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# BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



206271 1667 Lyell Road,  
Redesdale - Bible Christian  
Church

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## Location

1667 LYELL ROAD, REDESDALE - PROPERTY NUMBER 206271, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO822

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Bible Christian church built in 1875 is significant.

### How is it significant?

The former Bible Christian church is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

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

The former Bible Christian church is of historic significance for its association with the Bible Christian movement whose origins were in Cornwall and Devon and subsequently brought to Australia by Cornish immigrants to South Australia. The church is tangible evidence of the presence of the Bible Christian movement that was later to become a part of the broader Methodist Church. *Criterion A*

The former Bible Christian church is of aesthetic significance for its demonstration of the Primitive Gothic style, including the pitched roof, pointed arch windows porch and oculus. The church demonstrates the use of local materials in the form of bluestone from the local area. *Criterion D*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1875,
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### **Physical Description 1**

The former Bible Christian, and later Presbyterian church at Redesdale is designed in the Primitive Gothic style and constructed in 1875. Elements of the style include the use of gable roofs and pointed arch windows. Often there is a small round window or oculus that becomes a feature of the gable end as is the case for this church. Variations to the style include whether a porch has been attached to the front or side of the main building and whether the entry is to the front or side of the porch. In this case the church has a small porch attached to the end with entry from the front.

Variations in building materials are evident across the Bendigo region and the Redesdale church is constructed of bluestone in a snecked, coursed and squared rubble.

There is a timber framed and weatherboarded room at the rear of the church with a brick chimney. The door to the church appears to be original; however the fanlight and other windows are not visible or missing and have been blocked in. Although it is now vacant, the church is in relatively good condition.

### **Physical Conditions**

Good

### **Integrity**

Fair

### **Historical Australian Themes**

8.0 Building community life

8.1 Maintaining spiritual life

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