

**BENDIGO POST OFFICE  
OFFICES, PUBLIC  
PALL MALL**

**SURVEY DATE: 1991-2**

**AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMISSION REGISTER: R**

**STUDY GRADING: A**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1883-7**

**FIRST OWNER : VICTORIAN COLONIAL GOVERNMENT**



**CITATION:**

**History**

'When the Public Offices opened in 1887 Sandhurst had, at last, a building they could be proud of. Designed to be seen from all sides because of their location, they took five years and cost £50,000 to build. They were opened on 30 September, 1887, when the keys were handed to our first 'home grown' Mayor, Thomas Jefferson Connelly. Connelly's untimely death denied him the national recognition his talents would otherwise have attracted.

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An earlier less conventional ceremony had taken place: when the last brick had been laid on the top of the tower, a silver trowel was presented to the Clerk of Works, John Pigdon, as a mark of esteem. Local bricks were used.

The post office bells have been the source of some rancour over the years, but otherwise Bendigo has been well pleased with its fine post office. Restoration carried out in 1985-6 has included the replacement of the ornamental urns on the tower. With care it will be with us for further centuries' Butcher & Flanders p.37.

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