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## House at 278 and 280 Melbourne Road



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### Location

278 and 280 Melbourne Road NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO195

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The houses, designed by Mr Roberts and constructed in 1936-37, at 278 and 280 Melbourne Road, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The houses at 278 and 280 Melbourne Road, Newport are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the houses are significant for their associations with Mr. Roberts who designed many houses during the Interwar period. The long association of No 280 with the locally known King family is also of interest. (AHC criterion H1)

Aesthetically, they are significant as locally rare and superior examples of architect-designed Interwar English Domestic Revival houses with a range of original features that are hallmarks of this style. (AHC criteria B2 and E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;
Construction dates	1936,
Architect/Designer	Roberts,
Hermes Number	15127
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 280 Melbourne Road, Newport is a single-storey, detached asymmetrical English Domestic Revival style villa with a gabled terracotta tiled roof. It is built of timber, which has had a roughcast render applied to its walls. The house is set back from two street boundaries by a garden. Other significant original elements include:

- The distinctive form, which is typical of the style
- Diagonal cement rendered chimneys with clinker brick caps
- Diamond-paned leadlight windows
- Arched entrance door with decorative steel flywire door and carriage lamp.
- A pair of varnished timber entrance doors
- Clinker brick planter box next to chimney's base
- Timber shingled roof above canted bay window

While different in plan and layout, the house at No. 278 is similar single-storey, detached asymmetrical English Domestic Revival style villa with a gabled terracotta tiled roof. It is also built of timber, which has had a roughcast render applied to its walls.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Generally original and in good condition.

## Physical Description 2

Context One of a number of interwar houses in Melbourne Road, but otherwise surrounded by mixture of earlier and later development.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Making Suburbs

## **Physical Description 3**

### *Associations*

Mr Roberts, King family.

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