
Former City Of Bendigo Abattoirs

Location

47 Lansell Street,, BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No B7193

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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What is significant? The original 1911-12 Charles D'Ebro designed brick Bendigo Municipal Abattoir, comprising twin slaughter and hanging rooms for cattle, sheep and pigs, and two smaller ancillary brick buildings. After the buildings were acquired by the Country Roads Board in 1945, a substantial but sympathetic addition was made to the south-eastern end of the old cattle abattoir.

How is it significant? The abattoir is significant for historic, architectural and technical reasons at a state level.

Why is it significant? The place is of historical significance as a rare surviving municipal abattoir, and represents the development of hygienic slaughtering through municipal regulations, thus improving standards of public health in Victoria. It is historically significant to the City of Greater Bendigo as a key to the primary production industry that centred on this precinct from the 1860s to the mid 1990s; they are an important surviving component of one of the largest regional livestock markets in Victoria.

The place is of architectural significance for its unusual construction and design detailing. The abattoir was designed by noted architect and engineer Charles D'Ebro whose works include Princes Bridge, and many prominent commercial offices and residences, including Stonnington in Toorak. D'Ebro was critically influential in the development of industrial and in particular meat processing buildings, designing major freezing works and abattoirs throughout Victoria and Australia.

The place is of technical significance for the range of building forms which reflect specialised design for hygienic killing and butchering of livestock. The 1945 addition is important for the use of pre-cast reinforced concrete framing in the extraordinary 3-pin concrete arch portal in the larger eastern extension.

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Property Number

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