

**Ben Nevis**  
**21-25 Ben Nevis Grove,**  
**Bulleen.**

This property has a long association with major district dairy farmers. George Smith Sen., the first owner of Ben Nevis, occupied a farm on 60 acres on Bulleen Road in the late 1880s. This farm was owned by Robert Campbell and Co.,<sup>28</sup> who were responsible for the 1850s Carlton Estate farm subdivision of Unwins Special Survey. This covered most of the present day Bulleen.<sup>29</sup> A house occupied by Smith was recorded on the Bulleen farm in the early 1890s.<sup>30</sup> This 1894 house was later identified as Ben Nevis.

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<sup>28</sup> Shire of Bulleen RB 1889-90 No.124 (NAV 188 pounds)

<sup>29</sup> Parish of Bulleen, 1906; Plan of the Farm Subdivision of the Carlton Estate, R.G.Bagot, c.1850.

<sup>30</sup> Shire of Bulleen RB 1894 Templestowe Riding No.134 (Then owned by the Chatsworth Estate Co., a land company owned by the land boomer, James Munro).

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The Ben Nevis property covered 200 acres in the 1895 Shire of Templestowe rate book. The property was still owned and occupied by George Smith.<sup>31</sup> A substantial house was recorded there during this decade. The valuation on Smith's house and land increased from 365 pounds to 465 pounds between 1896 and 1897.<sup>32</sup>

In 1938, the Ben Nevis property was transferred from John, Thomas and Robert Smith, dairymen, to Thomas Stewart, George Samuel and Daniel White, Kew dairymen, trading as M. J. White and Sons. At this time Ben Nevis was described as house and sheds on 299 acres of land between Bulleen and Thompson Roads.<sup>33</sup> A recent MMBW Property Sewerage Plan shows alterations made to the large double-story house by the White family during their ownership.<sup>34</sup>

Of *local historical significance* for its associations from the 1890s with early district dairy farmer, George Smith Sen., and from the 1930s with the White family of Kew, dairymen.

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<sup>31</sup> Shire of Bulleen RB 1895 Templestowe Riding No.132.

<sup>32</sup> Shire of Bulleen RB 1897 Templestowe Riding No.135.

<sup>33</sup> Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1938-39 Templestowe Riding Nos. 834,835 and 836.

<sup>34</sup> MMBW Property Sewerage Plan No. 554648, 1 May 1977- 18 Aug.1982.