
HOUSE



545 Napier Street



545 Napier Street, detail of
cast iron frieze

Location

545 NAPIER STREET, WHITE HILLS, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO912

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The house at 545 Napier Street White Hills comprising a timber Edwardian house built between 1911 and 1915 is significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 545 Napier Street built between 1911 and 1915 by G Piccoli is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

The house of 545 Napier Street, owned until 1910 by Scottish migrant and White Hills post office proprietor, George Souter Butter and later by G Piccoli, is significant. Butter's activities in White Hills included acting as Trustee of the White Hills cemetery and the Presbyterian church; and his multiple landholdings indicate his wealth and standing in the community. (Criterion A)

545 Napier Street is part of a group of exceptionally fine late Victorian/Edwardian residences in White Hills. These places display architectural qualities in form and ornamentation that indicate design origins from prominent Bendigo architects such as the 'school of' William Beebe and W C Vahland.

545 Napier Street is characteristic of the high quality late Victorian and Edwardian housing development that spread to White Hills in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The house at 545 Napier Street is significant for its high level of integrity and representation of Edwardian residential architecture. This is expressed through its layout of a central square hipped roof with extended wings and a return verandah. The house is notable for its high level of decoration including metal roof ridging, leaded glass casement windows, turned verandah posts, eaves detail and in particular the fine quality of the cast iron frieze with integrated brackets. The fence is not significant. (Criterion E)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Bendigo - White Hills & East Bendigo Heritage Study 2016, Context P/L, 2015; |
| Construction dates | 1911, |
| Hermes Number | 198332 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

545 Napier Street is located in the centre of the White Hills Hamlet and comprises a large Edwardian timber house in a garden setting. It exhibits one of the highly characteristic layouts of a central square plan form with two elongated wings at right angles to each other. A return verandah links these two parts of the house and frames the central section. This house has metal ridge detailing, a corrugated iron hipped roof, face brick chimneys and eaves with characteristic mouldings beneath the gutter. The verandah is a particularly fine example of its type with the use of a cast iron frieze with integrated brackets. This is a late example of cast iron and is a highly distinctive design found on several houses in White Hills. The timber verandah posts are turned and either set in pairs or grouped in threes at the corner of the verandah. The window joinery is of timber framed casement windows with square leaded glass. The timber picket fence is of recent origins and the garden setting complements the house.

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