
BENDIGO TAFE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Location

118-126 MCCRAE STREET BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7724-0635

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

The site has historical significance due to its association with the early urban development of the gold rush settlement of Sandhurst (now Bendigo). From an archaeological perspective, the site may contain features, deposits and artefacts mainly associated with residential and commercial occupation dating from the mid to late 19th-century, and residential and education occupation dating from the early decades of the 20th-century.

Land sales for Section 14C were carried out in 1854, when there were twenty allotments of ¼ acre. At this time Chapel Street was known as Bernal Street (name change to Chapel St occurred in the early 20th-century). Allotments 4, 5, 14 & 15 were reserved for a Mechanics Institute (the origins of the School of Mines)

Allotments 9 & 10

1860s to 1960s

: Allotment 9: 1860s rate assessments for allotment 9 show that there were two houses, valued at £12 & £16, and a store valued at £12. By the 1880s, the allotment was owned and occupied by James Hogan. In the early 1890s, the land appears to have been subdivided and had two houses - one owned by James Hogan (valued at £35) and the other by Roderick Hogan (valued at £40). Both men were wheelwrights. These two houses were demolished after 1964.

Allotment 10: Owned by Joseph and Ann Roberts. They operated a two-

storey hotel (Robert's Hotel) and after Joseph died, Ann run the hotel as a boarding house. There were also two houses on the land. The hotel and one cottage were still surviving in the 1920s, but these were demolished by the 1930s.

1960s to present day

: The two houses that survived on Chapel Street were purchased in 1964 by the School of Mines. The one owned by Chapman was cottage was demolished soon after settlement, while Hogan's cottage, prior to demolition, was temporarily converted for use in cookery classes. In their place came a new Trades Room (classrooms). A single storey glass fronted building that covered both allotments. This building was recently removed, and a lawn area established.

Allotments 12 & 13

1860s to 1918

Interpretation of Site

: Allotment 13: Rates assessments for 1876 show that Frederick Faul (gentleman) owned three houses fronting Hargreaves Street (he was living in one valued at £22), as well as six houses described as being 'off Hargreaves Street'. In 1881, the number of houses 'off Hargreaves Street' had dropped to four, The will of Frederick George Faul in 1894 bequeathed to his daughter Julia Rosina Wheeler part of allotment 13a, section 14c, Bendigo with his dwelling house and two cottages; and to his daughter Sarah Elizabeth Bolger another part of the said allotment with four cottages. It is possible that the old cottage was still surviving in the 1930s.

Allotment 12: The annual rate assessment for the adjoining Allotment 12 shows it remained vacant land until at least 1902, and was owned for many years up to that date, by David MacKay (gentleman)

1918 to 1950s:

Most of the early buildings on allotments 12 & 13 (Hargreaves Street) were demolished between c.1918 and the mid 1930s. In their place came a caretaker's residence (1918) and later a motor mechanics workshop/school room.

Allotments 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20

14 & 15: crown land that contained residential housing until the School of Mines and Industries Building was constructed in the 1880s

16: An auction notice in 1895 described the allotment as having a frontage of 33 feet to Hargreaves street, by a depth of 165 feet, joining the school of mines, on which is a 6-roomed dwelling, known as the residence of the late J.C.Duncan

17: 1876 rates assessment shows this allotment had a large house valued at £65 owned by Joseph Thomas Hayes (painter)

18 & 19: rates assessment in 1876 show both these allotments were owned by James Brierly

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History

The allotments covered by the VHI-listing formerly contained mid to late 19th-century brick and timber buildings. These buildings were variously occupied, altered or replaced through time; and used as residences, hotels, boarding houses, shops, and school buildings. Most of the early buildings had been demolished by the mid 1930s. In their place had come a School of Mines and Industries Building (1884), caretaker's residence (1918) and a motor mechanics workshop/school room (1940s). Large 1960s buildings were erected on Chapel Street (now demolished) and on Mundy Street (ear-marked for demolition). One historic cottage still survives on Hargreaves Street, Specimen Cottage (VHR 1615). The last two cottages on Chapel Street were demolished in the 1960s.

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