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# HOMESTEAD COMPLEX



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Valley Road\_257\_img01



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## Location

257 MEADOW VALLEY ROAD, MIA MIA - PROPERTY NUMBER 205783, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO806

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The farm complex at 257 Meadow Valley Road, Mia Mia, comprising a house built in two stages c. 1850 and 1870, and later extensions, shearing shed comprising the Langwornier School, blacksmiths workshop (including the interior), horse shelter and tack room, post and rail fences, sheepyards, and orchard is significant. The archeological remains of the millstone circle is also significant.

### How is it significant?

The farm complex at 257 Meadow Valley Road, Mia Mia is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

### **Why is it significant?**

The farm complex at 257 Meadow Valley Road, Mia Mia is historically significant for its long term association with the Campbell family. Beginning with Humphrey Campbell, who established a farm on the property in the mid 1860s and ran it until his death in 1911. The Campbell family continued to own and run the place until they sold in 1995 to William Brett Campbell. *Criterion A*

Part of the house, dating from c.1850 is one of the oldest in the study area and still retains a timber shingle roof under corrugated iron. The part of the house dating from c.1850 and 1870 demonstrates the evolution of a the farm from small two roomed house to a larger and more commodious residence. The shearing shed, although is poor condition in some parts, demonstrates ingenuity in the use of the school building and subsequent additions and still contains a collection of tools from different eras. The blacksmith's workshop is significant primarily for its interior containing the forge, canopy and bellows as well as the tool collection. The farm complex at Meadow Valley Road is fine example of a farm complex and has a particularly early date of settlement It is highly representative of a farm that supported a range of agricultural activities on a small scale. *Criterion D*

The archeological remains of the millstone and horse circle is rare and contributes to a further understanding of the self sufficient nature of mixed farms. *Criterion C*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1870,
Hermes Number	33022
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## **Physical Description 1**

The farm complex at 257 Meadow Valley Road, Mia Mia comprises a house built in two parts, a shearing shed, shearers quarters, workshop, tack shed and horse shelter, two machinery sheds and sheep yards with post and rail fences. A short distance from the house is the remains of an orchard. Further away from the farm complex is a machinery shed with one wall of vertical timber slabs, and the remains of a horse operated millstone circle once used for grinding wheat.

The house was constructed in several stages with the earliest part possibly dating from pre 1850. This part is evidenced by a small gabled structure with a timber shingle roof and coved ceilings. A later extension probably dating from the 1870s is attached on one side and another extension c. 1920 to the other. A separate wing was also constructed c.1920 containing a new kitchen and living area and this is currently joined to the older part of the house by verandah roofs. The house has no internal corridor and the rooms open directly from the verandahs.

The shearers quarters are of timber construction and are unlined. The blacksmith's workshop is constructed of a timber frame with corrugated iron and timber slab cladding and has some horse stalls attached to one side. Of particular interest is the interior that contains the forge, sheet iron canopy, bellows and a large collection of tools.

The shearing shed is built around a central gable part which is reputed to be the Langworn school. Some original school windows still remain. There are extensive wings added to either side and the whole building is clad in weatherboard. The shearing shed also contains fittings and tools.

The horse shelter and tack room is of interest for its timber structure with vertical slab wall and a number of harness items. Two machinery sheds are of more recent construction and of lesser interest.

257 MeadowValley Road is a fine example of a farm complex of vernacular buildings of timber construction.

## **Physical Conditions**

Fair

## **Integrity**

Good

## **Historical Australian Themes**

4.0 Transforming the land

4.4 Farming

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