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# Redesdale Tavern



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Redesdaile  
Road\_2640\_img01

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## Location

2640 Kyneton-Redesdaile Road, REDESDALE VIC 3444 - Property No 206269

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO821

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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*What is significant?*

The Redesdale Tavern site, including all the fabric of 1860s building, stone stables, cow bails and yard is significant.

*How is it significant?*

The Redesdale Tavern is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

*Why is it significant?*

The Redesdale Tavern is of historic significance for its long association with the McNiff family. The McNiff's ran the Redesdale Tavern from the 1860s until the license was taken over by George Henly in 1920, which demonstrates a strong commitment to family enterprise and tradition, especially when contrasted with rapid changes in management after 1920. Even though there was a break in the license from 1970 to 1988, the Redesdale Tavern is of historic significance for its continuous use as a hotel. The Redesdale Tavern is also socially significant as an ongoing part of Redesdale's social life. *Criterion A*

The Redesdale Tavern is built of local stone, is largely intact and in good condition. The site is notable for the existence of both the stable, cow bails and the hotel. The long plan form, and two door openings of the hotel are typical of other hotels in the study area. The bluestone building with its distinctive square window, fanlights above the doors, as well as the double hung sashes and verandah supported on timber posts are architecturally significant and form an important streetscape element in Redesdale. The stone lined drainage channel across the front of the building, the stone stables, remains of a stone floor, stone wall and semi-enclosed yard are also of architectural significance. *Criterion D*

The Redesdale Tavern is of social significance for its ongoing use as a hotel for the Redesdale community. *Criterion G*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1860,
Hermes Number	33078
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## Physical Description 1

2640 Kyneton Redesdale Road, known as the Redesdale Tavern exhibits the typical long plan form of the hotels in several other townships in the study area. It is built of bluestone as are most of the early buildings in Redesdale. There is a distinctive square window with glazing bars, as well as the more common double hung sashes. There are two door openings as is common for hotels and each of these has a small fanlight above the door. The verandah is supported on timber posts with small solid timber brackets, however it is likely that this is a later addition. The verandah has been paved with concrete, however there is a stone lined drainage channel across the front of the building.

There are two stone outbuildings associated with the hotel and probably used as stables and cow bails. A stone wall extends from the stable forming a semi-enclosed yard. The stonework of the wall appears to be of more recent origin than the stables. A recently constructed stone wall also fronts the road adjacent to the hotel. The stables has a gable roof with a skillion where horse stalls are located. The remains of the stone floor is still in evidence.

This site is notable for the existence of both the hotel and the outbuildings, and the fact that it is still in use as a hotel.

## 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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