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## GREEN ACRES HOUSE AND OUTBUILDINGS



192679\_Sedgwick\_Wilkinsons  
Road\_023\_img01



192679\_Sedgwick\_Wilkinsons  
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### Location

23 WILKINSONS ROAD, SEDGWICK - PROPERTY NUMBER 192679, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO828

### Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The farm complex Green Acres including the house, building situated behind the house, outbuilding, and mature cypresses immediately around the building, are significant.

### How is it significant?

Green Acres is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

### Why is it significant?

Green Acres is of historic significance for its associations with the European immigrants to the area who were influential in many agricultural and viticultural activities etc. Originally coming from Germany, France and Italy, descendants of the families still live in the area. *Criterion A*

Green Acres is of aesthetic significance for its picturesque group of sandstone farm buildings including a house and barn set into the hillside. The trees immediately surrounding the complex contribute to the setting of the buildings. It is of architectural significance for the design influences derived from a European farm models where both outbuildings and houses were designed harmoniously from the same materials. The attic storey form of the house is relatively rare in an Australian context but is a recurring feature of the farm buildings built by European immigrants in the area. *Criterion E*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1860,
Other Names	Farm complex, homestead, barn,
Hermes Number	33130
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## Physical Description 1

23 Wilkinsons Road, Sedgwick is a farm complex of comprising a house and outbuilding on the rise of a hill and surrounded by established trees. The entry to the property is via a wooden bridge over the Creek in Wilkinsons Road. The buildings are designed in a vernacular style and are built of sandstone. The house is of two storeys (or one storey and an attic). The design influences appear to be European, probably German, particularly in the design of the outbuilding that is cut into the side of the hill. This was often done in order to keep storerooms cool by using the thermal mass of the earth to stabilise the temperature inside the building. The house has a steeply pitched gable roof incorporating an attic, and extending into a verandah, while the end walls form parapets with chimneys. The roof is clad in short sheets of corrugated iron. The stone window dressings have been painted, and the quoins are rendered. There is a single storey addition or separate building to the rear of the house. The outbuilding has two entry doors with floor levels set at different heights indicating that it was or is probably divided into several rooms.

The buildings are enhanced by their setting of mature cypresses and other trees. *Green Acres* is notable for its grouping of stone buildings and picturesque setting, as well as architectural influences derived from European immigration.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## **Integrity**

High

## **Historical Australian Themes**

4 Transforming the land

4.4 Farming

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