
Short Street Precinct



Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Wattle Street; a major
element in the precinct

Location

SHORT STREET, BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO12

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

This precinct contains some of Bendigo's most prestigious private residences, typically grouped close to the city's key ecclesiastical buildings. It contains some of the first residential allotments sold in the township and some of the earliest church buildings and reserves.

The individual excellence of many of these building designs is underscored by the hilly terrain which allows spectacular prominences for both house and church siting and provides for picturesque groupings of one building type against the other, offering visually inspiring variations of scale and siting which is nevertheless unified within the language and ornamentation of the 19th and early 20th century architecture.

Combined with the contribution of individual buildings is the associated roadside detail in the form of planting and garden wall using brick and stone, and matching protrusions of natural stone often occurring at the street edge.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1870,
Other Names	Former Precinct 6.01 Bendigo Civic and Residential,
Hermes Number	161930
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Physical characteristics of the precinct divide between secular and ecclesiastical use, with the latter as landmarks surrounded by the former. Typical of the late Victorian era, early 20th Century housing, front and side setbacks are minimal, with a typical one-storey (plus basement) scale and materials being typically cemented brickwork, with some face- brick (red, cream) and use of stone for fences and detailing.

Similarly pitched roofs (of slate or painted corrugated iron), verandahs, opening sizes limited to less than 50% of the wall surface, and use of some symmetrically-arranged elements are common in the area. Fence lines are often individually important elements (46 Mackenzie Street), being both retaining walls and boundary markers.

Physical Description 2

Key Sites - former Bendigo civic & residential area

Charles Millward's Jefferson, 19 Forest Street, 1900

George Vibert's House, 55 Forest Street, 1864-65

Robert Mackay's Sommerfield, 46 Mackenzie Street, 1904-5C

Warren House, 12 Rowan Street, 1920

John McIntyre's Belgravia, 88 Short Street, 1885c

William Milne's Girton College, now Lister House, 37 Rowan Street, 1881

Henry Hawkins' Marlborough Lodge, 115 Wattle Street, 1869-

John Watson's Kent House complex, 121-123 Wattle Street, 1874-5

Paul MacGillivray's Bishopscourt, 40 Forest Street, 1876

Amy & Eileen Castles' Conservatorium of Music, 5 Rowan Street 1902

Robert Moorhead's Illira, 57 Forest Street, 1886

William Tipper's Euroma, 38 Mackenzie Street, 1870

Wesleyan Church, 21-25 Forest Street, 1862-87

Congregational Church later Presbyterian Church, 45 Forest Street 1890

Daniel Kennedy's Osborne House, 31 Mackenzie Street 1869-

Catholic Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wattle Street 1896

Finch and Bosselman's Fernville Terrace, 35-41 Mackenzie Street, 1885

Physical Description 3

Contributory Streets -former Bendigo civic & residential area

FOREST

MACKENZIE

ROWAN

WATTLE

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