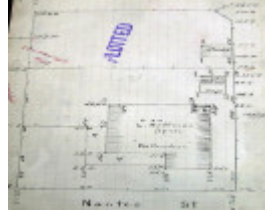


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## Dwelling - Bellendean



28 Nantes Street, Newtown



GWST Fieldbook no. 52, p.3,  
n.d. [c.1916], Barwon Water

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### Location

28 Nantes Street NEWTOWN, GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2006

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

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Contributory Significance- Newtown West Heritage Area

### History/Notes

The property at 28 Nantes Street formed part of the 'Newtown Brae' Estate subdivision of 1912. It was sold to Robert William Charles and he in turn sold it to Leslie Hoffman in 1913. He had this house built in 1914, in anticipation of his marriage to Miss Daisy Geraldine Johnson in the same year. They had two children: Lesley

Geraldine and Cecilia Ray. The house was called 'Bellendean.'

Leslie George Hoffman was born in Geelong in 1890, the son of Herbert Charles and Minnie (nee Gibbs) Hoffman. L.G. Hoffman was appointed a teacher at St. Augustine's Boys' Orphanage, Geelong, where he also became a member of the 'celebrated orphanage band, firstly as the leading cornetists before becoming conductor. The Hoffman family left Nantes Street in 1918 when L.G. Hoffman took up a teaching appointment at St. Vincent's Orphanage, Melbourne, becoming the bandmaster for 30 years. He was also conductor of the South Sydney Band, N.S.W., and was an adjudicator of band contests across the country. He died in Melbourne in 1959.

Although there have been some alterations, the elevated single storey timber Federation styled dwelling reflects its original design. This is especially apparent in the main hipped roof form with projecting minor gabled wing at the front, and the broken back return verandah supported by timber posts with solid timber fretwork. Other early features include the paired timber framed double hung windows in the front gable, bracketed window hood, eaves overhangs, gable brackets and the gable infill. The return verandah has been infilled on the east side, with timber framed windows taking up the front corner. There is also an introduced door opening at the front and additions at the rear. The front has a high capped timber picket fence on a low painted brick base.

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