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# FORMER RAYWOOD RAILWAY STATION

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## Location

3-7 INGLEWOOD ROAD RAYWOOD, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7724-0638

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The Raywood station site is of local archaeological and historical significance as a representative early country railway station. It has potential to reveal details of the period of expansion of railway facilities in the later nineteenth century under the Octopus Acts, when political patronage saw numerous new lines constructed, not always in viable routes. Extensive remains of both structural features and archaeological deposits can demonstrate the process of operation of railways in late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, in particular the specific measures for providing water for steam locomotives.

Raywood station served a minor outlier of the Bendigo goldfields along with an agricultural catchment. As such any archaeological deposits may give insight into the character of the mixed rural economy which is a subject with little archaeological research.

Interpretation  
of Site

Raywood station was established in 1882 as part of the boom period expansion of the Victorian railway network. The station served a small community, but encouraged expansion of the population and commerce. As a result a permanent stationmaster was stationed at the departmental residence and a goods shed constructed. Watering facilities for steam locomotives were also provided, with evidence surviving in the earth tank, water tower and various channels and pipes. Demolition of the station buildings in the 1980s has left behind the prominent platform mound, although lacking the kerb and paving, as well as footings and buried remains of other buildings. An extensive area of demolition rubble and other material is located between the departmental residence and platform, a drain along the eastern edge appears to also have been a rubbish dump where there is extensive surface exposure of late nineteenth and early twentieth century ceramics, glass and metal objects.

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## History

Raywood was founded as a small gold field in the 1860s. The railway line from Bendigo to Piangil was constructed in 1882 with a station, goods shed and departmental residence erected at Raywood (Figure 11). A concrete silo was built at the railway siding in 1941. New station buildings were erected in 1915. A second Departmental residence and timber goods shed (Figure 13), were erected by about 1915. The timber station building was demolished in 1987. The station once had several sidings, stock yards and small structures, with a complex network of paths and drains (Figure 10). Access from the town was via a diagonal street past the recreation ground, still marked by a line of peppercorn trees (Figure 12). Raywood was a watering station for locomotives with a 20,000-gallon tank, pipe track, engine house, boiler and pumping engine. The Departmental Residence at 9 Inglewood Street is included in the Heritage Overlay (HO640) as Former railway gatekeeper's house". The heritage study citation also refers to it as: "Former railway gatekeeper's house (Departmental Residence no. 927) and water supply ruins" built c1882. The station buildings were demolished by 1987. Within the Raywood station ground the remaining late nineteenth century departmental residence remains with a Heritage Overlay in place,

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