
Mycumbene House and Garden



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Location

31 Happy Valley Road, WEST BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No 180375

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO667

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, the house has the familiar Beebe trademarks (gable, American influence) which make the design distinctively of the Bendigo area. It also relates closely to the earlier Rae house and the two can be recognised as connected historically, particularly with the fine exotic garden shared by both houses. Historically, the houses' proximity to Rae's mine and the others in the group also its place in the greater building group which includes the Gold Mines Hotel and Coath cottage, is regionally and locally significant, given the importance of gold to the district.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993; |
| Construction dates | 1900, |
| Architect/Designer | Beebe, William, |
| Other Names | 31-33 HAPPY VALLEY ROAD, WEST BENDIGO, |
| Hermes Number | 34242 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

Build from red (tuck-pointed on the front) and cream face brickwork, the house possesses the typical Italianate hipped roof and verandahed form typical of the late 19th century. Superimposed on this are two gablets, set in the roof over shallow window bays which extend below the convex-profile verandah. These echo the Queen Anne revival style, popularised here mainly from inspiration by American examples, and possess the gable rising-sun motif which is characteristic of many Bendigo and Eaglehawk late 19th and early 20th century house designs. One gablet still possesses a (zinc?) finial and orb at the apex.

The verandah is supported on turned posts with capitals and the cast-iron iron frieze is panelled with iron brackets and fringing below. Timber balustrading is comprised of slatting set (in part) as a ric-rac pattern, reflecting the Far-Eastern influence of India and China. Chimneys are of face red brick with cemented cornices and barrelled tops.

Physical Description 2

Landscape - The landscape setting, shared with 35 Happy Valley Road, comprised of mature trees at the rear with semi-mature, mainly evergreen exotic shrubs and trees, some typical of the Edwardian era, at the front. Mature trees include good specimen of '*Araucaria bidwillii*' and '*Cupressus funebris*' '*Grevillea robusta*' '*Ficus macrophylla*' and '*Nerium oleander*' hedge and photinia. many bulbs and succulents probably original plantings. The landscape has local significance.

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