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# Five Gums House and outbuildings



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Road\_250\_img01

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## Location

35 Five Gums Lane, HEATHCOTE VIC 3523 - Property No 205603

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO754

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The property known as 'Five Gums', at 250 Adairs Lane and Lot 1 Adairs Lane, Heathcote. 'Five Gums', encompasses two neighbouring allotments in the Parish of Langwornor. Although there are other buildings located at 'Five Gums', only the sandstone and brick hut (circa 1876) on allotment Y5 and slab outbuilding (circa 1873) on neighbouring allotment Y7 are of significance.

### How is it significant?

'Five Gums', at 250 Adairs Lane and Lot 1 Adairs Lane, Heathcote is of local historic and architectural and technical significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

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

'Five Gums', at 250 Adairs Lane and Lot 1 Adairs Lane, Heathcote, is of historic significance for its association with Thomas Drewitt from as early as 1865. Drewitt was a prominent member of the Heathcote community and involved in a number of civil institutions, including the district Roads board and the establishment of a school at Wild Duck Creek. It is also important for its long association with members of the Izerott family, from about 1865. In 1924 the Izerott brothers named the place 'Five Gums'. *Criterion A*

Both buildings are architecturally significant. The sandstone and brick hut with corrugated iron roof is of primitive construction, and is notable for its unusual roof form of hip and gable, brick window dressings and timber lintels in the manner of buildings derived from either Cornish or German building tradition and widely practised in South Australia. *Criterion D*

The slab outbuilding is representative of the farm buildings constructed on early selections, and probably dates to before 1873. Built from horizontal timber slabs set between vertical posts and stone flags on the floor is of technical significance for its demonstration of primitive building construction techniques. *Criterion E*.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1860, 1870,
Other Names	250 Adairs Lane, Heathcote, Lot 1 Adairs Lane, Heathcote,
Hermes Number	32675
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

250 Adairs Lane is a sandstone and brick hut with corrugated iron roof. Of primitive construction it is of note for the unusual roof form of hip and gable. There is a makeshift lean-to to one side, but this is built of iron in a modern profile. The sandstone is in square cut rubble and there are brick dressings to the windows, although the lintels are of timber. The design of stone and brick resembles many of the buildings from South Australia, however this design is found in the Bendigo region in a few buildings, often with Cornish or German connections.

The front door is sheeted with vertical lining boards and there is one remaining sash window in a poor state of repair. The interior has masonry walls and hard plaster. A timber fire surround of simple design is still extant.

A slab outbuilding is located on the neighbouring allotment (Y7), which is also part of 'Five Gums'. Only the slab outbuilding and this house are of interest.

The outbuilding in Adairs Lane is built from horizontal timber slabs set between vertical posts. It has a gable roof and a skillion lean-to. Some of the timber walls have been rebuilt with framing and corrugated iron cladding. The gable ends have been clad in weatherboard. Some internal walls are built from vertical palings or slabs. The door is ledged, braced and sheeting with vertical lining boards. There are stone flags to the floor.

## **Physical Conditions**

Poor

## **Integrity**

Fair

## **Historical Australian Themes**

4.0 Transforming the land

4.3 Grazing and raising livestock

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