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# Axedale Tavern



Axedale Tavern, 105 High Street, Axedale

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## Location

105 High Street, AXEDALE VIC 3551 - Property No 196715

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO56

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

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*What is significant?*

The former Axedale Hotel including all the fabric of early Victorian circa 1860s timber building and incorporating parts of 1850s store is significant. The two storey outbuilding is also significant.

*How is it significant?*

The former Axedale Hotel is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance for the City of Greater Bendigo.

#### *Why is it significant?*

The former Axedale Hotel is largely intact and in good condition. It is historically significant for its long association with the Drake Family. Patrick Drake had built the Campaspe Hotel in Axedale in 1855, and is recorded as the owner of the former Axedale Hotel from 1864 until the early 1890s. The hotel stayed in the family until after the Second World War, demonstrating a strong commitment to family enterprise and tradition. *Criterion A*

The former Axedale Hotel is also socially significant as an ongoing part of Axedale's social life, now operating as the Axedale Tavern. *Criterion G*

The former Axedale Hotel, complete with double doors that open directly onto the verandah, timber verandah posts and timber frieze is architecturally significant and forms an important streetscape element in Axedale. The building demonstrates two stages of development, encompassing both the 1850s store and 1860s hotel, which is visible in the different rooflines. It is one of the most intact hotels of this period in the City of Greater Bendigo.

#### *Criterion E*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1864,
Other Names	Axedale Hotel (formerly),
Hermes Number	32579
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The road into Axedale sweeps around a bend as it rises from the Campaspe River and 105 High Street is located at the entrance to the town opposite another hotel at 104 High Street. The Axedale Hotel appears to have been built in two parts as the later building possibly incorporated the 1850s store. The slightly raised roofline is likely to have been the store and the remainder of the building formed the extension when it became a hotel. The roof form is continuous with the verandah and there are timber verandah posts with bases and capital. A timber frieze runs the whole length of the verandah, including the return verandah. The frieze is of a design sometimes used in the 1850s. There is a complete row of double doors to the front elevation opening to the road, and a splay corner with another set of double doors as the main entry. The windows are half glazed with timber panelling beneath and multi-paned sashes above. The whole building is clad in weatherboard. There is a large outbuilding at the rear of the site which appears to be contemporary with the 1850-1870 period. This is two storey in height and clad in a variety of timber palings and weatherboards. The outbuilding is also of note. The Axedale Hotel is one of the most intact hotels of this period in the study area and is a key building in Axedale.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

Good

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