
Ruins and Outbuildings



203896_Mia Mia_Heathcote-
Redesdale Road_img01

Location

CAZ3 Heathcote-Redesdale Road, MIA MIA VIC 3444 - Property No 203896

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO802

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The ruins in Heathcote-Redesdale Road, Mia Mia, including all the fabric of the two primitive log outbuildings, stone chimney and two pressed red brick chimneys are significant.

How is it significant?

The ruins in Heathcote-Redesdale Road, Mia Mia, are of local historic and architectural significance for the City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

The ruins in Heathcote-Redesdale Road, Mia Mia are of historical significance for their association with the O'Sullivan family, who owned the property for over one hundred years, from 1877 until at least the late 1980s. The ruins on the property were probably constructed during the early period of the O'Sullivan family's ownership.

The primitive log structure ruins are architecturally significant. They are of additional importance, as two structures on the one site is known to be very rare. The smaller structure has logs as loadbearing walls, contains no windows or door and was probably used as an animal shelter or storehouse. The logs are shaped at the ends and interlocking to form the ridge beam for the roof.

The larger structure is built of similar log construction but has been draught proofed with mud between the logs, suggesting it may have been used as a hut. Evidence of this use is also provided by small square windows in each wall. The roof structure, covered in part by corrugated iron, is made from poles as rafters, squared purlins, sheets of bark over which another set of rafters and purlins has been laid. The gable ends have been infilled with sawn weatherboards.

The remains of stone chimney close by may have been attached to an adjacent hut. The ruins on the site also comprise two pressed red brick chimneys probably belonging to a house built in the early twentieth century. The red brick chimneys are of less importance.

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

The ruins comprise two brick chimneys of pressed red bricks probably belonging to a house built in the early twentieth century. Two earlier structures remain on the site, both of which are of primitive log construction. One of these is small and low and quite possibly was used as an animal shelter or storehouse. It contains no windows and there is no door remaining. It is built using logs as loadbearing walls, shaped at the ends and interlocking to form a ridge beam for the roof.

The second hut is built using similar log construction but has been plastered with mud between the logs to draught proof the structure. There are also small square openings forming windows in each wall, so it appears likely that this building was used as a hut. The roof structure is made from poles as rafters, squared purlins, sheets of bark over which another set of rafters and purlins has been laid, and corrugated iron is laid over. The interior has the remains of some primitive built in furniture. The mud plaster is very evident in the interior. Both gable ends have been infilled with sawn weatherboards. There is also the remains of a stone chimney close by that may have been attached to an adjacent hut. There is a great deal of loose timber lying on the ground, presumably from the demolished buildings.

Miles Lewis quotes that log buildings did enjoy some popularity on the goldfields in Bendigo and Ballarat and several examples have been located at South Muckleford and Maldon. There was also a log lockup at Heathcote (now demolished), however it remains an extremely rare form of primitive building, and two buildings on the one site is almost unknown.

Physical Conditions

Poor

Integrity

Fair

Historical Australian Themes

4. Transforming the land

4.4 Farming

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