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## FARM COMPLEX



192577\_Emu Creek\_Red  
Tank Road\_197\_img01



192577\_Emu Creek\_Red  
Tank Road\_197\_img03



192577\_Emu Creek\_Red  
Tank Road\_197\_img04



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### Location

197 RED TANK ROAD, EMU CREEK - PROPERTY NUMBER 192577, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

The stone outbuilding at 197 Red Tank Road built c.1860 including the interior, is significant. The house, although of a similar date of construction has been significantly altered and is of lesser interest.

#### How is it significant?

The stone outbuilding and house is of local historical and architectural significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

#### Why is it significant?

The stone outbuilding and to a lesser extent the house, at 197 Red Tank Road is of historical significance for its direct links to the farming traditions of the German immigrants who came to Australia firstly in search of gold, then to establish agricultural and viticultural activities in the district. It was owned by a number of the German families including originally Heinrich Schmidt in 1853, followed by Franz Mueller in 1857 and Henry Backhalt in 1868.

*Criterion A*

The stone barn is an extremely long construction and was possibly extended several times, although the same stonework was used each time and there are only faint clues as to where additional work was constructed. It is the largest and most intact barn in the study area and has a highly intact interior with a loft floor constructed of palings, and timber divisions for animals some of which are of split timber. The roof structure has been altered and the roof cladding is of corrugated iron, although it is likely that shingles or palings were the original roof covering. The barn is rare in the study area, and is one of the best examples of German construction. The setting has stone walls throughout the paddocks, and a stone house that has been altered substantially. *Criterion E, B*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1855,
Hermes Number	32645
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### Physical Description 1

197 Red Tank Road is a farm complex comprising a house, barn open sided sheds and stone walls. The property is situated in undulating agricultural land at Emu Creek. Some surrounding small farms are being subdivided into large residential allotments and new houses are being built in the area. The paddocks around the house and barn have sandstone drystone walls dividing them and bordering Red Tank Road. These stone walls are in a deteriorating condition and are partially collapsed.

The house is built of stone but has undergone numerous alterations including partial rendering. It is not immediately apparent that is contemporary with the barn. The house is of secondary interest as the alterations to the roof form, porch and external walls have obscured much of the original design.

The barn is built of sandstone and is over 30 metres long. It is built of random rubble sandstone with one smooth face. The interior of the barn has a loft floor built of palings and divisions for animals of palings and split vertical planks. The roof structure appears to have been reconstructed and the roof cladding is not corrugated iron, although this may not have been the original roof cladding. The barn is of particular interest for its high degree of integrity, particularly in the interior features, its exceptionally long length and its relationship to the house and stone walls.

## **Physical Conditions**

Good

## **Integrity**

High

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