

**RARE OPPORTUNITY:** Fortuna Villa could be the new jewel in Bendigo's crown.

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digo, and of a comprehensive, co-ordinated approach to tourism in the region.

The question, in my view, is not "can we afford to do it?" but "can we afford not to?"

We won't get a second chance.

We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to secure for our community a property which, more than

any other, reflects and symbolises the golden past of this city.

We should grab it, with both hands, before somebody else does.

**Next week:** Mrs Lansell by Longstaff: the Story of a Portrait

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