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Johnston St

Building:

Bendigo Hotel, former  
Collingwood Arms, Johnston  
Street



<u>Allotment Reference:</u>	74
<u>National Trust Register:</u>	-
<u>National Estate Register:</u>	Recommended
<u>Historic Buildings Council Register:</u>	Recommended
<u>Location within Precinct:</u>	Collingwood Flat Precinct
<u>Photograph Date:</u>	12.6.87
<u>Grantee:</u>	David Chambers
<u>Original Owner:</u>	Carlton Brewery Co. (RB), possibly the Melbourne Brewing and Malting Co. (1882-1889) which became the Carlton Brewing Limited in 1896.
<u>Present Owner:</u>	
<u>Original Use:</u>	Hotel
<u>Present Use:</u>	Hotel
<u>Construction Date:</u>	1911

Architect:

Sydney Smith and Ogg

Builder:

Description:

A two storeyed Edwardian Queen Anne brick hotel with Art Noveaux decoration and oriel corner towers and symmetrical main (north) facade with dominant central gable flanked by pinnacles carried to street level. A curving bracketted sill accentuates the former (?) main entrance below the gable and defines a space above for the hotel name. Friezes with foliated decorations below the tower roofs are complemented by stylised natural motifs generally limited to the towered sections. A hipped slate roof and tall chimney stacks are in situ. Inside, the public hall but has been renovated.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good. The brick and stuccoed facade has been painted and a key window alongside the former (?) front door bricked up. A new brick tile dado has been provided at Street level.

History:

In 1871 "The Collingwood Arms" hotel was opened on this site. It was purchased in 1887 by the Carlton Brewery Company from Edward Latham who was an owner of the brewery from 1865-1882. Many hotels were purchased by breweries at this time with a view to improving standards and it was then that the name was changed to the "Bendigo Hotel".

In 1901, architects Sydney Smith and Ogg carried out minor additions to the toilets and in 1911 the original building was demolished and rebuilt in its present form to a design prepared by the same architects. In 1926 they undertook minor alterations and in 1966 extensive alterations were carried out in the bar areas. It was at this time that the facades were painted.

**Significance:**

The "Bendigo Hotel" is important at the State level as a sophisticated expression of the Queen Anne style as it was applied to hotel architecture. It is an important work of the noted hotel architects, Smith and Ogg.

**Recommendations:**

Recommended for inclusion in the National Estate Register, Historic Buildings Register, and for planning scheme protection. Paint removal using approved techniques is recommended.

**References:**

Davies, K., and MacAllester, J., "Hotels with corner towers in Fitzroy and Collingwood", (nd) M.U. School of Architecture undergraduate history essay.

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