

'Boonderoo', House and Outbuildings



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Location

67 McNiffs Road, REDESDALE VIC 3444 - Property No 206192

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The late Victorian bluestone house and bluestone outbuilding at 67 McNiffs Road, Redesdale.

How is it significant?

The house and outbuilding are of local aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

The house is a representative example of a late Victorian rural homestead, originally built as double bluestone two roomed house with a bluestone chimney on its western face. The house is interesting for its illustration of changing building techniques. The house was built in distinct phases, with a later weatherboard structure added to the left of the building, which was later reclad with bluestone, and a bluestone kitchen constructed at the rear. The house is notable for the quality of the stonemasonry which is laid in an unusual pattern of large and small blocks utilizing the shades of dark and light basalt stone and there is slight differences between the original and later stonework. (*Criterion D*)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1870,
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Physical Description 1

67 McNiffs Road began as a double bluestone two roomed house, with a bluestone chimney on its western face. It is believed that shortly after this, a wide hallway and two rooms were added in weatherboard to the left hand side of the structure. These two rooms backed onto a brick chimney. It is believed at around the same time of construction a bluestone outbuilding was erected that was for use as a kitchen. This originally had a corrugated iron flu, which has now been replaced with brick. This outbuilding has been added to at some point in bluestone, however, unlike the original part of this structure, this was built with foundations. It is believed that remains of its original shingle roof can still be seen, and the fireplace still retains some original features. [1]

67 McNiffs Road now appears as a late Victorian house with hipped roof and a straight profile verandah. Both the internal and external bluestone walls of the original house have been retained, however the weatherboard component to the left of the original structure was reclad with recycled bluestone in the 1970s, using stone

sourced locally from a demolished cottage [2] . The stonework of the house is of squared and snecked rubble in large and small blocks and there is a distinctive use of pale basalt blocks randomly located in the walls, and there is slight differences between the original and later stonework. The verandah is likely to have been reconstructed as it is built from turned posts and has cast iron brackets attached to a timber verandah beam. There is no frieze. The two chimneys described above are still remaining, one of stone and one of painted brick. The windows are plain double hung sashes, and the door has side and highlights. The small stone outbuilding originally used as a kitchen is still remaining. It is also bluestone with a brick chimney. The gable end has been clad in weatherboard and the stone has been painted. The main building has had a rear extension in the 1970s, which has been constructed using recycled local bluestone.[3] An contemporary extension has been constructed adjacent to the house.

[1] Information from current property owner, 2009

[2] Information from current property owner, 2009

[3] Information from current property owner, 2009

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Altered

Historical Australian Themes

4 Transforming the land

4.4 Farming

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