

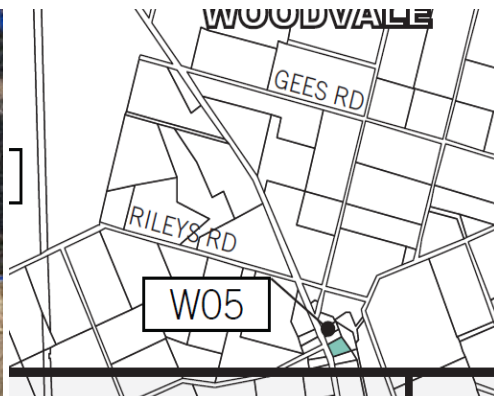
<b>Name</b>	Former Old House at Home Hotel	<b>Reference in 1998 Marong Study</b>	W05
<b>Address</b>	610 Bendigo-Pyramid Road, opposite Quinn's Road, Woodvale <sup>1</sup>	<b>Map reference</b>	VicRoads 44 E4
<b>Building type</b>	Private residence (former hotel)	<b>Survey date</b>	June 2010 (external inspection only)
<b>Date of construction</b>	A hotel on the site of the former Old House at Home Hotel was in existence during the 1860s	<b>Recommendation</b>	Include in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay
<b>Significance</b>	The former Old House at Home Hotel is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.		



Left: The former Old House at Home Hotel, c. 1870s (Source: Ray Wallace, *Sydney Flat Gold to Woodvale Green*, Woodvale Progress Association, 1984, p. 55). Right: The former hotel pictured in August 2008 (Source: Flickr, [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com), photography by Ken Whelan, dated 18 August 2008).



Left: West elevation, note tall corrugated sheet metal boundary fence. Right: North elevation, viewed from Camp Road.



Left: Aerial view, 2010 (Source: City of Greater Bendigo). Right: Proposed heritage overlay map, with the subject site shown as W05.

**Intactness**      ✓ Good      Fair      Poor

## History

Hotels and shanties were a feature of the Bendigo goldfields from the earliest days of the gold rushes. Over time, at least 12 hotels operated at Sydney Flat (Woodvale),<sup>2</sup> a dispersed settlement approximately 6km north of Eaglehawk.<sup>3</sup> Historically, this was Woodvale's 'town centre'. Other buildings in the vicinity included the former Red Lion Hotel to the south and a butcher's shop directly opposite. The date of construction of the subject Old House at Home Hotel, which overlooks the Pyramid-Bendigo Road, opposite Quinn's Road, is not known. It has been suggested that there was a hotel in this location during the 1860s, at the time of the rush to the Red Flag diggings on the flat at the rear,<sup>4</sup> and Stephen Ingham, the first publican, was operating from this site in 1868. Ingham left in the 1870s to run the butcher's shop opposite. Another record identifies a James Elliott as the owner of the hotel on 27 May 1869.<sup>5</sup> William Bruce, an entrepreneur and businessman with a ginger beer factory next to his property at Eaglehawk Flat, took over the license from Ingham, appointing, a Mr Crawford as publican from 1875.<sup>6</sup> There was a timber stable at the rear of the hotel in the 1870s.

'Ma' Burke ran the hotel during the interwar period and was responsible for its high profile in the community at that time. Following Burke's death in 1961, the pub was taken over by Jack Harris, who was the last publican at the Old House at Home. The hotel being delicensed in March 1970, Jack Harris subsequently adapted the hotel to a private residence. The Old House at Home Hotel was the last of the Woodvale pubs to operate for its original purpose, the majority of others having been delicensed by 1930.<sup>7</sup>

## Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes

Victoria's themes and sub-themes:

- 5.6: Entertaining and socialising
- 5.8: Working

## Description & Integrity

The former the Old House at Home Hotel is a single-storey brick hotel that is believed to have 1860s origins, albeit some later modifications to the building frontage/facade. The hotel is located to the south-west of a large landholding in generally flat open countryside on the east side of the Pyramid-Bendigo Road, opposite Quinn's Road at Woodvale. Since 2008, a tall corrugated sheet metal fence has been erected around the property, obscuring views from publically accessible vantage points. Only the parapet, pediment, verandah roof, chimney and some sections of the external walls are visible. A second structure, possibly the stables, is screened from view.

The brickwork of the former hotel building is stuccoed to the west (front), north and south elevations, with a recessed panel for signage in the parapet and a prominent surmounting pediment with acroteria. The north (side) wall has a stepped profile; the south (side) wall does not. The west elevation has a central door and flanking windows. The (non-original) southern window opening comprises three double-hung sashes; the northern window is a single double-hung sash with a projecting sill. Despite the modification to the southern window, the parapet, pediment and central door give the building a sense of symmetry. The verandah was previously supported on square concrete columns and pedestals (possibly timber), dating to the inter-war period. The present verandah, the top of whose square timber posts are visible above the tall fence, has been installed since 2008.

The hotel was adapted as a private residence in 1970 and appears to have been extended at the rear. Evidence indicates that the brick and stone stables referred to in the 1998 citation are extant. However, the corrugated iron fence obscures views.

## Comparative Analysis

In a number of respects, the former Old House at Home Hotel is anomalous as compared to surviving nineteenth century hotels in the former Rural City of Marong. It is not located on a corner; it is compact and symmetrical rather than having the low, spreading proportions of so many hotels in the area, including the nearby former Royal Hotel on the Loddon Valley Highway (W01) and the former Camp Hotel and Store (W06) in the Whipstick; and it has a deep recessed frieze, with surmounting

pediment, that was designed to carry signage. For these reasons, the former Old House at Home Hotel is more comparable to single-storey parapet-fronted retail and commercial buildings in goldfields towns and elsewhere in Victoria, built from the 1860s into the early twentieth century. As with the pharmacy at 116 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (KF07), and the 'Victoria Store' at 143-45 High Street (KF09), also at Kangaroo Flat (prior to additions), these were typically distinguished by symmetrical frontages, and parapets which often had a recess or panel to carry signage.

### **Assessment Against Criteria**

#### *Amended Heritage Victoria Criteria*

*Criterion A: Importance to the course, or pattern, of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.*

The former Old House at Home Hotel (built from the 1860s), on the Bendigo-Pyramid Road opposite Quinn's Road at Woodvale, is of local historical significance. It is associated with the gold rushes that underpinned European settlement of the area from the 1850s, being established to service miners at the nearby Red Flag diggings. The former hotel is approximately 1km from the former Royal Hotel, and is one of several hotels that once existed on the Bendigo-Pyramid Road. The location of the hotel also provides evidence of the historic centre of Woodvale; other buildings in the vicinity included the former Red Lion Hotel to the south and a butcher's shop directly opposite (both demolished). The former Old House at Home Hotel was the last operational hotel in Woodvale, being delicensed in 1970. The majority of hotels in the area had been delicensed by 1930.

*Criterion B: Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.*

N/A

*Criterion C: Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.*

N/A

*Criterion D: Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places or objects.*

N/A

*Criterion E: Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics in the context of the municipality.*

The former the Old House at Home Hotel (built from the 1860s), is of aesthetic/architectural significance. It is a compact and symmetrical brick building with a pronounced parapet and prominent triangular pediment; the deep recessed frieze and pediment were designed to carry signage. In these respects it is not typical of historic hotels, but relates more to single-storey parapet-fronted retail and commercial buildings in goldfields towns and elsewhere in Victoria, built from the 1860s into the early twentieth century. Modifications, including the replacement verandah, have not significantly compromised the capacity of the building to demonstrate the original design intent. The former hotel is also prominently located on the Bendigo-Pyramid Road, opposite the intersection with Quinn's Road.

*Criterion F: Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.*

N/A

*Criterion G: Strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons. This includes the significance of the place to Indigenous peoples as part of their continuing and developing cultural traditions.*

N/A

*Criterion H: Special association with life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the City of Greater Bendigo's history.*

N/A

**Statement of Significance**

*What is significant?*

The former the Old House at Home Hotel is a single-storey brick hotel that is believed to have 1860s origins. The brickwork is stuccoed to the west (front), north and south elevations, with a recessed panel for signage in the parapet and a prominent surmounting pediment with acroteria. The north (side) wall has a stepped profile; the south (side) wall does not. The west elevation has a central door and flanking windows. The (non-original) southern window opening comprises three double-hung sashes; the northern window is a single double-hung sash with a projecting sill. Despite the modification to the southern window, the parapet, pediment and central door give the building a sense of symmetry. The verandah was previously supported on square concrete columns and pedestals (possibly timber), dating to the inter-war period. The present verandah, the top of whose square timber posts are visible above the tall fence, has been installed since 2008.

*How is it significant?*

The former Old House at Home Hotel is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

*Why is it significant?*

The former Old House at Home Hotel (built from the 1860s), on the Bendigo-Pyramid Road opposite Quinn's Road at Woodvale, is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance. It is historically significant (Criterion A) through its association with the gold rushes that underpinned European settlement of the area from the 1850s, being established to service miners at the nearby Red Flag diggings. The former hotel is approximately 1km from the former Royal Hotel and is one of several hotels that once existed on the Bendigo-Pyramid Road. The location of the hotel also provides evidence of the historic centre of Woodvale; other buildings in the vicinity included the former Red Lion Hotel to the south and a butcher's shop directly opposite (both demolished). The former Old House at Home Hotel was the last operational hotel in Woodvale, being delicensed in 1970. The majority of hotels in the area had been delicensed by 1930. Aesthetically and architecturally (Criterion E), the former hotel is significant as a compact and symmetrical brick building with a pronounced parapet and prominent triangular pediment, with a deep recessed frieze and pediment designed to carry signage. In these respects it is not typical of historic hotels, but relates more to single-storey parapet-fronted retail and commercial buildings in goldfields towns and elsewhere in Victoria, built from the 1860s into the early twentieth century. Modifications, including the replacement verandah, have not significantly compromised the capacity of the building to demonstrate the original design intent. The former hotel is also prominently located on the Bendigo-Pyramid Road, opposite the intersection with Quinn's Road.

**Recommendations**

The property is recommended for inclusion in the Schedule to the Greater Bendigo Heritage Overlay. The extent of the Overlay is illustrated in the above map, with the focus of significance on the original 1860s hotel component. The stables of the former hotel may survive; if so they also form part of the significance of the property. Extensions to the rear, if confirmed to date from the 1970s, are not of significance. Desirably, the tall corrugated steel fence would be replaced with a lower fence, to enhance the presentation of the property to the Bendigo-Pyramid Road.

External Paint Colours	No
Internal Alterations Controls	No

Tree Controls	No
Outbuildings and fences exemptions	No
Victorian Heritage Register	No
Prohibited uses may be permitted	No
Incorporated plan	No
Aboriginal heritage place	No

### Identified By

Andrew Ward, 1998.

### References

Ken Arnold, *Bendigo its Environs, The Way it Was*, Volume 1, Crown Castleton Publishers, 2003.

Ray Wallace, *Shades of the Past: A History of Campbell's Forest and Yarraberb*, Back To Committee, 1993.

Ray Wallace, *Sydney Flat Gold to Woodvale Green*, Woodvale Progress Association, 1984.

Andrew Ward *et al*, City of Greater Bendigo Heritage Study (Marong) Study Area, Stage 2, 1998.

#### Specific:

<sup>1</sup> Changed address from Pramid-Bendigo Road, *Heritage Policy Citations Review*, 2011. November 2011.

<sup>2</sup> From 1845, the area was regarded as part of Myers Creek, later Myers Flat, and became known as Sydney Flat from 1852, with the present name, Woodvale, being adopted in the 1920s. See, 'History,' [www.woodvale.vic.au](http://www.woodvale.vic.au)

<sup>3</sup> Ray Wallace, *Sydney Flat to Woodvale Green*, Woodvale Progress Association, 1984, pp. 50-51.

<sup>4</sup> 'Old House at Home Hotel' citation, Andrew Ward *et al*, City of Greater Bendigo Heritage Study (Marong) Study Area, Stage 2, 1998, source uncited.

<sup>5</sup> Ken Arnold, *Bendigo its Environs, The Way it Was*, Volume 1, Crown Castleton Publishers, 2003, p. 399.

<sup>6</sup> Ken Arnold, *Bendigo its Environs, The Way it Was*, Volume 1, Crown Castleton Publishers, 2003, p. 399.

<sup>7</sup> Ray Wallace, *Sydney Flat to Woodvale Green*, Woodvale Progress Association, 1984, pp. 50-51.