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## Former Masonic Temple



B0319 Masonic Temple -  
Capital Theatre



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Bendigo

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### Location

50-56 View Street,, BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No B0319

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

State

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0119

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

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The Masonic Hall was erected in 1873-74 and at that time consisted of Lodge Rooms and public tavern on the ground floor with a large concert hall above. Additions were made to the building in 1889-90 and the Hall was converted into a theatre. The architects were Vahland and Getzschmann, the contractor was J Cowper. The two storey brick structure has a rendered facade composed of a giant corinthian portico with flanking single bay wings.

The Masonic Lodge has been established in Bendigo since 1854 and has played an important role in the growth and development of the city. The present Hall is a fine early work of the architects Vahland and Getzschmann.

The grandness of the facade with its allusions to Rome is unsurpassed in a building of this type. The detailing, particularly in the design of the ground and first floor windows, is most significant. The Hall is an outstanding feature of View Street and of this historic city.

It appears that the building requires an intense programme of maintenance and repair.

Classified; 'Local' 08/02/1962

Revised: 03/08/1998

Other Names      Capital Theatre,

Hermes Number    68386

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