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# MURROWOOD HOMESTEAD COMPLEX



205904\_Derrinal\_Sheedys  
Lane\_Murrowood  
Homestead\_img01



205904\_Derrinal\_Sheedys  
Lane\_Murrowood  
Homestead\_img02 photo  
prior to fire. The timber part is  
now destroyed as is the roof  
structure of the brick part.

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## Location

CA 1A SHEEDYS LANE, DERRINAL - PROPERTY NUMBER 205904, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO748

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

All the fabric of the brick Murrowood Homestead constructed c.1870 and the stone and brick outbuilding, at the north end of Sheedy's Lane, Derrinal, is significant. The mulberry trees are also significant. The remnant of the timber addition (destroyed by fire) to the homestead is of lesser significance.

### How is it significant?

Murrowood Homestead and the outbuilding, at the north end of Sheedy's Lane, Derrinal are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

### Why is it significant?

Murrowood Homestead is historically significant for its long association with the Murrowood family beginning with George Murrowood who leased the property prior to a Crown grant in 1874. The property stayed in the Murrowood family until 1962 when it was transferred to State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. By this time the Murrowood family had increased their holding from sixty five acres in the 1870s to just under 400 acres. In 2008 the land was owned by Goulburn Murray Water part of Cliff Robertson Reserve. *Criterion A*

Murrowood Homestead and outbuilding were probably constructed prior to 1874, and are of aesthetic significance as a small farm complex constructed of locally available materials of red brick and sandstone and constructed in a vernacular style. The homestead has been partially destroyed by fire. The buildings retain some window and door joinery that is original and the outbuilding has a high level of integrity. *Criterion D*

Although recently damaged by fire, the homestead could be restored.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1870,
Other Names	North end of Sheedy's Lane, Derrinal (part Lot 2 and 3 of TP880949),
Hermes Number	32952
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The house known as Murrowood Homestead is constructed of red brick. The bricks are soft and porous indicating that they are of a fairly early date of manufacture prior to the ready availability of machine made pressed red brick. The earlier section of the homestead is of brick and the later addition was built of timber but has been destroyed by fire. The house is now in a poor state following a fire and has lost its roof structure and parts of the brick walls are unstable.

A stone outbuilding with brick gable end walls is of particular interest. The stonework is of sandstone laid in random rubble. One room has been whitewashed inside and there is a brick chimney, indicating that this area may have been originally designed for habitation as well as farm use. The gable ends are constructed of a similar red brick to the homestead and there is a small panel of hit and miss brickwork for ventilation. This building is set between peppercorn trees. There are some mature mulberry trees.

## Physical Conditions

The house has been severely damaged by fire (2008).

Outbuildings are in fair condition.

## Integrity

Altered

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