

Name	Former railway gatekeeper's house (Departmental Residence no. 927) and water supply ruins	Reference in 1998 Marong Study	R08
Address	9 Inglewood Street, Raywood	Map reference	VicRoads 44 E2
Building type	Private residence (former railway gatehouse and water supply ruins)	Survey date	June 2010 (external inspection only)
Date of construction	c. 1882	Recommendation	Include in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay
Significance	The former railway gatekeeper's house is of local historical significance.		



Left: South elevation. Note infilled verandah to the west of the projecting gable. Right: west elevation, with the rail track in the foreground.



Left: East elevation. Right: East elevation, with grain silo at rear.



Left: Aerial view, 2010 (Source: City of Greater Bendigo). Right: Proposed Heritage Overlay map, with the subject site shown as R08.¹

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History

The line between Eaglehawk and Raywood was opened on 15 December 1882 and extended to Mitiamo on 21 June 1883. The following contracts were let for the construction of gatekeepers' cottages on the Eaglehawk-Kerang line: Johnson and Garrett, eight cottages, 3 February 1882; W E Brown, nine cottages, 11 August 1882; B Jensen, eight cottages, 17 November 1882 (Jensen was contracted on the same day to construct the station building at Raywood); and John Gibbs, one cottage, 17 August 1883; N Irwin, cottages and fencing, 21 December 1883.

Raywood was a watering station for locomotives. The water supply installation at Raywood consisted of a 20,000-gallon tank, pipe track, engine house, boiler and pumping engine. It was similar to the Sebastian installation provided by L McPherson and Co on 1 December 1882.

From 1 July 1896 to 30 June 1900, the Railway Department relocated 268 gatekeepers' cottages where they restricted the view of approaching trains, using them to provide accommodation for employees. During the post-war period, Departmental Residence no. 927 (the subject building) was used as a repairer's residence.² It is now a private residence,

Raywood railway station has been demolished.

Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes

Victoria's themes and sub-themes:

- 3.3: Linking Victorians by rail

Description & Integrity

The former railway gatekeeper's residence at 9 Ingelwood Street, Raywood is located to the east of the rail line, towards the west end of Inglewood Street. It was originally built in c. 1882, following the completion of the line from Eaglehawk to Raywood. The property was inspected externally. The remnants of the former water supply system were not inspected and are believed to be outside the subject property boundary. References to the water supply installation in the following description are derived from the previous survey carried out in 1998.³

The single-storey house is a standard departmental T-shaped timber residence of the late nineteenth century. As built there was a verandah to the west of the south elevation. This has been filled in (c. 1960s), including the installation of a modern door and a highlight window. A gabled wing – possibly a later addition – projects to the north, and there is a skillion roofed infill to the north-west. The majority of visible windows to the house are not original, having been replaced by modern metal-framed sliding windows. There are remnants of king post decorations to the projecting gable ends and triangular gable end vents. The roof areas are clad with corrugated galvanised sheet steel, painted red. There are two painted brick chimneys, with different widths, dimensions and corbels, one to the north of the rear gable and one to the centre of the building, aligned with the original rear (north) building line.

The property is set back from Inglewood Street behind an open landscaped setting, with a mature palm tree to the east. There is a timber post and metal mesh fence and cyclone wire gates to the driveway. A line of trees/plantings defines the rear (north) boundary. There are a number of outbuildings (not inspected) and a water store (swimming pool?) to the rear of the property, and a carport to the west.

The ruins of the water supply installation consist of a brick lined pit with timber copings (presumably decked over at one time) with iron pipe and valves situated near the grade crossing.

Comparative Analysis

As noted in the history (above), at least 27 contracts for the construction of gatekeeper's cottages on the Eaglehawk-Kerang line, built to standard Departmental plans, were issued between December 1882 and December 1883. The number of other surviving examples, either on this line or more broadly in Victoria, has not been established. However, notwithstanding this, the Raywood building is

a modified structure and not particularly distinguished or distinctive when compared with other later nineteenth century timber dwellings.

Assessment Against Criteria

Amended Heritage Victoria Criteria

Criterion A: Importance to the course, or pattern, of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.

The former railway gatekeeper's residence (Departmental Residence no. 927) at 9 Ingelwood Street, Raywood is historically significant as a surviving example of one of a number (at least 27) of purpose-built early 1880s railway residences associated with the Eaglehawk-Kerang line. It was also historically associated with the Raywood railway station and locomotive water supply installation, both of which have been demolished, albeit the ruins of the water supply reputedly remain outside the boundary of the subject property. While the building could be considered to provide some evidence of the (now depleted) railway operations at Raywood, this evidence is generally limited to the subject property, in its altered state.

Criterion B: Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the City the of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.

N/A

Criterion C: Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the City of Greater Bendigo's cultural history.

N/A

Criterion D: Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places or objects.

N/A

Criterion E: Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics in the context of the municipality.

N/A

Criterion F: Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.

N/A

Criterion G: Strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons. This includes the significance of the place to Indigenous peoples as part of their continuing and developing cultural traditions.

N/A

Criterion H: Special association with life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the City of Greater Bendigo's history.

N/A

Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The single-storey house is a standard departmental T-shaped timber residence of the late nineteenth century. As built there was a verandah to the west of the south elevation. This has been filled in,

including the installation of a modern door and a highlight window. A gabled wing – possibly a later addition – projects to the north, and there is a skillion roofed infill to the north-west. The majority of visible windows to the house are not original, having been replaced by modern metal-framed sliding windows. There are remnants of king post decorations to the projecting gable ends and triangular gable end vents.

How is it significant?

The former railway gatekeeper's house is of local historical significance.

Why is it significant?

The former railway gatekeeper's residence (Departmental Residence no. 927) at 9 Ingelwood Street, Raywood is historically significant (Criterion A) as a surviving example of a number (at least 27) of purpose-built early 1880s railway residences associated with the Eaglehawk-Kerang line. It was also historically associated with the Raywood railway station and locomotive water supply installation, both of which have been demolished, albeit the ruins of the water supply reputedly remain outside the boundary of the subject property. The building provides some evidence of the (now depleted) railway operations at Raywood. In its original form, the former railway gatekeeper's residence would have demonstrated the principal characteristics of a standard (i.e. mass produced) Railways Department T-shaped timber residence of the late nineteenth century. Although extensively modified, the building retains some original elements, including remnants of king post decorations to the projecting gable ends and triangular gable end vents.

Recommendations

The property is recommended for inclusion in the Schedule to the Greater Bendigo Heritage Overlay. In recognition of the property's historical association with the demolished Raywood railway station and locomotive water supply installation, and through that with Raywood's original role on the Eaglehawk-Kerang line, consideration could also be given to introducing a small interpretative element or making reference to the property and Raywood's railway history, in an historical pamphlet or similar.

It is also recommended that further investigation be undertaken into the (reputedly extant) water supply installation ruins, to establish the condition and extent of these elements. All ruins (including archaeological remains, footings, artefacts, etc) older than 50 years in Victoria are also covered by the statutory provisions of the *Victorian Heritage Act 1995*.

External Paint Colours	No
Internal Alterations Controls	No
Tree Controls	No
Outbuildings and fences exemptions	No
Victorian Heritage Register	No
Prohibited uses may be permitted	No
Incorporated plan	No
Aboriginal heritage place	No

Identified By

Andrew Ward, 1998.

References

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Specific:

¹ Changed map from *Heritage Policy Citations Review, 2011*. November 2011.

² The history for the former railway gatehouse is derived from the citation for the 'Former gatehouse and railway water supply ruins' prepared by Andrew Ward *et al*, City of Greater Bendigo Heritage Study (Marong) Study Area, Stage 2, 1998. Ward cites, *Annual Reports of the Board of Land and Works: Victorian Railways*, as his primary source.

³ 'Former gatehouse and railway water supply ruins' citation, Andrew Ward *et al*, City of Greater Bendigo Heritage Study (Marong) Study Area, Stage 2, 1998.