

HERITAGE COUNCIL DETERMINATION

Determination Date	3 August 2017
Place/Object Name	Golden City Implements
Location	62-68 Eaglehawk Road, Ironbark
VHR Number	H1877
Category	Heritage Place, Heritage Objects

At a meeting of the Heritage Council of Victoria on 3 August 2017 it was determined that the above place and objects are no longer considered to be of cultural heritage significance for the purpose of s54 and s42(1)(c) of the *Heritage Act 1995* and should not be included in the Heritage Register. This decision was reached having considered the assessment against the Heritage Council's criteria and other information, including the proposed amendments contained in the attached report and submissions received in response to the Executive Director's recommendation.

The Heritage Council endorses and adopts the attached report for the purposes of making its decision.

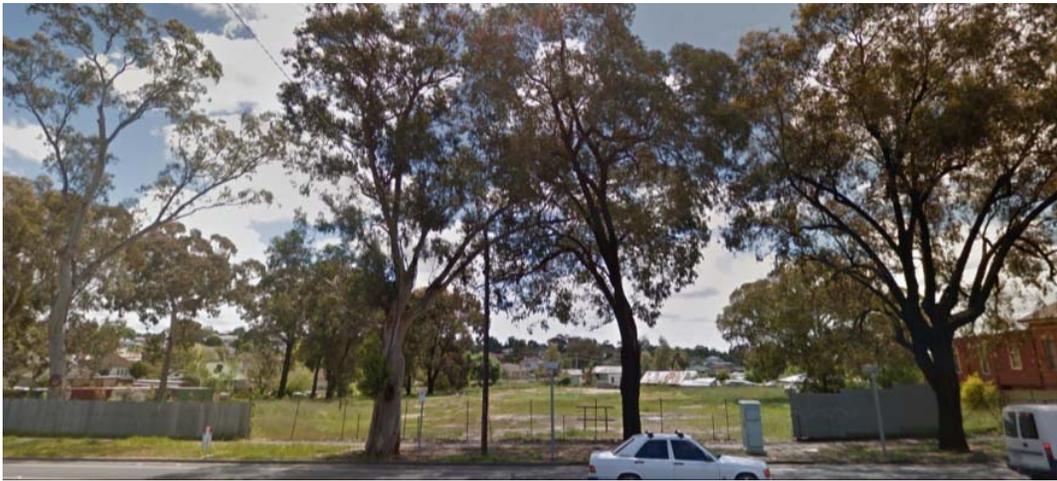


Professor Stuart Macintyre AO
Chair, Heritage Council of Victoria

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RECOMMENDATION TO THE
HERITAGE COUNCIL TO
AMEND AN EXISTING REGISTRATION**



NAME GOLDEN CITY IMPLEMENTS
DATE REGISTERED: 7 SEPTEMBER 2000
VHR NUMBER: VHR H1877
HERITAGE OVERLAY: GREATER BENDIGO, HO487
LOCATION 62 – 68 EAGLEHAWK ROAD, IRONBARK
CATEGORY HERITAGE PLACE, HERITAGE OBJECTS
FILE NUMBER: FOL/17/10490
HERMES NUMBER: 6047



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE HERITAGE COUNCIL:

To amend the existing registration for VHR H1877 in accordance with s.54 of the *Heritage Act 1995* by:

- Removing Golden City Implements at 62 – 68 Eaglehawk Road, Ironbark from the Victorian Heritage Register.
- Removing Heritage Objects which were located at Golden City Implements at 62 – 68 Eaglehawk Road, Ironbark from the Victorian Heritage Register.

Reasons for the proposed amendment:

The structures associated with the Golden City Implements foundry were demolished in late 2012 in accordance with Heritage Victoria Permit P18274. The heritage objects were relocated, also in accordance with Heritage Victoria Permit P18274.

The existing registration documentation is provided at Attachment 1 of this report.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy Smith".

TIM SMITH OAM

Executive Director

Recommendation Date: 19 May 2017

This recommendation report has been issued by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria under s.32 of the *Heritage Act 1995*.

AMENDMENT BACKGROUND

Prior to 2010, places could be included in the Victoria Heritage Register with their objects and/or collections. Golden City Implements was included in the Victorian Heritage Register in 2000 as a place of historical and scientific significance as a rare, small scale foundry which had been in continuous operation since 1872. Some of the equipment and tools associated with the foundry were included as part of the registration in the Victorian Heritage Register.

In 2013, due to the severely degraded condition of the structure, and the danger it posed to passing pedestrians and traffic, Heritage Victoria issued a permit for 'total demolition of the existing dilapidated building structure, and removal from the registered land of the remaining and fixed portable objects that form part of the registration.' Condition 1 of this permit stated that 'The remaining fixed and portable objects that form part of the registration are to be relocated to premises operated by the Bendigo Trust in accordance with a Deed of Gift agreed between the Bendigo Trust and the owners of the subject property.'

HISTORY

Golden City Implements was established as a foundry by Sydney Osborne, Richard Avar and William Mitchell in 1872 as the Central Foundry. They almost immediately ran into financial difficulties, branching out into agricultural implements and finally selling out in 1889 to Briggs, Swalling, Wake and Leaney who renamed the business Golden City Agricultural Implements. The business was purchased by the Osborne family in 1930 and they continued to operate it as a foundry until the 1990s.

AMENDED EXTENT OF REGISTRATION

Removal from the Register.

AMENDED STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

None.

AMENDED PERMIT POLICY

None.

AMENDED PERMIT EXEMPTIONS

None.

ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The building, external furnace and boiler

Golden City Implements comprised a timber framed, corrugated iron clad building, with an external steam boiler and cast iron furnace. In 2013 all elements were demolished in accordance with Permit No. P18274. The permit was issued due to the severely degraded condition of the building, which posed a danger to pedestrians and passing traffic. The place is now vacant land and no longer meets any of the Heritage Council's criteria for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register.

The objects

The significance of the objects related to Golden City Implements lay in their association with the place as a working foundry since 1872. Prior to demolition of the building, some items were lost or damaged due to theft and vandalism.

In accordance with Permit No. P18274, the objects of cultural heritage significance were relocated to the Bendigo Trust in 2013.

As individual items in the Bendigo Trust collection, the objects are no longer able to demonstrate the end to end processes associated with a working foundry. The association with the place itself, and the specific relevance of the objects to historical activities carried out at the place has been lost. The objects, either individually, or as a collection, no longer meet any of the Heritage Council's criteria for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register.

ATTACHMENT 1

PREVIOUS REGISTRATION DETAILS

SUPERSEDED BY THE FOREGOING RECOMMENDATION

DATE REGISTRATION GAZETTED

7 September 2000

PREVIOUS CATEGORY OF REGISTRATION

Heritage place, Heritage objects

PREVIOUS EXTENT OF REGISTRATION

1. All the building known as Golden City implements (formerly Central Foundry) including the external furnace and chimney shown as B1 on diagram 1877 held by the Executive Director.
2. All of the land shown as L1 on diagram 1877 held by the Executive Director and being all of the land described in Memorial 357 Book 635 and part of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 8108 Folio 764.
3. All the fixed and portable objects with specific relevance to historical activities carried out on site and including but not limited to:

Mechanical/Electrical Equipment

- power hammer
- blower for furnace
- barrel mill
- forge with electric blower
- early pedestal drill
- mould vibrator
- jolt tables
- tyre roller
- tyre and axle upsetter and welding machine
- Scott Bros shear/punch
- sheet metal rollers and rotating table
- Pearn Richards horizontal borer
- powered hacksaw
- WIMA metal press

Tools & Equipment

- all patterns (wood and others)
- casting boxes
- large anvils (whole and broken)
- swage blocks

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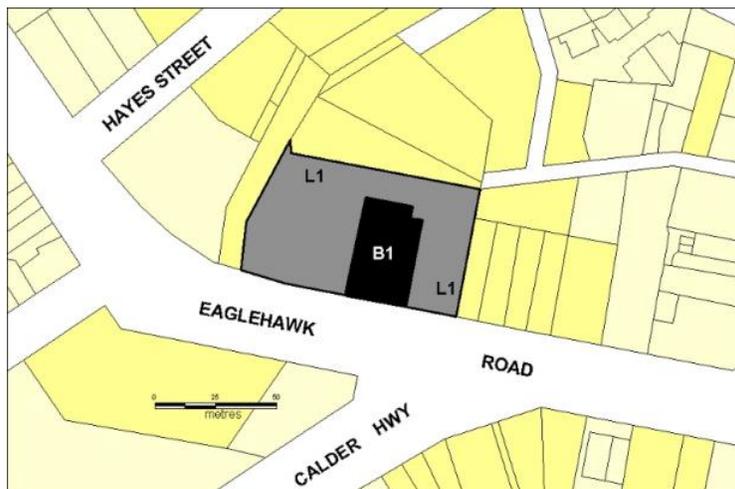
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- blacksmiths tongs
- leg vices
- casting sand
- Avery platform scales

Manufactured Objects

- all rough castings
- plough parts, including wheels, mudboards, discs, scarifer points, etc.
- scrap metal Furphy tank
- Furphy tank ends and all piles of iron scrap (approximately 130 tonnes)
- steam boiler



PREVIOUS STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

(DEMOLISHED WITH PERMIT)

The existing buildings at this site are the remains of a business which initially commenced in 1872 and was known as the Central Foundry. The venture between Sydney Osborne, Richard Avar and William Mitchell almost immediately ran into financial difficulties, branching out into agricultural implements and finally selling out in 1889 to Briggs, Swalling, Wake and Leaney who renamed the business Golden City Agricultural Implements. Traces of these names are found on the corrugated metal facade of the building. In 1908 the business was manufacturing drills for the Austral Drill Co. and began to manufacture windmills and farm machinery. In 1930 OH Osborne acquired the business and it remained in the Osborne family thereafter.

The foundry is a timber framed and corrugated iron clad building with two main bays being formed by kingpost trusses. Outside the building is a steam boiler which formerly powered the shaft drives. This boiler was decommissioned when electricity became available. Adjoining the rear of the building is a cast iron furnace, which has a brick-lined vertical steel flue. In and around the foundry is a palimpsest of equipment tools, patterns, manufactured objects and scrap.

Golden City Implements (formerly Central Foundry) is of historical and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

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The foundry is of historical importance as a rare, continuously operating small scale foundry. The foundry commenced operations in 1872 and initially served the Bendigo mining sector. Its origins are thus associated with the State's greatest quartz mining goldfield.

The foundry is of scientific significance as a palimpsest of equipment, tools, patterns, manufactured objects and scrap dating to its earliest years of operation. The significance of the foundry is increased by its continued use since 1872 essentially mirroring the changing economy of the Bendigo district. Of special importance to the place are the objects of specific relevance to the historical activities carried out on the site. Together these elements constitute a unique industrial heritage collection.

PREVIOUS PERMIT POLICY

None.

PREVIOUS PERMIT EXEMPTIONS

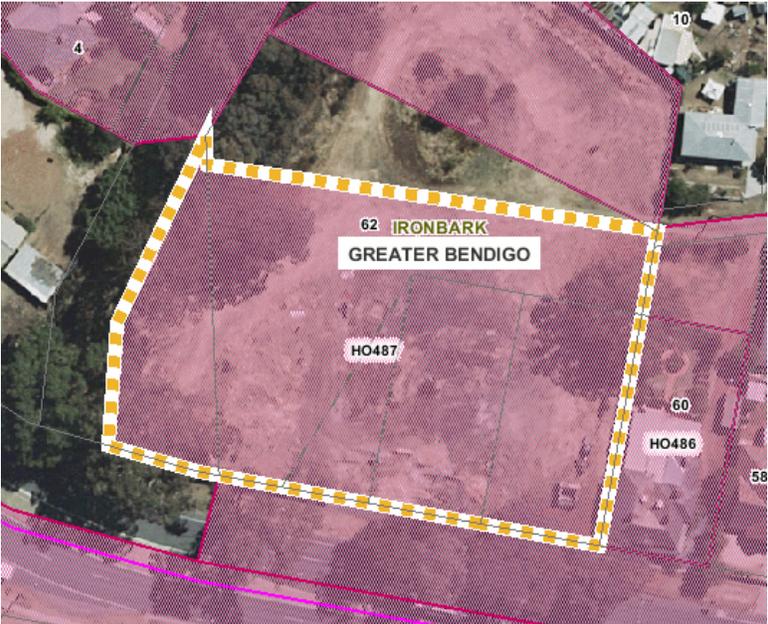
None.

IMAGES

PHOTOS FROM 2017 (THE BUILDING WAS DEMOLISHED IN 2012)



2017: The site of Golden City Implements after demolition of the building.



2017: The site of Golden City Implements after demolition of the building, showing VHR registration extent boundary.

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2017: The site of Golden City Implements after demolition of the building, from Eaglehawk Road.



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IMAGES: BEFORE DEMOLITION IN 2012



2008: Golden City Implements, exterior prior to demolition.



2011: Golden City Implements, interior prior to demolition.

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