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# Residence

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## Location

17 Retreat Road, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 204290

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1627

HO1404

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A large late Italianate symmetrical timber house built by Parnell and Sons in 1891, with its former stables. It is architecturally significant locally as a good relatively intact late Italianate house with interesting cladding materials and historically significant locally as an evocative embodiment of comfortable(rented) family lifestyle in Newtown, before the financial crash of 1892.

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;

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## Physical Description 1

A large symmetrical, hipped- roof timber late Italianate house. There are two canted bay windows expressed with roofs, which the verandah extends around the returns to projecting wings on each side. The verandah is bullnosed with cast-iron lace valance wand brackets on Doric posts. Chimneys have deep Classical moulds, the roof is clad with slates, many of which are unusually bell-shaped.

Eaves have turned spindle bracket pairs between panels and a frieze-mould. The front is clad with unusually wide ship-lapped boards. Bays have spandrel panels and the entrance has leadlight side and fan-lights with diagonal boarded spandrels. It is on a bluestone ashlar rock-face base. The floor plan is U-shaped around a courtyard.

There is a gable-roofed former stables with two fine turned finials

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