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# House



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Road\_455\_img01

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## Location

455 Sedgwick Road, SEDGWICK VIC 3551 - Property No 190466

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO829

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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*What is significant?*

The farm complex at 455 Sedgwick Road, Sedgwick comprising a stone house built c.1860 with half basement and several outbuildings containing some parts of drop log and vertical timber slab construction are significant.

*How is it significant?*

455 Sedgwick Road is of local historical, aesthetic and technical significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

#### *Why is it significant?*

455 Sedgwick Road is one of a number of properties in this region established by European immigrants to the area, of which Germans, French and Italians were well represented. It appears that the Cavagna family were responsible for much of the development of this place and it was in their ownership for over 70 years. It is one of a number of properties in the Sedgwick, Mandurang and Strathfieldsaye areas that are associated with intensive agriculture by European immigrants. *Criterion A*

The outbuildings are of significance for their demonstration of drop log and vertical slab building technology. Although relatively rare, this type of building construction is found in a number of other places in the study area, with some being more intact than the examples on this property. *Criterion D*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1870,
Hermes Number	33112
Property Number	

## Physical Description 1

455 Sedgwick Road is a farm complex containing a house and a number of timber and iron outbuildings. The house has been extended and the newer parts are of little interest, however there is a large part that is an earlier stone house. The stone house is the front section and was originally designed on an earth bank, however, now has a large underfloor area. This was constructed c. 1980-90, and consists of drystone walls that form a half cellar [1]. The drystone walling is of excellent quality and construction and is built from local sandstone, built as a buttress into the hillside. There is a central entrance deeply recessed into the return stone walls and with a timber door that gives access to the cellar. Community correspondence reveals that the cellar floor has evidence of old stone flooring, indicating that there may have at some point been an earlier cellar under the house. [2] Along the front of the cellar is a levelled track formed into the hillside.

The house is of stone with a timber verandah and balustrading. It is likely that repairs to the building have resulted in the replacement of doors and windows, and the rebuilding of the verandah and balustrading. The stone masonry has been painted.

The farm complex comprises a number of outbuildings with timber frames and corrugated iron cladding. Some of these buildings have remnants of earlier construction including vertical timber slab construction and horizontal drop log construction between timber posts. All of the outbuildings have been patched and repaired with timber frames, weatherboard and corrugated iron. It is possible that the outbuildings are associated with the Coghill or Brodribb ownership of the property, prior to the Cavagna period of ownership.

The surroundings of the house have a number of exotic large trees and a small dam.

[1] Information supplied by current property owner, 2009

[2] Information supplied by National Trust, Bendigo Branch, 2009

## Physical Conditions

Good

## **Integrity**

Fair

## **Historical Australian Themes**

4.0 Transforming the land

4.4 Farming

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