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# WOODVILLE



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## Location

4 OLYMPIC PARADE, KANGAROO FLAT - PROPERTY NUMBER 199534, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO521

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

Woodville at 2 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat, was built in 1872 for John Scott Lithgo, a local storekeeper and member of the Wesleyan Methodist church. It is a single-storey symmetrical bichrome brick mid-Victorian villa, with a later addition at the rear, and a steeply pitched pyramidal roof with slender chimneys to the front building component. The rear of the house had two trailing narrow wings, one of which may be extant on the east side while that on the west side may also be early but appears to have been modified. The original house component is constructed of face red bricks relieved by cream bricks in alternating headers and stretchers, creating a small-grained quoin effect. The facade also has a concave verandah with a plain fascia, formerly timber posted, but

now supported by pipe columns. Original windows at the front and sides are timber-framed double-hung sashes with cambered headers and simple block sills. The front door possibly dates to the Federation period. The house occupies a large asymmetrical plot, narrowing to the south, with views to Kangaroo Flat cemetery.

#### **How is it significant?**

Woodville at 2 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

#### **Why is it significant?**

Woodville is historically significant (Criterion A) as an example of a substantial brick residence built during the early years of development of Kangaroo Flat. It was built for John Scott Lithgo, a local storekeeper and prominent member of the Wesleyan Methodist church community. Lithgo was an original trustee of the Kangaroo Flat Wesleyan Church in 1871. The siting of the dwelling, and its large asymmetrical allotment, also indicate an earlier property in Kangaroo Flat with an atypical orientation to that of the more recent subdivisions.

Woodville is also of aesthetic/architectural significance (Criterion E) as a simply detailed mid-Victorian villa with a symmetrical presentation, concave verandah and steeply pitched pyramidal roof. The bichrome brickwork, including the quoin-like patterning, is typical of many buildings in the Kangaroo Flat area; here it is also carried through to the chimneys. Save for the rear addition and the non-original verandah columns the property is largely externally intact as built.

### **Theme**

6. Building towns cities and the garden state 8. Building community life

Heritage Study/Consultant Greater Bendigo - Heritage Policy Citations Review, Lovell Chen P/L, 2011;

Construction dates 1872,

Other Names House,

Hermes Number 184917

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### **Physical Description 1**

Woodville, at no 2 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat, is a single-storey symmetrical bichrome brick mid-Victorian villa with a later addition at the rear. The front (south) of the house has a pyramidal roof clad in corrugated galvanised steel, with shallow eaves and slender chimneys. The rear configuration of the house comprised two trailing wings with monopitch (skillion) roofs; one of these narrow wings may be extant on the east side (visibility was restricted), while the other on the west side may also be early but appears to have been modified. The area between the trailing wings has been covered over/infilled, with a single-ridge gable with polycarbonate panels (for lighting). The original house is constructed of face red bricks relieved by cream bricks in alternating headers and stretchers, creating a small-grained quoin effect. This treatment is carried through to the openings on the facade (south elevation); the facade also has a concave verandah with a plain fascia, formerly timber posted, but now supported by pipe columns. Original windows at the front and sides are timber-framed double-hung sashes with cambered headers and simple block sills. The front door, possibly dating to the Federation period, has two sidelights and accompanying panels, and a fretworked screen door. There are four bichrome brick chimneys, two of which are on the rear wings, with a pot remaining on one and chimney cans on two others. Three of the chimneys have cornices and collars in corbelled brick; the fourth at the rear, while repeating the brick patterning, has neither. It is keyed to the dimensions of the narrower front chimney stack.

The house occupies a large asymmetrical plot, narrowing to the south, with views to Kangaroo Flat cemetery. The long south-west frontage to Olympic Parade is lined with a corrugated steel fence, rising in height in

proximity to the house. There appear to be no plantings or trees of long-standing in the garden.

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