
Myrnong



West elevation of Myrnong.

Location

2 Myrnong Court, KANGAROO FLAT VIC 3555 - Property No 200669

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO520

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Myrnong, at 2 Myrnong Court, Kangaroo Flat, was built in 1857-58 for Englishman John Cappy, who was associated with deep lead mining. Myrnong, set in a generous allotment, is a symmetrical single-storey, hipped and gabled, early Gothic-influenced house with its front elevation facing west. The original face brick external walls have been overpainted. The roof forms, clad in corrugated galvanised steel, comprise a transverse ridge

over the linking central section of the building, and gables over the projecting flanking wings. There is a cast concrete cornice to the parapets and a reconstructed timber posted verandah to the central building section. The flanking wings have canted window bays with light timber frames and large-scaled sashes.

How is it significant?

Myrnong, at 2 Myrnong Court, Kangaroo Flat, is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

Why is it significant?

Myrnong is historically significant (Criterion A) as a dwelling built in 1857-58 for Englishman John Cappy, who was associated with deep lead mining. By the 1870s, Myrnong was a substantial 'gentleman's residence,' with extensive stabling and horse facilities. At that time the property was located in a generous landscaped setting, although the early configuration of the property, and the scale of the grounds, has been obscured and reduced through subdivision. Myrnong as a building dating to the 1850s, is also one of the few dwellings of this period in Kangaroo Flat and in the City of Greater Bendigo generally, and a rare example of a property dating to the 1850s which was built on the fringes of Bendigo. It is also among the oldest surviving dwellings on the Bendigo goldfields (Criterion B). Myrnong is additionally of aesthetic/architectural significance (Criterion E), as an early local example in the picturesque Gothic genre, albeit simply detailed but with prominent gabling and canted window bays. Its symmetrical facade, with the tranverse roofed central section, and flanking gabled wings, is evocative of the mid-Victorian period. Other elements of note include the large brick chimneys and the light timber frames and large-scaled sashes to the canted window bays. The dwelling is also substantially externally intact, albeit overpainted.

Assessment Against Criteria

Amended Heritage Victoria Criteria

Criterion A: Importance to the course, or pattern, of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.

Myrnong, at 2 Myrnong Court, Kangaroo Flat, is of historical significance. It was built in 1857-58 for Englishman John Cappy, who was associated with deep lead mining. By the 1870s, Myrnong was a substantial 'gentleman's residence,' with extensive stabling and horse facilities. At that time the property was also located in a generous landscaped setting, although the early configuration of the property, and the scale of the grounds, has been obscured and reduced through subdivision. Myrnong is also one of the oldest residential buildings in Kangaroo Flat and one of the few remaining 1850s dwellings on the Bendigo goldfield.

Criterion B: Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.

Myrnong, as a building dating to the 1850s, is one of the few dwellings of this period in Kangaroo Flat and in the City of Greater Bendigo generally, and a rare example of a property dating to the 1850s which was built on the fringes of Bendigo. It is also among the oldest surviving dwellings on the Bendigo goldfields.

Criterion C: Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.

N/A

Criterion D: Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places or objects.

N/A

Criterion E: Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics in the context of the municipality.

Myrnong is of aesthetic/architectural significance. The 1850s dwelling is an early local example in the picturesque Gothic genre, albeit simply detailed but with prominent gabling and canted window bays. Its symmetrical facade, with the tranverse roofed central section and flanking gabled wings, is evocative of the mid-Victorian period. Other elements of note include the large brick chimneys and the light timber frames and large-scaled sashes to the canted window bays. The dwelling is also substantially externally intact, albeit overpainted (i.e. not retaining its original face brick presentation).

Criterion F: Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.

N/A

Criterion G: Strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons. This includes the significance of the place to Indigenous peoples as part of their continuing and developing cultural traditions.

N/A

Criterion H: Special association with life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the City of Greater Bendigo's history.

N/A

Theme

6. Building towns cities and the garden state

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Heritage Policy Citations Review, Lovell Chen P/L, 2011;
Construction dates	1857,
Hermes Number	184914
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Myrnong is a symmetrical single-storey, hipped and gabled, early Gothic-influenced house with its front elevation facing west. The original face brick external walls have been overpainted. The roof forms, which are clad in corrugated galvanised steel, comprise a transverse ridge over the linking central section of the building, and gables over the projecting flanking (north and south) wings. There is a cast concrete cornice to the parapets and a reconstructed timber posted verandah to the central building section. Two large brick chimneys are visible from the street (Myrnong Court), with proportionally broad bases and plain uncorniced stacks. The front door is offset to the north end of the verandah. The flanking wings have canted window bays with light timber frames and large-scaled sashes. The front yard has been reorganised since the 1990s and a paved driveway leads past the house on its south side, diagonally to its right. A swimming pool has been installed to the rear, and a large asphalted apron leading to a large outbuilding in on the south side of the house. This outbuilding is roofed in corrugated galvanised steel. The rear of the house has a verandah roofed in corrugated galvanised steel with three polycarbonate light sheeting, and a square, flat roofed wing, apparently recent, runs off the south wing toward the swimming pool. Two skylights have been added to the south wing. There is a further shed on the property's south-west side and a circular formal garden immediately south of the driveway. The property appears to be in generally sound condition.

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