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## Del Oro



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### Location

8 KILWINNING STREET, QUARRY HILL - PROPERTY NUMBER 182781, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

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### Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

#### How is it significant?

#### Why is it significant?

Architecturally, although altered, the street view of this house still provides a significant architectural contribution to the city and its ornamentation is distinctively of the area. As a prominently sited and large structure, it is a major element in the valuable Quarry Hill residential precinct.

Landscape - the garden in its present form is of no historic significance but contributes to the house as a setting.

Historically, the house has a long association with the Crawford family and particularly George Crawford, who epitomises the self-made entrepreneur who accumulated wealth from both the goldfields and his trade. His recognition by public organisations and government is a further indication of his significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1892,
Architect/Designer	Vahland, William Charles,
Other Names	Former Rolleston House,
Hermes Number	34269
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## Physical Description 1

The house is now a large one, with the 1972 and 1940 additions extending across a wide frontage and to a substantial depth, the walls being punctuated by room and window bays and an highly ornamental return convex-roof and iron verandah. Two coloured brickwork is used with cemented quoining and architraves at openings, to provide much decorated elevations to at least three sides. Taking on the hipped roof Italianate form, the house once possessed strict symmetry, with tall dichrome brick chimneys on either side of an elevated widow's walk in the roof (now gone). The central roof gable, with its oculus vent and iron cresting, is echoed by a shallowed verandah gable, with intricate detailing in the tympanum of the entry archway under. Iron friezes are panelled, the bellied iron balustrading survives and the verandah steps are swept to either side in a grand flourish in their progress to the street. Similarly the entry has panelled sidelights and a segment-arched top light. Outbuildings of the house period face Palmerston Street and some mature exotics survive in the garden.

Internally, the Crawford family added new false-ceilings and cornices in c1939-40, using a geometric Moderne styling.

## Physical Description 2

Landscape - Fence and gates of interest but majority of garden is of more recent origin. Plants of some significance include '*Cedrus deodara*'.

## Integrity

External - Major additions were made at the rear and side in c1940 and c1972, including enclosing the side verandah and creation of a porch entrance to the other side. Only part of this work is visible from Kilwinning Street.

The ornate iron widow's walk has been removed from the roof, glass details replaced and the boundary (picket?) fence replaced in two-colour brickwork. The iron verandah balustrade panels are reputedly reproductions made by a former owner from the Rifle Brigade Hotel, replacing one of a turned pattern.

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