentation to High Street. A non-original return verandah, over the street, is located to both frontages (elevations).

The building has a parapet to High Street, with a recessed stuccoed panel for signage; the parapet returns to View Street for a bay and then lowers. The cornice treatment is straightforward, being a flat plate of bricks projecting slightly from the parapet face and fronted with a reverse ogee moulded string course. The windows in the two bays of the facade to each side of the south-east corner, appear to be original. The paired doors and windows to the west elevation along View Street are later, being part of an addition; the windows are of different proportions. There is an outbuilding visible from View Street, on the west side of the former hotel, which repeats the window treatment on the later component of the View Street elevation. The outbuilding is separated from the main building by a backyard vehicular entry. The four doors facing High and View streets are panelled with tall glazed panes in their upper panels. The timber-posted verandah, including the roofing, lacework frieze and posts are all later elements. The building has different roof forms, including a hipped roof at the centre of the building with galvanised steel cladding painted a dull green. The roof behind the parapet facing High Street has a mono-pitched metal deck roof, as does the wing projecting west along View Street. There are unpainted bi-chrome brick chimney stacks. The north side of the building abuts a contemporary restaurant building. Alterations, other than those noted above - including the verandah, west additions/alterations and overpainting - also include internal works, to adapt the former hotel to a restaurant and shop. The building appears to be in generally sound condition.

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