
BON ACCORD



Bon Accord House

Location

33 HAPPY VALLEY ROAD, WEST BENDIGO - PROPERTY NUMBER 180376, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO668

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1872,
Architect/Designer	Vahland & Getzschmann,
Other Names	35 HAPPY VALLEY ROAD, IRONBARK, Trees, Bunya Bunya Pine (<i>Araucaria bidwillii</i>) & Moreton Bay Fig (<i>Ficus macrophylla</i>),
Hermes Number	34243
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Set on a hill overlooking the Victoria Hill gold mining area, the Bon Accord complex consists of many construction stages, the most notable being the grand double-fronted Italianate wing which provides the north-facing entrance to the house. Almost deep enough for use as a porte-cochere, the pedimented entrance porch, with its Doric detailing (columns and pilasters), is an impressive house entry, perhaps unique in Bendigo or Eaglehawk. The facade behind it has deeply ruled, smooth rusticated stucco facing with moulded architraves around, and bracketed flat pediment moulded atop each of the two windows.

A recessed doorway and panels set below each window pediment are further refinements, along with symmetrically-placed corniced chimneys, eaves brackets and associated rosettes. The main roof form is typically (for the style) hipped and the cladding slate. Behind this elevation lies a series of timber wings with corrugated iron clad, mainly gabled roofs. These appear to predate the front wing by a considerable period. To the west of the house is a gabled face-brick stable and loft, fronting on to a steep driveway on to Union Street. The garden setting is notable with a number of succulents and cacti clumped at intervals around the 'house' yard and many mature exotic trees including a *Bunya Bunya pine*, *silky oak*, a *cypress* specimen and a *Canary Island Date Palm*.

Added to these are *pepper tree* groves which extend beyond the property boundary.

Integrity

External - The portico roofing (slates?) has been replaced with 20th century cement Marseilles pattern tiles, but otherwise (given the above development sequence) the complex is generally original, except for minor rear additions.

Physical Description 2

Landscape - Possible original layout; plantings include '*Ficus macrophylla*,' '*Douglas fir*,' hedge of '*Nerium oleander*,' fine specimen of '*Araucaria bidwillii*,' '*Phoenix canariensis*' (numerous), cacti and succulents (various), '*Eucalyptus sp.*'

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