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# House



204351\_Heathcote\_Mitchell  
Street\_006\_img01

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## Location

6 MITCHELL STREET, HEATHCOTE - PROPERTY NUMBER 204351, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO776

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 10, 2023

### What is significant?

The house at 6 Mitchell Street, Heathcote is significant.

### How is it significant?

The house at 6 Mitchell Street is of local, historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

### Why is it significant?

The house at 6 Mitchell Street is historically significant for its association with G. B. Shakespear(e), a prominent member of the Heathcote community. George Bee Shakespear(e) was a member Heathcote Roads Board and Heathcote Municipal Council from 1859-1863 and trustee of the Heathcote hospital grounds. The house is also important for its association with Edwin Field who was rated as the occupant in 1864. Field and the Coster Brothers established the Costerfield Gold and Antimony Mining Company. Edwin Field owned and occupied the house from 1866-1868. Other owners include mining manager William Youle. Members of the Youle family owned the house until at least 1892. *Criterion A*

The house at 6 Mitchell Street has a number of unusual features including Morwood and Rogers patent tilt metal roof tiles to the front and rear parts of the house. The parapets to the end brick walls are less common than eaves with barge boards. Other important features include the cut out pattern in the verandah beam and unusually long rear wing also clad with roofing tiles. Another unusual, although not unknown feature, is the doorway being off centre to the front elevation. Given the presence of the Morwood and Rogers roofing tiles, it is possible that this house was built prior to 1860, this making it one of the earliest houses still extant in Heathcote. *Criteria D, B*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1860,
Hermes Number	32844
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

6 Mitchell Street is a house built in several parts, with gable roofs and parapeted end walls. It is built from brick, although the walls are now painted. The verandah is integral with the roof slope and the roof is clad with Morwood and Rogers patent tilt metal roof tiles. The verandah beam is cut out in an unusual pattern although this may not be the original design. The house consists of two separate wings of similar design at right angles to each other. A recent extension has also been made to the end of one wing. The wings are linked to each other by a verandah. This house has an unusually long rear wing, which may have been used as a stable, where the roof is also clad with Morwood and Rogers tiles. Although gable roofs are common throughout the study area, the end walls forming parapets are less common than eaves with barges. These walls extend forward of the front wall forming wing walls at each end of the verandah. Another unusual, although not unknown feature, is the doorway being off centre to the front elevation.

## Physical Conditions

Fair

## Integrity

Altered

## Historical Australian Themes

6.0 Building towns, cities and the garden state

6.5 Living in country towns

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