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# State Savings Bank House



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## Location

56 Home Road NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO150

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The State Savings Bank (SSB) house, designed by GB Leith and constructed in 1923, at 56 Home Road, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The SSB house at 56 Home Road, Newport is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as a representative example of a SSB financed home, a program which pioneered today's bank loans for home ownership and contributed to the development of Newport in the Interwar era. (AHC criterion A4)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a well-preserved example of a Californian Bungalow, as exemplified by its overlapping gables, wire fabric fence and shingle gable cladding. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant    Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;

Architect/Designer            Leith, GB,

Hermes Number                15082

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The design of this typical Californian Bungalow style weatherboard house was probably drawn from the State Savings Bank pattern books, which were prepared under the supervision of the bank's chief architect, GB Leith (of well-known architectural firm, Leith & Bartlett). The style's overlapping roof gables and shingling are seen in many examples throughout the suburbs, the Edwardian-era front door used in this example marking the often conservative choice of western suburban house builders.

Although not original, the woven wire front fence is a type that is typical of the era.

## Integrity

External Condition

Good

External Integrity

High

## Physical Description 2

Context

This house is a contributory part of Halls Farm Residential Precinct being mainly Edwardian-era and inter-war housing.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 3

### *Associations*

John Stewart, Charles M Stephens, State Savings Bank of Victoria, GB Leith

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