
Buller Street Heritage Precinct



23 Buller Street



1 Buller Street



5 Buller Street



324 Napier Street

Location

1A & 1B, 5-7 & 2-10 BULLER STREET and 23 & 25 BOBS STREET and 324-330 & 332-338 NAPIER STREET
BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO894

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Buller Street precinct comprising detached houses dating from the Victorian and Edwardian eras and including houses in Buller, Bobs and Napier Streets is significant.

Contributory elements of the precinct include:

Bobs Street

. 23 Bobs Street

Buller Street

. 1A Buller Street

. 3 Buller Street

. 5 Buller Street

. 10 Buller Street

Napier Street

. 324 Napier Street

. 326 Napier Street

. 328 Napier Street

. 334 Napier Street

. 338 Napier Street

. Elms in Napier Street

How is it significant?

Buller Street precinct is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

Buller Street is significant as a predominantly late nineteenth century development linking White Hills to Bendigo. It represents urban development as a result of agricultural and industrial development to the north of Bendigo. (Criterion A)

Located between Napier and Bobs Streets, Buller Street is significant for its wide gravel verges and terminating views to the railway workshops and to Lake Weeroona, the view framed by street trees at the corner of Napier Street. The Buller Street precinct is significant for its demonstration of the highly decorative and sophisticated approach to Victorian architecture that has been characterised as the 'Bendigo Boom' style. This style, sometimes applied to basic timber or brick villas but derived from the work of migrant architects such as William Carl Vahland and later William Beebe, is significant for its way of lending a higher degree of sophistication to more modest dwellings, mainly through applied ornament. Architectural qualities are expressed in several properties including 324 Napier Street and 5 Buller Street, both houses displaying elaborate architectural detailing in the form of cast iron verandah friezes, small gablets over the front door, and cream and red brick chimneys. (Criterion E)

Contributory elements of the precinct include several other representative Victorian timber houses and a large timber Edwardian house as a prominent landmark at 332 Napier Street and the street trees that frame the entrance to Buller Street.

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Hermes Number 198295

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Buller Street Bendigo is located at the junction of Weeroona Avenue and Napier Street. Lake Weeroona and the reserve to the north of the lake are included in existing Heritage Overlays (HO213 and HO7). The Buller Street precinct comprises a small grouping of properties situated to the east of Lake Weeroona, between Bobs and Napier Streets. The precinct consists of houses on the north and south sides of Buller Street as well as those on the east side of Napier Street. The contributory elements within the precinct are detached houses dating from the Victorian and Edwardian eras and including 1, 3, 5 and 10 Buller Street, 23 Bobs Street, 324, 326, 328, 334 and 338 Napier Street. Buller Street is a short street extending between Napier and Bobs Street and bounded by the railway line and industrial land to the east with Lake Weeroona to the west. Elm trees in Napier Street define this major road.

Buller Street has wide gravel verges and street planting of eucalypts and young elm trees. The view along Buller Street terminates in the former North Bendigo railway workshop complex (HO710). Looking west the recreational areas associated with Lake Weeroona form an attractive view framed by the elm trees in corner of Napier Street.

Fine Victorian architecture is evident in 324 Napier Street and 5 Buller Street, both houses displaying elaborate architectural detailing in the form of cast iron verandah friezes, small gablets over the front door, and cream and red brick chimneys. These are complemented by several other representative Victorian timber houses. A large timber Edwardian house is a prominent landmark at 332 Napier Street.

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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