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# MIA MIA HALL



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Road\_020\_img01

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## Location

20 VALLEY ROAD, MIA MIA - PROPERTY NUMBER 205813, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO808

## Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 26, 2023

### What is significant?

The Mia Mia Hall site, including all the fabric of the 1907 gable roofed hall with timber frame, is significant.

### How is it significant?

The Mia Mia Hall is of historic, aesthetic and social significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

### Why is it significant?

The site of the Mia Mia Hall is historically significant for its early association with the Westblade family who were involved in a number of important developments in the district, including early subdivision under the 1860s Land Acts, farming, land speculation, flour milling and quartz crushing. The Hall is of historical significance as a Mechanics' Institute and lending library. Although it has been altered by the brick extension, it is a key building in Mia Mia. *Criterion A*

The Mia Mia Hall is socially significant for providing a venue for social, cultural and educational activities for the local community. Established as a Public Library and/or Mechanics' Institute, the Hall is an expressive symbol of the aspirations of local community to provide a public lending library and reading room for the surrounding district. *Criterion G*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of Mclvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1907,
Hermes Number	33031
Property Number	

## Physical Description 1

The Mia Mia Hall is a key building in the small locality of Mia Mia, where many of the other buildings are widely dispersed. It is an important landmark for Mia Mia.

The Mia Mia Hall is a typical gable roofed hall with timber frame. The small four pane windows are set at a high sill level and the double front door opens directly into the main space with no porch. The roofing has been replaced with colorbond cladding and the walls have been reclad with aluminium. The barge decoration and finial that serves as a flagpole is the sole decoration. There is a brick extension to one side containing a toilet block.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

Altered

## Historical Australian Themes

8.0 Building community life

8.4 Forming community organisations

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