

## Wanalta (formerly Buninyong)



52 Mt Pleasant Road,  
Belmont



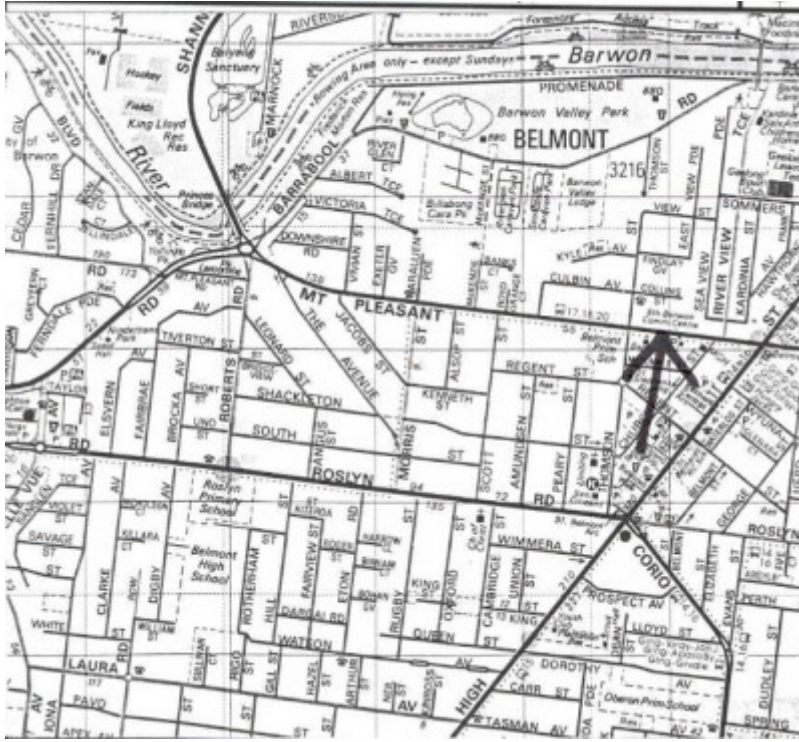
'Buninyong', 52 Mt Pleasant Road, n.d. Mrs Ethel Duff (wife of Michael Duff) is on the left, and one of her daughter, Ruby Luisa, is second from right. Source: Jim Duff.



Mrs Ethel Duff and her grandchildren outside 'Buninyong', 1947. Source: Jim Duff.



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27049 Mt Pleasant Road No 52 Map

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## Location

52 Mt Pleasant Road, BELMONT Vic 3216 - Property No 233629

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1906

HO1831

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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Additional information (kindly provided in 2015 by Jim Duff, grandson of the early owner of the property, Michael Duff) as a correction to the name of the property given in the original heritage citation:

At the time of Michael Duff's ownership of the property at 52 Mount Pleasant Road from the late 1920s until at least the late 1950s, it was named 'Buninyong', as shown on the name plate on the front verandah (see early photo attached). It was later named 'Wanalta', the current name of the dwelling. Michael Duff was a Trustee of the Belmont Recreation Reserve and there is a wall in part to his memory at the reserve 137 Barwon Heads Road today (see heritage citation for 137 Barwon Heads Road).

#### B Listed - Regional Significance

The house known as Wanalta at 52 Mount Pleasant Road is aesthetically significant at a REGIONAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Late Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof and an ogee verandah with a central gabled entrance portico that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact qualities include the weatherboard wall cladding, lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, cast iron verandah valance and worked timber posts, timber framed double hung windows with sidelights, four panelled front door with sidelights, window leadlighting, worked timber eaves brackets and the painted chimney. The timber picket front fence contributes to the significance of the place. The house also makes a significant contribution to the predominantly single storey Edwardian and interwar Californian Bungalow streetscape.

The house known as Wanalta at 52 Mount Pleasant Road is historically significant at a REGIONAL level. It is associated with the subdivision of part of Alexander Thomson's "Kardinia" farm into the Kardinia Extended Estate. It is also associated with the Geelong architectural firm of Laird and Barlow, being one of their earliest designs.

Overall, the house known as Wanalta at 52 Mount Pleasant Road is of REGIONAL significance.

#### REFERENCE

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9. Telephone interview by David Rowe with Jim Duff, relative of the late Michael Duff, May 1999.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Greater Geelong Belmont Heritage Reports, Dr David Rowe, 2007;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	"Wanalla",
Hermes Number	27049
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

The site at 52 Mount Pleasant Road has visual connections with the recent flowering gum tree-lined streetscape, to the Belmont Common to the east and to the Belmont Primary School to the south-west. This house is set in a streetscape formed by predominantly Edwardian and interwar Bungalow single storey homes. The house has a typical setback to the front but very narrow side setbacks. These setbacks are shown on the 1927 GWST Plan of Drainage.<sup>4</sup> The site is bound at the front by an appropriate timber picket fence (of Victorian design), approximately 1300mm high.

The symmetrical, single storey weatherboard Late Victorian house is characterised by a hipped roof and an ogee verandah with a central gabled entrance portico that projects towards the street frontage. The roof is clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron. Minimal overhangs, typical of Victorian design, form the eaves. A prominent painted brick chimney adorns the roofline. The timber framed double hung windows with sidelights contribute to the symmetry of the design. The early, four panelled front timber door also has side lights and is centrally located on the front facade.

The ogee verandah (with central gable) is supported by early worked timber posts with an early cast iron lace valance and gable infill forming the decorative features.

Other intact decorative features include the worked timber eaves brackets and window leadlighting.

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