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## House and garden



32553 190839 Axe Creek  
Axe Creek Road 767 img01

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### Location

767 Axe Creek Road, AXE CREEK VIC 3551 - Property No 190839

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO728

### Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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### Statement of Significance

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*What is significant?*

The house and garden, including mature trees, at 767 Axe Creek Road, Axe Creek are significant.

*How is it significant?*

The house and garden are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

### *Why is it significant?*

Historically, for its associations with long-term owner, John Gregory Edwards, for whom the house was built c.1893. Edwards was the proprietor of the *Bendigo Independent* newspaper for many years and a prominent member of the Axe Creek community, where he served such functions as President of the school committee for 17 years. The house is also significant for associations with John Boyd Watson, a Bendigo mining identity. The house and garden are tangible evidence of his important presence in the community from 1893 until his death in 1915. *Criterion H*

Aesthetically, the house is unusual in Axe Creek for its substantial size, unusual detailing, such as the timber entrance arch, and for its setting in a mature garden with established trees and shrubs. *Criterion E*

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Construction dates	1893,
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## Physical Description 1

767 Axe Creek Road is an unusual house of substantial size with two wings of unequal length. The projecting gable end is clad in weatherboard forming a large arch. There are three rendered chimneys with mouldings at the top. The verandah is decorated with a cast iron frieze and brackets. The house is set in a garden with established trees and shrubs and there is a backdrop of large gum trees behind. The house has an unusual form in that it consists of a long wing with gabled roof intersected by the cross gable which is the same height as the main roof. The house appears to be built all at the same time as all the chimneys are identical and the verandah brackets fit neatly either side of the projecting gable. The large arched porch is unusual when constructed of weatherboard, as this architectural feature is more commonly found in Edwardian and Interwar houses constructed in brick.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

High

## Historical Australian Themes

4. Transforming the land

4.1 Living off the land

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