

---

## 'Riverslea' house



206284\_Redesdale\_North  
Redesdale Road\_485\_img01



206284\_Redesdale\_North  
Redesdale Road\_485\_img02



206284 Redesdale North  
Redesdale Road 485 img03



206284\_Redesdale\_North  
Redesdale Road\_485\_img04

---

### Location

485 North Redesdale Road, REDESDALE VIC 3444 - Property No 206284

### Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO827

### Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

---

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

*What is significant?*

*Riverslea*, including the bluestone buildings of 1874 comprising the house, outbuilding (now joined to the main house), well and the stone wall are significant. The cement sheet outbuilding and the modern extension to the house are not significant.

*How is it significant?*

The house *Riverslea* is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

*Why is it significant?*

*Riverslea* of 1874 is a fine example of the stonemasons art. Although generally of similar form to a number of stone houses, *Riverslea* has a pediment and pilasters executed in ashlar stone around the front door. Bluestone details such as this are rare in the study area and the house is testament to the particular design and craftsmanship of the stonemason. The drystone wall adds to the setting of this house and is a good example of the stonemasons craft. The well is also of bluestone and few of these have been located in the study area.

*Criterion E*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1874,
Hermes Number	33096
Property Number	

---

## Physical Description 1

The house *Riverslea* at 485 North Redesdale Road consists of two bluestone hipped roof buildings now joined together with a linking building, and a large modern extension built with a fake stone cladding. Although the stone has been painted, it is possible to distinguish the old stone pattern from the new. Although there are a number of bluestone houses of this type in the Redesdale, Mia Mia and Kimbolton localities, this house is highly unusual in that it features a door pediment and pilasters of stone ashlar around the front door. The high quality of the stone masonry is unlike many comparable buildings which employ more random rubble or field stone in their walls. Other features of the house are fairly typical of the period, although the door and window joinery has been replaced with modern equivalents. The chimneys are of bluestone and have moulded cornices which also appear to be of stone.

The new extension is complementary in form to the original two buildings. There is a circular bluestone well at the side of the house with a modern galvanized iron roof, and a further outbuilding of cement sheet cladding which is not of interest. The front of the site has an extensive stone wall that has been in part rebuilt. Some parts of the wall away from the house have deteriorated. The wall is of field stone and is laid without mortar in the tradition of drystone walling found in several areas including Axedale and Mia Mia.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## **Integrity**

Altered

## **Historical Australian Themes**

4 Transforming the land

4.4 Farming

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*