
House



204522_Heathcote_Wright
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Location

88 Wright Street, HEATHCOTE VIC 3523 - Property No 204522

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO781

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The circa 1860s brick house at 88 Wright Street, Heathcote, is significant

How is it significant?

The house at 88 Wright Street, Heathcote is of local historic and architectural significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

The house at 88 Wright Street is historically significant for its association with Richard Carveth Carkeet who resided there from 1864 until about 1872. Carkeet was an auctioneer, and well known member of the local community. In 1859, Carkeet was a County Court Bailiff, in 1865 was a member of the Heathcote water supply committee. Carkeet's father, Dr. William Carkeet, established a successful medical practice and set up the *Rodney Dispatch*, a local paper, in 1863. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Heathcote Hospital, but tensions between him and Dr. Robinson meant his role there was ultimately limited. By 1872, his son Richard had sold the property to his father's competitor Dr. Charles Robinson. *Criterion A*

88 Wright Street is architecturally significant as a 'picturesque' brick house with some unusual features including the gable ends facing the street, and the arrangement of an off centre window to the left hand gable end. The house is unique in the study area, and displays architectural features rarely used in buildings later than 1860. Of particular interest is the use of the small recess and label mould motif to both of the gables, and the chimney set on a diagonal plan. These features are often associated with the cottage orne depicted in nineteenth century pattern books that described ways to make farm buildings and small homes picturesque by using scaled down versions of grander buildings and ornament. There have been alterations, including the blocked in fanlight, the wing wall that extends from the left hand gable, and the rear of the house has a number of additions and alterations. The verandah has features of early construction, including the corrugated iron roofing, however it is unlikely to be part of the original design. *Criterion E*

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Physical Description 1

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The front door has an arch fanlight over which is formed in a brick soldier course. The glass is now missing and the fanlight has been blocked in. The verandah has features of early construction, including the corrugated iron roofing, however it is unlikely to be part of the original design given the awkwardness of its intersection with the barge boards. The wing wall that extends from the left hand gable is unlikely to be an original feature, however it is built from matching bricks. The rear of the house has been substantially altered and has a number of additions and alterations.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

High

Historical Australian Themes

6.0 Building towns, cities and the garden state

6.5 Living in country towns

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