
Bendigo Chinese Temple (Joss House)



Chee Goon Tong

Location

3 Finn Street, NORTH BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No 172400

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1791

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO581

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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The temple is one of few surviving buildings of its type in Victoria and stands as sole reminder of once extensive Chinese community that flocked to this area during the gold rush. Its symmetrical composition is dominated by ornamental central portico and reflects traditional Chinese design principles; the lantern in centre of interior wall

painting in portico. Brick cresting and incised carving of head board are notable features. It is an outstanding feature of this historic city.

(Australian Heritage Commission Citation)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1865,
Other Names	Chee Goon Tong (Chinese Masonic Temple?), Chit-Kin-Tang Chinese Joss House, Finn Street, EMU POINT,
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Physical Description 1

Erected in the 1860's, it was built as the Chinese Masonic Hall and worshipped in by the Chinese Masonic Society.

The building is constructed of timber and local bricks, all painted red, a traditional colour denoting strength. It is symmetrically composed and consists of three sections. The main temple is in the centre with a portico entry and is flanked by the ancestral temple on the right and a caretaker's residence.

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Physical Conditions

The building has been restored to its original appearance.

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