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# HOTEL (FORMER)



206130\_Redesdale\_Heathcote  
Redesdale  
Road\_2132\_img01

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## Location

2132 HEATHCOTE-REDESDALE ROAD, REDESDALE - PROPERTY NUMBER 206130, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO817

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former hotel constructed c. 1870 at 2132 Heathcote Redesdale Road is significant. The other outbuildings and tankstands on the property are not of interest.

### How is it significant?

2132 Heathcote Redesdale Road is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

### Why is it significant?

Although there is little historical evidence to link the operation of this building as a hotel before 1883 when John McNiff is recorded as a publican of this address, the form of the building indicates that it was designed as and operated as a hotel from before this time. It is one of several hotels or former hotels in the Redesdale area, although only one still operates as a hotel, at 2640 Heathcote Redesdale Road. *Criterion A*

The building demonstrates a particularly clear evocation of the hotel building form. It is a key building in the picturesque setting of Redesdale and is complementary in terms of form, some materials and scale with other building in the township. It is notable as a building of locally quarried stone. Although altered by the replacement of some windows and a timber addition at the rear, the hotel is substantially intact in its masonry and is an exceptional example of a nineteenth century corner hotel. *Criterion D*

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008; |
| Construction dates        | 1870,  |
| Hermes Number             | 33073  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

It may be assumed that the former hotel at 2132 Heathcote-Redesdale Road is built of local bluestone quarried from nearby quarries. Redesdale had a plentiful supply of bluestone from several quarries in the 1870s and most substantial buildings in the township are constructed of this material. 2132 is built to the road frontage as it winds through Redesdale in a picturesque manner. It is one of a number of commercial buildings in the township. It is built with a cut off corner that is commonly associated with hotels, and this is reflected in the roof form where the hip is segmented. It is believed that the roof form is original, however, that original materials would have been different from the current galvanised iron. [1] Doors are four panelled and have a fanlight above whilst the windows are of two different designs including four pane sash windows and fixed windows with arch headed sashes. One of these has been altered in the lower part of the sash.

There are the remains of stone paving set in the footpath at the front door. The rear of the building has been altered by the addition of a skillion weatherboard extension. The site contains a large bluestone base structure, believed to have been built in the 1950s, on which water tanks are mounted [2]. This appears to have been constructed from bluestone salvaged from a former building, however it is not of interest. There is also other tank stands on the property, and these are not of any interest. There is a corrugated iron woodshed which is not of interest.

[1] Information from current property owner, 2009

[2] Information from current property owner, 2009

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

High

## **Historical Australian Themes**

6.0 Building towns, cities and the garden state

6.5 Living in country towns

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