
HOUSE AND STABLES



14 Heinz Street, house



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Location

14 HEINZ STREET, WHITE HILLS, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO908

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The residence and stable complex at 14 Heinz Street comprising two main buildings including a late-Victorian style house of c.1895-1898 and a large stable of c.1920 is significant.

How is it significant?

The residence and stable complex at 14 Heinz Street is of local historic, aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo. It also has rarity and associational value.

Why is it significant?

The Heinz Street Residence and Stable Complex is historically significant as a rare and substantially intact example of a late nineteenth century residence and c. 1920s horse stable complex that operated as a racehorse training facility from c. 1914 through until 2009. (Criterion D) The Heinz Street residence and stable complex retains its original residence and stables and is representative of a traditional horse training establishment located close to racecourses. (Criterion B)

The Heinz Street Residence and Stable Complex is one of only a few known historic stables associated with private residences and the racehorse industry in the City of Greater Bendigo. The residence is one of only four dating from the period 1890-1910 in the Heinz Street-Rohs Road vicinity. The stable complex is one of only four extant pre-World War Two stables in the Heinz Street-Rohs Road vicinity, and the only 1920s timber stable. The other extant pre-World War Two stable complexes are less substantial. The Heinz Street Residence and Stable Complex is therefore of historical significance to the City of Greater Bendigo as one of the few remaining examples of such complexes that are related to the local racing industry. (Criterion A)

The Heinz Street Residence and Stable Complex is of associative significance to the City of Greater Bendigo for its connection with local horse racing identities Harry McCalman and Tom Torpy. In particular, Harry McCalman trained Caulfield Cup and Victoria Derby winners Whittier and Manfred for Ben Chaffey, chairman of the Victoria Amateur Turf Club, in the 1920s. McCalman trained both Whittier and Manfred from his White Hills premises at 14 Heinz Street. The property is a tangible link to local trainer Harry McCalman and his significant racing success. (Criterion H)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - White Hills & East Bendigo Heritage Study 2016, Context P/L, 2015;
Hermes Number	198329
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Heinz Street residence and stable complex contains a number of buildings: the two main buildings being a residence dating from 1895-98 and a large stables building dating from c. 1920s. There is another stables building at the rear of the property and a number of smaller outbuildings including two timber buildings, and one fibro/timber building, as well as several later steel sheds.

The residence is a typical weatherboard late Victorian-style house with hipped roof and projecting gabled section with encircling bullnose verandah. The main stables building is a large timber framed weatherboard structure with gabled roof and venting gablets. The east section of the building has a higher roof, which housed a hay loft. The main stables building, with the horse stalls, is intact externally and internally and is in good condition. The water tank has been adapted to dispense grain.

Although not included within the boundaries of 14 Heinz Street, a substantial dam measuring approximately 22 metres by 12 metres and brick-lined on two sides is located on the Ross Street roadside reserve at the rear of the property. From a site visit, it seems likely that the dam, filled from a race system and water storage that was reserved in 1908, was connected to 14 Heinz Street by a channel that perhaps provided water for horse troughs and for pastures (Ballinger, 2012:2-3).

Recent changes to the site have included subdivision of the site into several parcels and the re-alignment of the rear stable building (Ross Street frontage).

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