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# HILLSBRO HOUSE



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## Location

511 NAPIER STREET, WHITE HILLS, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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**What is significant?**

**How is it significant?**

**Why is it significant?**

Architecturally, the house is a good example of the highly decorated timber-built style used around Bendigo at the turn of the century. It has distinctive verandah details and an empathetic landscape setting which corresponds to the general house and shop group set within the old White Hills Township.

Historically, its long association with the pioneering Schleiger family lends local importance.

Landscape is locally important.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1893,
Other Names	511 NAPIER STREET, WHITE HILLS,
Hermes Number	34322
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Flanked by a mature Canary Island Date Palm, this timber house repeats the highly decorated type seen elsewhere in the area and so closely linked with Bendigo house styles of c1900. Against a high hipped roof, clad in corrugated iron, is the typical half-timbered ornamental gable, here placed over a room bay. Another smaller gable marks the return of the bullnose-profile verandah with its unusual fret-sawn brackets and wave-pattern vertical slotted frieze. The whole is in the manner of the tea-house bijou villa described by Robin Boyd as the Queen Anne style, but also reflecting aspects of the Federation Bungalow and its Asian inspirations. Scrolled trusswork has been used over the door and there are some notable leadlights.

## Integrity

External - Generally original. The front fence has been replaced with a timber picket, typical of the era.

## Physical Description 2

Landscape - Garden obscured behind recent timber picket fence but possibly of recent origin. Planting of significance includes '*Phoenix canariensis*' and '*Cedrus deodara*'.

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