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## Former Chinese Masonic Hall



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### Location

Finn Street,, BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No B1949

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

National

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1791

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Chinese Joss House was erected in the 1860s. 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 Chinese 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.

This is one of the few surviving buildings of its type in Victoria and stands as the sole reminder of a once extensive Chinese community that flocked to this area during the gold rush. Its symmetrical composition is dominated by the ornamental central portico and reflects traditional Chinese design principles. The lantern in the centre of the interior, the wall painting in the portico, the brick cresting and the incised carving of the head board are notable features. The building is an outstanding feature of this historic city.

The building has been restored to its original appearance and is open to the public at specified times.

Classified: 20/07/1967

Other Names Chinese Joss House,

Hermes Number 68283

Property Number

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