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# Wellsford Munitions Store

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## Location

1-3 Rifle Range Road, WELLSFORD VIC 3551 - Property No 173476

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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*What is significant?*

The Wellsford Guard House [Munitions Store], at 1-3 Rifle Range Road, Wellsford is significant.

*How is it significant?*

The Wellsford Guard House [Munitions Store] is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

*Why is it significant?*

The Wellsford Guard House is of historical significance for its association with land reserved for military purposes and training at the rifle range. *Criterion A*

It is of aesthetic significance as a rare building type, and one that is associated with Defence Department sites only. *Criterion B*

Construction dates        1900,  
Hermes Number            125720  
Property Number

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## **Physical Description 1**

This small square footprint building is of unusual design and is built of face brickwork with a single door, no windows and a brick plinth. The roof is almost pyramidal and has small eaves.

## **Physical Conditions**

Good

## **Integrity**

High

## **Veterans Description for Public**

The Wellsford Munitions Store is located at 1-3 Rifle Range Road. The land upon which it is built covers an area of 100 acres, it was granted to the Defence Department of Victoria on the 27th February, 1934. The Defence Department used it as a rifle range and it is thought that the brick building was used as a store for ammunition. It is not known when the building was constructed, though it appears to date from before the Defence Department's acquisition of the land.

The land was transferred to the Greater Bendigo City Council in 1996, and then to the Victorian Rifle Association later that year. The range was the home ground of the Bendigo Rifle Club for a number of years, and was later shared by the Victorian Rifle Association, the Bendigo Rifle Club and the Bendigo South Rifle Club.

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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