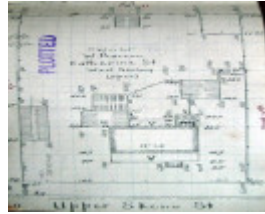

Dwelling



33 Upper Skene Street,
Newtown



GWST Fieldbook no.147,
1912, original house, Barwon
Water

Location

33 Upper Skene Street NEWTOWN, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area not sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2005

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Not Significant- Newtown West Heritage Area

History/Notes

A two-roomed timber cottage appears to have been erected on this site in c.1859 for J.B. Evans, law clerk. It was extended or replaced with a four-roomed brick house in 1862-63. The dwelling was sold to Thomas Wills,

cricketer and founder of Australian Rules football, in 1872. He sold the property to Kenneth Sutherland in 1878 and in turn, he sold it to John West, gentleman, in 1885. He lived there until his death in 1898 when the property was described as "a 7 roomed brick and W.B. house with stable and stud." It remained in the West family until it was sold to Charles Seeley in 1905-06. He sold it to William McRorie in 1909-10 and he in turn sold it to William Pearson in 1910-11 (it was addressed as 35 Upper Skene Street in 1912). Pearson rented the property until his death in 1929.

It would appear that the brick dwelling of the early 1860s was demolished and replaced with a hipped roofed brick veneer dwelling in late 1971 when the property was owned by J.W. L. Hosking. In 1973, it was owned by the Sisters of Mercy Property Association who owned it until 2002. The dwelling built in late 1971 was demolished in 2012 and replaced with the existing house. At the front is a high rendered brick and horizontal timber fence.

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| Hermes Number | 199414 |
| Property Number | |

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