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## House and outbuildings



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Camel\_Heathcote-Rochester  
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### Location

392 Heathcote-Rochester Road, MOUNT CAMEL VIC 3523 - Property No 205223

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO810

### Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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### Statement of Significance

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*What is significant?*

The farm complex at 392 Heathcote Rochester Road is significant. The complex includes the house dating from the late 1870s and a later wing c.1900, an outbuilding, animal shelter and exotic trees immediately surrounding the house and forming part of the former garden.

*How is it significant?*



The farm complex is historically and aesthetically significant to the City of Greater Bendigo.

#### *Why is it significant?*

392 Heathcote-Rochester Road is significant for its demonstration of a small self contained farm of the late 1870s which was originally part of the squatting run of Mount Camel Station and then later subdivided according to the Land Selection Act of 1869. At a later date the property demonstrates the parcelling of land under Soldier Settlement Scheme whereby it was taken up by Thomas Dickenson, then remaining in the Dickenson family from that date until the present time. *Criterion A*

The farm buildings are representative of a small scale of farming, and form a coherent and intact group. The house is of interest for its wide span gable, bargeboards and verandah frieze decoration on the 1870s part. The outbuildings contribute to sense of the place as a self contained farm. The exotic trees including a peppercorn, cypress and cedar contribute to the enclosed setting of the place. *Criterion D*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1880,
Hermes Number	33042
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## Physical Description 1

392 Heathcote-Rochester Road is a vernacular farmhouse and outbuildings built in the late 1870s on what was once part of the Mount Camel Estate. The buildings are all of weatherboard and comprise a machinery shed and animal shelters as well as the house. The buildings are clustered together in the manner of small farms used for mixed agriculture and animal raising. The setting on the east side of the Heathcote-Rochester Road is well watered flats adjacent to creeks and is more suited to smaller allotment farms. The house and outbuilding is unusually intact and retains much of the front and rear verandahs, brick chimneys, window and door joinery and window hoods.

The tall and wide gables have decorative bargeboards and finials. The verandah has simple but unusual cut out decoration to the verandah beam. The transverse gable could be an addition from c1900. There is a return verandah and this is in part built in to provide another room. There is a verandah at the rear and several brick chimneys. The house is in a deteriorating condition although this is largely due to lack of paintwork. There are mature trees including a large peppercorn at the rear of the house, cypresses and a cedar, that contribute to the setting of this house, and indicate the presence of a former garden.

## Physical Conditions

Poor

## Integrity

Altered

## Historical Australian Themes



## 4.0 Transforming the land

### 4.4 Farming

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