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# TAWARRI HOUSE & GARDEN



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## Location

68 NAPOLEON CRESCENT, WHITE HILLS - PROPERTY NUMBER 183146, 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?

Although altered, this is one of the few truly Modernist houses in Bendigo, and being built prior to 1950, it is earlier than most other Modernist examples in Victorian. The garden setting also complements the house period and is of local importance.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993; Greater Bendigo - White Hills & East Bendigo Heritage Study 2016, Context P/L, 2015; |
| Construction dates        | 1947,  |
| Architect/Designer        | Midgley & Thirwell,  |
| Hermes Number             | 34324  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

Distinctive in Bendigo because of its corner steel-frame windows, angled siting, shallow-hip roof (replacing the original flat one) and cuboid massing, the house is two-storey, clad with painted brick and equipped with an upper-level terrace, a portholed porch and single-level garage. The house was reputedly inspired by an architect's design and differs markedly from contemporary Bendigo houses because of the Modernistic stylism chosen.

Distributed about a central stair hall, the rooms were arranged for maximum external three-dimensional effect: the upper level bedrooms were set well back, allowing use of the lower level's roof as generous twin terraces, while the upper-level floor slab cantilevered out, acting as a porch for the entry. Unlike the static massing of Bendigo Moderne-style houses, such as Banyan in 17 Eaglehawk Road (q.v.), this house achieves its distinction by skilful placement of what appears as independent rectangular forms to achieve a dynamic composition.

## Integrity

External - A bedroom and carport (single-level) were added to the south end during 1977 in a visually related manner to the original and a billiard room was placed behind the garage. The flat concrete roof was augmented with the present shallow hipped profile, again in a manner which was related to the original concept. Another room was added at the rear in the 1980s

## Physical Description 2

Landscape - Mature garden much of it original including a particularly good *weeping elm* next to the garage and a *cypress hedge*.

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