
Dawson Cactus Gardens



Dawson's Cactus Gardens
& House

Location

571 Napier Street, WHITE HILLS VIC 3550 - Property No 174058

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1406

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO684

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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Dawson's Cactus Garden is significant on a State-wide basis: as one of the most intact cactus gardens in Victoria, the plants not merely used as isolated specimens but forming a total design, and the collection of

buildings such as the shade houses and quarantine shed which complement the plants; for its collection of outstanding individual specimens of cacti and succulents, amongst which are many plants imported in the period prior to restrictive quarantine embargoes; for the manner in which the garden reflects the hot and relatively dry local climate; for the retention of a mid-nineteenth century rendered brick residence, characteristic of Bendigo architecture and now romantically dwarfed by giant cacti and mature trees; for its contribution to the streetscape of the Midland Highway, a thoroughfare which contains notable gardens such as Rosalind Park, Lake Weeroona and White Hills Botanic Gardens; (and) historically as a noted specialist nursery responsible for the wide range of cacti and succulents throughout Australia.[1]

[1] Aitek report to the National Trust of Australia (Vic) gardens committee, 1990

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1868,
Other Names	571 NAPIER STREET, WHITE HILLS,
Hermes Number	34323
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Physical Description 1

Huge examples of their products (*agave*, *cordyline* and *yucca* specimens, etc.) still grow in the rear garden while early nursery structures (quarantine shed, shade house) and the former iron front fence survive nearby.

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