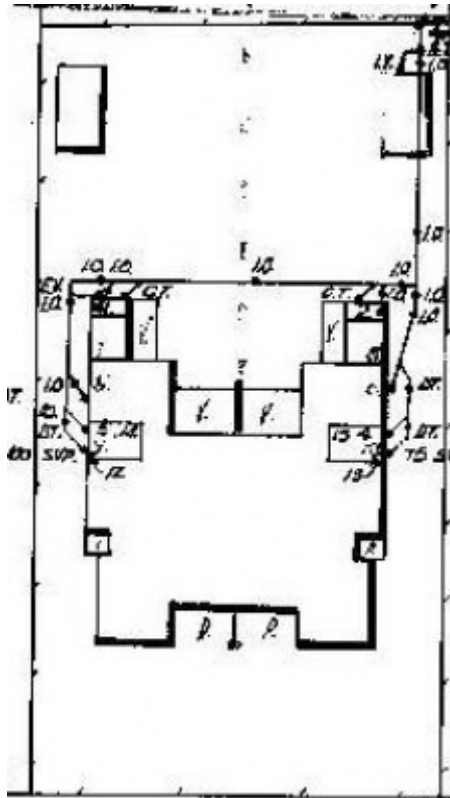


## Dwelling



136 Aphrasia Street,  
Newtown



GWST Drainage Plan no. 4936A, 1942, Barwon Water.

## Location

136 Aphrasia Street NEWTOWN, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area not sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2006

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

Not Significant- Newtown West Heritage Area

### History/Notes

On 3 June 1941, a building permit was issued for the construction of brick maisonettes at 136 Aphrasia Street by William J. Kelly, builder. The dwellings appear to have been first leased to T.N. Graham, a manager, and S.E. Gross. In 1945, Alan Champion, manager, occupied one of the dwellings in place of Gross. The dwellings remained under the ownership of William Kelly until his death in 1948. It is unclear when the semi-detached dwellings were converted into one dwelling.

William John Kelly was born in Geelong in c.1872, the son of Mark and Julia (nee Hickey) Kelly. He married Miss Alice Maud Ebbels. She was the daughter of the Geelong builder, William Ebbels. William and Alice had four children: Vera, Stanley, Cyril and Monica. William Kelly established a building business in Geelong and he constructed numerous major buildings in the area in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including the additions to the Geelong Town Hall, Commonwealth Bank and St. Augustine's Orphanage, Highton. The semi-detached dwellings at 136 Aphrasia Street might have been designed by Kelly's son, Cyril, who was elected an Associate of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects in 1939 and who is known to be designed other buildings constructed by W.J. Kelly.

Originally, the building had a symmetrical composition of identical projecting gabled wings at the front with flat-roofed verandah between. The original design is partially discernible in the main gabled roof form and projecting minor front gabled wing on the east side, although the extent of the original gabled wing on the west is apparent in the rendered brick wall construction. The west gable wing is now larger and has introduced infill. Other early design qualities include the slate roof, red brick chimney with terra cotta boards, broad eaves and timber framed double hung windows. The side carport has been introduced in 2000, along with the verandah conservatory. There is an introduced high timber fence at the front.

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