
Building, hedge and garden



House, 134 Forest St, Bendigo

Location

134 Forest Street, BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No 180268

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO130

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, the house is a complete and early example of a distinctive architectural style which, by its simplicity and free disposition of elements, paralleled the development of Modernism in Victoria. It also retains much of its garden setting and contributes to a valuable residential precinct made up of contemporary and earlier housing.

Historically, its occupation by De Ravin (as one of Bendigo's early dentists) and Henry Longstaff, the initiator of an important secondary industry in the district, lends regional and local significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1912,
Hermes Number	34232
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Physical Description 1

(Obscured)

This house has some of the qualities of British Arts and Crafts designs such as Edgar Wood's Lindley Tower, near Huddersfield (1900-2). These include an overall Asian influence, characterised here by the simple hipped roof form with its exposed rafter-ends and the Chinese horn-like timber brackets to the timber verandah. The British/Australian reinterpretation has added the corner window (not used typically here until the late 1930s), the full and basket-arched openings (differing from their Italianate predecessors by their lack of an architrave) and the asymmetrical application of elements such as window bays and openings on the relatively austere external envelope of the building. The early construction date of this building lends significance, given that similar designs, some by H Desbrowe Annear, were more likely to be post-World War One. Other elements include the garden walls, timber wicket gate, pergola entry, front hedge and tapered chimneys.

Integrity

External - Generally original, except for replacement of the front chimney pot.

Physical Description 2

Landscape - *Ivy hedge*; two *Jacaranda*, obscured.

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