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# Miharo

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## Location

145 Noble Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 203335

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1137

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1627

HO201

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Milharo' a single storey elaborately ornamented brick and stucco villa at 145 Noble Street, Newtown, was erected at an unknown date for soap manufacturer John McLeod. In 1890 New Zealand born architecture FJ Coote designed extensive additions of a new facade, ornamental iron verandah and front fence, richly ornamented domed conservatory and fernery in exotic and unusual eclectic style. Minton tiles enhance the conservatory floor and stained glass high-lights the flat dome. 'Milharo", the residence of the foremost soap manufacturer in Australia and New Zealand John McLeod, is a picturesque villa of rare and elaborate decoration and the finest of its type in the Geelong region.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Historic Buildings Council Register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the national Estate.

National trust of Australia (Victoria) Register

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

#### REFERENCES

Brownhill, W.R. - The History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Wilke and Co, Melbourne, 1955, p.329.

Smith, James (ed) - Cyclopedia of Victoria - Niven and Company, Melbourne 1904, Volume II, pp. 460-461.

Biography of John McLeod formerly of New Zealand and in 1904 held to be the oldest soap maker in Australia.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Richard Peterson, 1997;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	15951
Property Number	

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