

PLACE NAME: 'MIHARO'
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Eclecticism

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: F.J. Coote
 Reference: Brownhill W.R. The History of Geelong and Corio Bay P.329

BUILDER: Not known
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:
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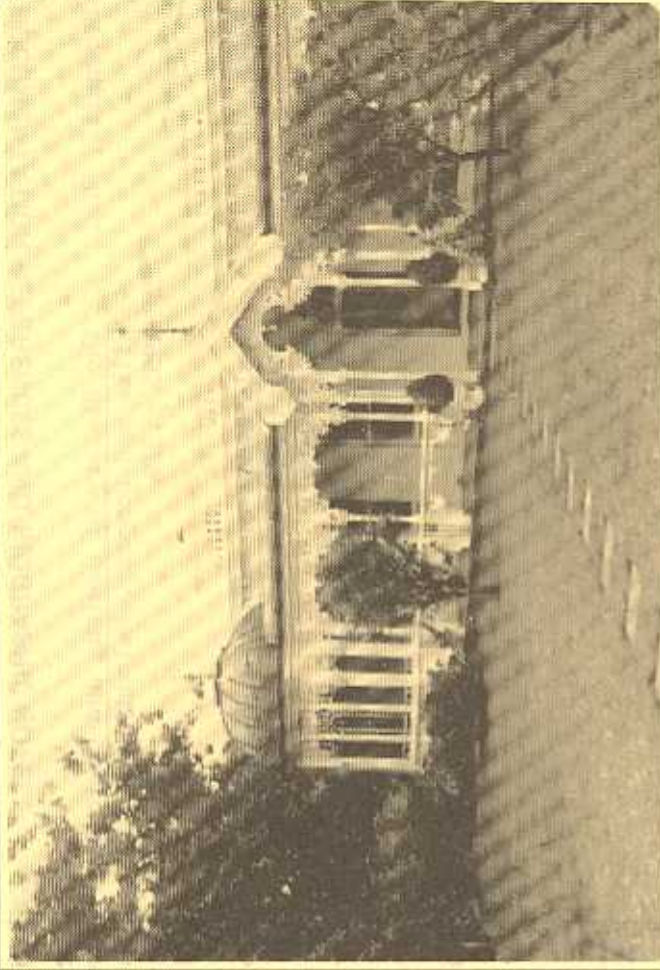
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1890 extensive remodelling of earlier building
 Reference: Brownhill, W.R. p.329

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S): John McLeod
 SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES: John McLeod was the owner of the Victoria Soap and Candle Company establishment, also known as the Magic Soap Works.



NEGATIVE FILE:

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: 'Miharo'
 ADDRESS: 145 Noble Street, Newtown, 3220

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Newtown
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Residence
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: M.J. and E.W. Iarr
 ADDRESS: 145 Noble Street, Newtown, 3220
 TELEPHONE:

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Brownhill, W.R. The History of Geelong and Corio Bay
 Wilke and Company, Melbourne
 1955 p.329

Smith, James (ed.) Cyclopaedia of Victoria Niven and
 Company, Melbourne 1904 Volume II
 pp. 460-461.
 Biography of John McLeod formerly of
 New Zealand and in 1904 held to be the
 oldest soap maker in Australia.

CITATION

'Miharo', a single storey elaborately ornamented brick and
 stucco villa at 145 Noble Street, Newtown, was erected at
 an unknown date for soap manufacturer John McLeod. In 1890
 New Zealand born architect F.J. Coote designed extensive
 additions of a new facade, ornamental iron veranda and
 front fence, richly ornamented domed conservatory and
 fernery in an exotic and unusual eclectic style. Minton
 tiles enhance the conservatory floor and stained glass high-
 lights the flat dome. 'Miharo', the residence of the
 foremost soap manufacturer in Australia and New Zealand,
 John McLeod, is a picturesque villa of rare and elaborate
 decoration and the finest of its type in the Geelong region.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- Its creative and/or technical accomplishment.
- Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised.
- In danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
- Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
- Its townscape and/or landscape value.
- Its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE

- LOCAL REGIONAL STATE NATIONAL WORLD

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS

INTEGRITY

- HIGH LOW ALTERED DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Historic Buildings Council Register
 Australian Heritage Commission Register of The National
 Estate
 National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register
 Geelong Regional Commission Register

DOCUMENTATION

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SIGNATURE

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