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## Post Office and Quarters



Post office entrance, at east of property.



Verandah at west of property.



West elevation, as viewed from Inglewood Street.

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### Location

33-37 INGLEWOOD STREET, RAYWOOD - PROPERTY NUMBER 201084, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO641

### Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

Raywood Post Office is a single-storey timber structure built in the Queen Anne manner, with hipped and gabled roof forms and a return verandah. The post office component (built 1912) comprises a gabled wing projecting forward of the main building line at the east side of the building. The south wall of this wing, which comprises a pair of double hung sash windows with a metal hood above, is given emphasis externally by its king post gable decoration and oculus vent. The entrance is in a faceted bay to the east, with a hipped roof. The residence to the west (built 1902) has a timber posted bull nosed return verandah with cast iron lace enrichment to the south and

west. The hipped roof of the residence is clad in corrugated galvanised sheet metal, there are picturesque bracketed eaves. The building is clad with weatherboards and painted a dark green.

### **How is it significant?**

Raywood Post Office and Quarters is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance.

### **Why is it significant?**

Raywood Post Office and Quarters, built in 1912 and 1902 respectively, of 33 Inglewood Street, Raywood is of local historical and aesthetic/architectural significance. The property is historically significant (Criterion A), with the original part of the building constructed in 1902, for the postmaster Isabelle McPhee, before the post office component was added in 1912. The building has subsequently served as a post office for nearly 100 years, although postal services were established at Raywood as early as 1864. McPhee held the job of postmaster from c. 1902 until at least 1930, which is also a matter of interest shedding light on one of the public positions available for women in this period, when career opportunities were generally limited.

Raywood Post Office and Quarters is also of aesthetic/architectural significance (Criterion E) as a substantially externally intact timber 1902/1912 building in the Queen Anne style, which combined an earlier residence with a later post office. In this way the building departs from many purpose-built post office buildings of a similar period, which incorporated quarters in their original design and construction. The building also utilises elements typical of the style including the picturesque gables and return verandah with cast iron lacework. The post office component, to the east, is given prominence by its projecting gabled wing, king post gable decoration, oculus vent and the faceted entrance porch to the east. Together with the former McGregor's Store at 54 Inglewood Street, Raywood Post Office and Quarters is additionally a timber commercial building of long standing in the township.

## **Theme**

3. Connecting Victorians by transport and communications 5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

Heritage Study/Consultant Greater Bendigo - Heritage Policy Citations Review, Lovell Chen P/L, 2011;

Construction dates 1902, 1912,

Hermes Number 184945

Property Number

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## **Physical Description 1**

The timber post office and quarters at 33 Inglewood Street, Raywood were built in 1912 and 1902 respectively. The main component of the property was inspected externally; additions to the rear and outbuildings on the property were not inspected.

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painted a dark green. It appears to be in generally sound condition.

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