

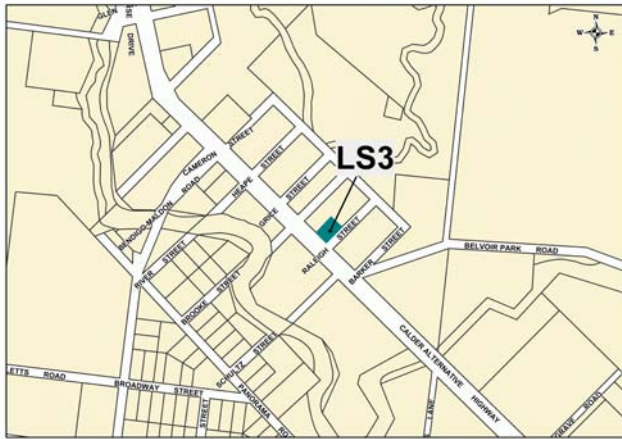
Name	<i>Hume's Hovell</i>	Reference in 1998 Marong Study	LS3
Address	630 Calder Alternative Highway, Lockwood South	Proposed map reference	VicRoads 44 D7
Building type	Private residence	Survey date	June 2010 (external inspection only)
Date of construction	After 1853	Recommendation	Include in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay
Significance	Hume's Hovell is of local aesthetic/architectural significance and historical interest.		



Left: North elevation, as seen from the Calder Alternative Highway. Right: Front (west) elevation.



Left: Brick chimney at chamfered corner, possibly a former entrance. Right: Aerial view, 2010 (Source: City of Greater Bendigo).



Proposed Heritage Overlay map with the subject designated as LS3.¹

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History

Lockwood is located approximately 15km from Bendigo. The settlement was the seat of local government from the 1850s until usurped by Marong in 1908. It is prime arable land, being located on the Bullock Creek, one of two principal watercourses in the Parish of Lockwood. Early development was underpinned by agriculture, with Lockwood supplying produce to the Bendigo goldfields.² The first post office in Lockwood was opened in January 1855; by the early 1860s the Shire Hall and council offices had been constructed.³ Gold was discovered nearby in 1863⁴ and by 1865 the population of the township was approximately 500.

This dwelling is located on Lot 1, Section 5 of the Parish of Lockwood. The allotment was alienated from Crown land (i.e. sold) on 11 August 1853. The date of construction of this building, and its original use, has not been confirmed, although the original component of the structure may date to this 1850s period. It may have been constructed as a hotel; other suggestions include use as a police troopers barracks. During the twentieth century it was used as a dairy, operated by the Frost family.⁵ It is now a private residence.

Victoria’s Framework of Historical Themes

Victoria’s themes and sub-themes:

- 5.8: Working
- 7.3: Maintaining law and order (to be confirmed)

Description & Integrity

This single-storey building constructed of roughly coursed granite addresses the Calder Alternative Highway at the corner of Belvoir Park Road, near the entrance to Lockwood South. The property is located on the higher north side of the Highway; the road facing elevation is described here as the south elevation. The focus of this description is on the historic single-storey property, although there are a number of outbuildings at the rear (north) of the allotment, possibly including a former stables building.⁶ This is not visible from the road and was not inspected. The outbuildings which are visible from the Highway are not of heritage interest.

The building shows evidence, through the different treatment of the granite walls, of being constructed/modified in stages. The main original or early components of the property comprise a pair of transverse hipped roof bays to the front of the building, with additions to the rear, including a long gable roofed trailing wing on the west side. The roof forms are clad with corrugated galvanised steel, which appears to be recent; a granite chimney is located on the west side of the roof (front bay). There is a bull nosed timber posted verandah to the front wing (south elevation), enclosed by a recently installed picket fence. The verandah has been recently upgraded, possibly when the house

was re-roofed.⁷ A short flight of granite steps leads up to the verandah. A sign reading 'Hume's Hovell' is attached to the south of the centrally located front door. The windows to either side of the door are timber-framed, with side-lights. The south-west corner of the building is chamfered, with a chimney of red brick. The verandah ends at the chamfered corner. This corner form (prior to the introduction of the chimney) may indicate that the property was built as a hotel during the 1850s, with the entrance potentially located in the corner. Paint to the some areas of the stone and brickwork has been removed since 1998.

The property appears to be in generally sound condition.

Comparative Analysis

Other local properties dating to the 1850s include Tweedside, at 39 Crusoe Road, Kangaroo Flat (c. 1856), which was built of bricks made on site, as well as materials imported from overseas by its wealthy owner. Dudley House at 60 View Street, Bendigo dates from 1858; Specimen Cottage at 178-180 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo, dates from 1856; and Myrnong at Kangaroo Flat is from 1857-58. It is possible that the subject building (the original component) predates or is contemporary with these, although the lack of certainty about the history prevents this from being confirmed. Some details, such as the windows to the south elevation (Highway façade) are later than the 1850s. The granite construction material is also unusual, and was typically favoured by Scottish immigrants.

Assessment Against Criteria

Amended Heritage Victoria Criteria

Criterion A: Importance to the course, or pattern, of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.

The single-storey building of roughly coursed granite at 630 Calder Alternative Highway, Lockwood South is of historical interest. While the original date of construction and use of the building have not been confirmed, the form of the building including its chamfered corner indicate it is an early structure possibly dating from the 1850s. This was the period when the subject allotment was taken up; it is also the period when the Lockwood settlement was established. Without knowing more about the building, it is difficult to reach a conclusion about historical significance.

Criterion B: Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the City the of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.

N/A

Criterion C: Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.

N/A

Criterion D: Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places or objects.

N/A

Criterion E: Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics in the context of the municipality.

This single-storey structure of roughly coursed granite is of aesthetic/architectural significance. While the building is an evolved structure and not intact to a specific period, the form of the front part of the building, including the chamfered corner, indicate that it is an historic building, possibly a former goldfields hotel. The use of granite is also of interest; it demonstrates the use of a locally sourced material but one which is difficult to work with. Granite was also favoured as a construction material by Scottish immigrants, although the original owner/builder of this structure has not been identified. The location on elevated ground at the southern entrance to Lockwood South, also gives the building some prominence.

Criterion F: Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.

N/A

Criterion G: Strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons. This includes the significance of the place to Indigenous peoples as part of their continuing and developing cultural traditions.

N/A

Criterion F: Special association with life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the City of Greater Bendigo's history.

N/A

Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The single-storey building of roughly coursed granite construction, at 630 Calder Alternative Highway, Lockwood South, is located on the higher north side of the Highway. The building shows evidence, through the different treatment of the granite walls, of being constructed/modified in stages. The main original or early components comprise a pair of transverse hipped roof bays to the front of the building, with additions to the rear, including a long gable roofed trailing wing on the west side. The corrugated galvanised steel roof cladding appears to be recent; a granite chimney is located on the west side of the roof (front bay). The bull nosed timber posted verandah to the front wing (south elevation) was recently upgraded, is accessed by a short flight of granite steps, and enclosed by a recent picket fence. The front door is centrally located in the south elevation; the windows to either side are timber-framed, with side-lights. The south-west corner of the building is chamfered, with a chimney of red brick; the verandah ends at the chamfered corner.

How is it significant?

The single-storey building at 630 Calder Alternative Highway, Lockwood South, is of local aesthetic/architectural significance and historical interest.

Why is it significant?

The single-storey building of roughly coursed granite construction, at 630 Calder Alternative Highway, Lockwood South, is of local aesthetic/architectural significance and historical interest. Architecturally (Criterion E), while the building is an evolved structure and not intact to a specific period, the form of the front part of the building, including the chamfered corner, indicates that it is an historic building possibly a former goldfields hotel. The use of granite is also of interest; it demonstrates the use of a locally sourced material, albeit one which is difficult to work with. Granite was also favoured as a construction material by Scottish immigrants, although the original owner/builder of this structure has not been identified. The location on elevated ground at the southern entrance to Lockwood South, also gives the building some prominence. Historically, the building provides evidence of the mid-nineteenth century development of the Lockwood area, although the original construction date and use of the property have not been confirmed.

Recommendations

The property is recommended for inclusion in the Schedule to the Greater Bendigo Heritage Overlay. The recommended extent of the Overlay is indicated in the map above, with the significance concentrated in the single-storey granite building and its presentation to the Highway, albeit some elements of this presentation are not original or early including the verandah and balustrade, and the roof cladding. The outbuildings on the rear (north) of the allotment are generally not of heritage

interest, although an exception to this might be an historic stables building (if it is extant) which was not visible or identified during the current survey. Further research into the history of the property, as well as a more detailed physical inspection of the house and site, would help to clarify the date of the property. The existence of historic stables might also shed light on the use of the property as a hotel or police troopers barracks, as has been suggested.

External Paint Colours	No
Internal Alterations Controls	No
Tree Controls	No
Outbuildings and fences exemptions	No
Victorian Heritage Register	No
Prohibited uses may be permitted	No
Incorporated plan	No
Aboriginal heritage place	No

Identified By

Andrew Ward, 1998.

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Specific:

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- ⁶ Citation for 630 Calder Alternative Highway, Andrew Ward *et al*, *City of Greater Bendigo Heritage Study (Marong) Study Area, Stage 2*, 1998.
- ⁷ See picture of 630 Calder Alternative Highway, on the citation prepared by Andrew Ward *et al*, *City of Greater Bendigo Heritage Study (Marong) Study Area, Stage 2*, 1998.