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# Hunter House



Hunter House, 57 Queen Street

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## Location

57 Queen Street, BENDIGO VIC 3550 - Property No 211613

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO231

## 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?**

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1882,
Architect/Designer	Vahland, William Charles,
Other Names	Greystanes,
Hermes Number	34370
Property Number	

## Physical Description 2

Landscape - Derived from at least two major periods the front garden has mature specimens such as a pomegranate, '*Brachychiton sp.*', elms, palms, copper beech, '*Cedrus atlantica glauca*' and a '*Magnolia grandiflora*'-most from the early garden.

The 1940s sections include stone pond, *Silver birch*, *golden ash* near the entry, large *lemon scented gum*, var. *New Zealand flax*, and '*Acer sp.*'.

The new picket fence is partly related to the house period. William Hunter arrived at the goldfields from Ireland in the c1860 and, with his brother Joseph's aid, he invested in the rich Garden Gull Reef.[1] In 1882, William married in Ireland and returned to the house Robert had built.[2]

With the aid of local builder, Thomas Strode, Hunter added an east wing (with the mansard roof bay) in 1893 for his growing family, bringing the house size to 25 rooms.[3] William Hunter died in 1914, second only to Lansell in the scale of his mining investment.[4]

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## References

[1] Butcher & Gregson, p.113f.

[2] *ibid*, cites '*Bendigo Advertiser*' description 1882

[3] *ibid*.

[*ibid*.

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