
Barber Shop



No. 149 High Street (centre) pictured in November 1993. (Source: Andrew Ward, courtesy of City of Greater Bendigo.)



West elevation, addressing High Street, 2010.



Verandah detail.



Rear of the property (centre of image).

Location

149 HIGH STREET, KANGAROO FLAT - PROPERTY NUMBER 197462, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO511

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The barber's shop at number 149 High Street, Kangaroo Flat was erected in the mid-1880s as part of the adjoining former Victoria Store complex. It is a small detached single-storey, single-fronted brick shop on a sandstone base with a single doorway and window to the High Street facade, and a plain parapet with brick courses, including a double projecting frieze course. An overpainted tiled dado, presumed to date to the interwar period, is at the same height as that on the neighbouring Victoria Store. The present barber shop sign is a comparatively recent addition; other modifications and additions to the property, which are not of heritage significance, include the neo-Federation style verandah, added in the 1990s; a garage, opening north, behind the building; and a weatherboard lean-to added to the rendered rear wall.

How is it significant?

The barber's shop at number 149 High Street, Kangaroo Flat is of local historical significance.

Why is it significant?

The barber's shop, although a modest building which is not necessarily distinguished, is historically significant (Criterion A) as a surviving 1880s commercial building on Kangaroo Flat's main retail strip, which was built as part of the adjoining Victoria Store complex. The survival of the latter property enhances the historical significance of the barber's shop. It has also, interestingly, been used intermittently as a barber's shop since the 1920s, perhaps reflecting the small scale and footprint of the building, which is not suited to a retail or commercial operation requiring more floor space.

The barber's shop is additionally representative (Criterion D) of many small, single-storey, single-fronted, simply detailed and parapeted shops built around Victoria from the nineteenth century through to the early years of the twentieth century. In rural areas they are often free standing buildings on main street frontages, where they served either as small shops or in some cases (as here for a time) as bank branches. The comparative external intactness of this building, notwithstanding the later barber shop sign and neo-Federation style verandah, still enables it to be read as an historic shop premises; this enhances this aspect of significance.

Theme

5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

Heritage Study/Consultant Greater Bendigo - Heritage Policy Citations Review, Lovell Chen P/L, 2011;

Construction dates 1880,

Hermes Number 184807

Property Number

Physical Description 1

No. 149 High Street is a small detached single-storey, single-fronted brick shop on a sandstone base with a single doorway and window to the High Street facade. It has a plain parapet with brick courses, including a double projecting frieze course. The double-hung sash window appears to be original or early, while the door and its fanlight appear to be later but have not been dated. A tiled dado, now overpainted, has been installed to the same height as that on the neighbouring Victoria Store (presumed to date to the interwar period); as noted at the

'History,' the barber shop was built as part of the Victoria Store complex. The exposed brick of the front wall has also been overpainted. The north side wall is in unpainted, exposed red face brick; the south side wall has been overpainted with contemporary advertisements and other paint schemes. The rear wall is cement rendered brick with parapet detailing similar to that on the High Street frontage. The roof is of monopitch form, sloping slightly northward, and clad in corrugated galvanised steel. The present barber shop sign is a comparatively recent addition, of lightweight sheet set on a simple rectangular frame. Other modifications and additions to the property include the neo-Federation style verandah, added in the 1990s, with red and white-painted posts; a garage, opening north, behind the building; and a weatherboard lean-to added to the rendered rear wall.

The property appears to be in generally sound condition.

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