

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: PRECINCT: LAUREL STREET PRECINCT, JANUARY 2022

Heritage Place: Laurel Street Precinct – High, PS ref no: HO25
Laurel, Maple and Panton Streets, Golden Square

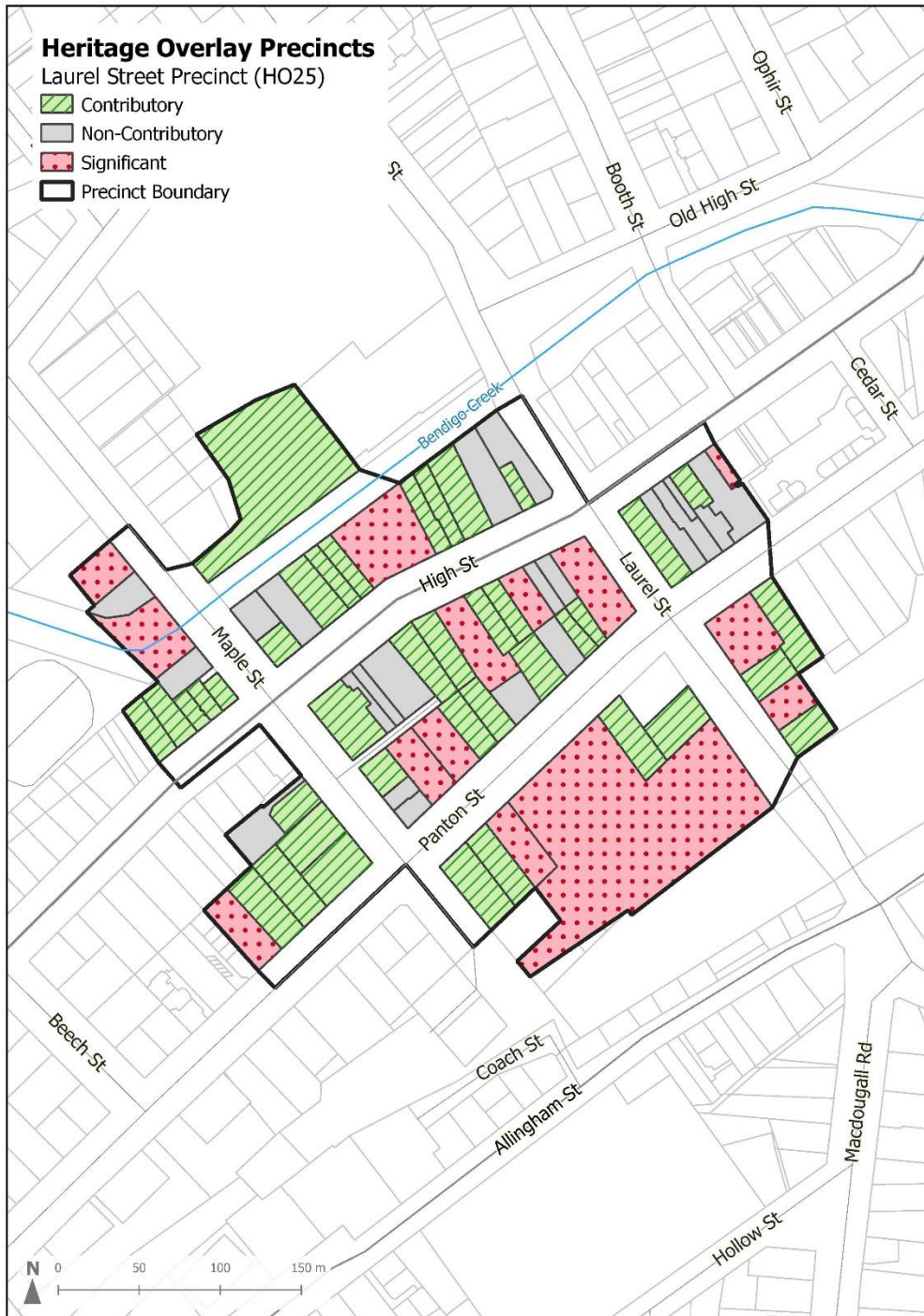


Figure 1 – Laurel Street Precinct

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Figure 2 – Laurel Street Precinct significant trees as shown by green dots

What is significant?

The Laurel Street Precinct, comprising the area approximately bounded by Panton Street, Laurel Street, Maple Street, Beech Street, Cedar Street and the Bendigo Creek, is significant.

Significant places:

High Street: 291, 311-313, 316-320, 319, 325

Laurel Street: 6, 7

Maple Street: 11A, 15

Panton Street: 15, 29, 32, 34, 42

Contributory places:

High Street: 295, 297, 299, 306, 307-309, 310, 312, 314, 321, 322, 324, 326, 327, 329, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 341

Laurel Street: 4, 5, 9

Maple Street: 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14A (279 Mackenzie Street)

Panton Street: 11, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 30, 31, 33, 38, 40

English Elm street trees on Panton and Maple streets have been identified as significant elements of the precinct, along with the Moreton Bay Fig at 7 Laurel Street, the palms at 325 High Street and the substantial peppercorn tree on the south bank of the Bendigo Creek, adjacent to the assumed location of the original gold discovery. The fig is an early or original planting that contributes to the setting of the house. Similarly, the palms are original plantings at 325 Laurel Street and can be seen in the 1920s aerial image of the property. The peppercorn is evidence of early European activity along the Bendigo Creek.

How is it significant?

The Laurel Street Precinct is of local historical, representative and social significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

The Laurel Street Precinct is of historical significance as the core of the community that sprang up around the first gold discovery in the Bendigo region. The precinct incorporates all functions of the community, including social, recreation, commercial, ecclesiastical, government and residential. The precinct includes the location of the first gold discovery in the Bendigo area. The peppercorn is evidence of early European activity along the Bendigo Creek. Early or original sheds and stables at 19 and 32 Panton Street contribute to the understanding of the heritage setting. (Criterion A)

The Laurel Street Precinct is of representative significance as an example of the gold-era settlement which, although initially independent, became a satellite of its larger neighbour, Bendigo. The established street trees (English Elms) and trees in private gardens are typical of early Bendigo residential streetscapes, with a focus on European aesthetic ideals. (Criterion D)

The Laurel Street Precinct is of social significance for its connections with the Working Men's Club, and for its hotels which provided a social focus of the Golden Square community from its earliest stages of settlement. In the swimming pool and sporting facilities, provide a focal point for social gatherings and community identity, as evidenced by community efforts to maintain the pool when it was under threat of closure. They combine to functions and the social hub of the community. (Criterion G)

Primary Source

Citation for Laurel Street Precinct from the *Golden Square Heritage Study – Stage 2, Volume 1: Place and Precinct Citations, 2020* by City of Greater Bendigo with Minerva Heritage, Context and Homewood Consulting.

Address	Grading	Additional Controls
291 High Street	Significant	
293 High Street	Non-contributory	
295 High Street	Contributory	
297 High Street	Contributory	
299 High Street	Contributory	
301 High Street	Non-contributory	
303 High Street	Non-contributory	
305 High Street	Non-contributory	
306 High Street	Contributory	
307-309 High Street	Contributory	
308 High Street	Non-contributory	
310 High Street	Contributory	
311-313 High Street	Significant	
312 High Street	Contributory	

314 High Street	Contributory	
315 High Street	Non-contributory	
316-320 High Street	Significant	
317 High Street	Non-contributory	
319 High Street	Significant	
321 High Street	Contributory	
322 High Street	Contributory	
323 High Street	Non-contributory	
324 High Street	Contributory	
325 High Street	Significant	Tree controls (Canary Island Date Palm)
326 High Street	Contributory	
327 High Street	Contributory	
328 High Street	Non-contributory	
329 High Street	Contributory	
330 High Street	Contributory	
331-335 High Street	Non-contributory	
332 High Street	Contributory	
334 High Street	Contributory	
336 High Street	Contributory	
337 High Street	Non-contributory	
338 High Street	Contributory	
339 High Street	Non-contributory	
340 High Street	Contributory	
341 High Street	Contributory	
2 Laurel Street	Non-contributory	
4 Laurel Street	Contributory	
5 Laurel Street	Contributory	
6 Laurel Street	Significant	
6A Laurel Street	Non-contributory	Tree controls (Peppercorn trees x2)
7 Laurel Street	Significant	Tree controls (Moreton Bay Fig)
9 Laurel Street	Contributory	
5 Maple Street	Contributory	
1/6 Maple Street	Non-contributory	
2/6 Maple Street	Non-contributory	
7 Maple Street	Contributory	
8 Maple Street	Contributory	
9 Maple Street	Contributory	
9A Maple Street	Non -contributory	
11 Maple Street	Non-contributory	
11A Maple Street	Significant	Tree controls (Peppercorn Tree x2)
12 Maple Street	Non-contributory	
13 Maple Street	Non-contributory	
14A Maple Street / 279 Mackenzie Street	Contributory	Tree controls (Canary Island Date Palm, Peppercorn Tree)
15 Maple Street	Significant	
11 Panton Street	Contributory	

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13-15 Panton Street	Significant	
14 Panton Street	Non- contributory	
18 Panton Street	Contributory	
19 Panton Street	Contributory	Outbuildings and fences not exempt under Clause 43.01-4 (stable)
20 Panton Street	Contributory	
22 Panton Street	Non-contributory	
24 Panton Street	Contributory	
26 Panton Street	Non-contributory	
28 Panton Street	Contributory	
29 Panton Street	Significant	
30 Panton Street	Contributory	
31 Panton Street	Contributory	
32 Panton Street	Significant	Outbuildings and fences not exempt under Clause 43.01-4 (stable and sheds)
33 Panton Street	Contributory	
34 Panton Street	Significant	
38 Panton Street	Contributory	
40 Panton Street	Contributory	
42 Panton Street	Significant	