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## Backhaus Building (former)



Backhaus Building, 14-22 Mitchell Street

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### Location

14, 16, 18-20 and 22 Mitchell Street BENDIGO, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO191

### Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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### Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, this shop row is both unusually intact and distinctively designed for the period, particularly with the provision of upper level residential balconies. It forms a major part of an important commercial streetscape and (with the Plaza) represents a relatively large single creation for a provincial city which in turn reflects its long-term ownership by a well-known Bendigo name.

Historically, the links with the name Backhaus, which has been identified with Bendigo since its beginnings, add importance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1931,
Hermes Number	34302
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Remarkably close to their original state, these shops and residences present a diversity to the streetscape, not simply because of the polished metal frames and leadlight of their shopfronts (even the window display of 22 Mitchell Street is notable), but because of the generous upper-level balconies which provided for the residents (or offices) on cool summer nights.

Flanked on either side by projecting parapeted bays, the terrace roofs are supported on Doric columns, reinforcing the overall Greek revival stylism of the block. The Saltire-cross motifs in the wrought-iron balcony balustrade also derive from this style, as do the plain gabled pediments of the parapet and the multi-paned metal-framed upper windows (shared with the Plaza).

The verandah canopy and its embossed soffit are as original.

## Integrity

External - Generally Original

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