

## Item Details

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**Name**

Dwelling

**SHR/LEP/S170**

Dwelling

**Address**

7 Leslie Street BANGALOW NSW 2479

**Local Govt Area**

Byron

**Local Aboriginal Land Council**

Unknown

**Item Type**

Built

**Group/Collection**

Residential buildings (private)

**Category**

House

## All Addresses

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**Addresses**

Records Retrieved: 1

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
7	Leslie Street	BANGALOW/NSW/2479	Byron	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

**Boundary Description**

The combined area of the three lots which include the dwelling, historic shed and garden.

## Significance

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**Statement Of Significance**

7 Leslie Street demonstrates historical, associative and aesthetic significance to the Byron Shire at a local level as a substantial Federation style timber dwelling built for a business person. It illustrates the growth and development of Bangalow after the coming of the railway during early generations of the European settlement of Bangalow and holds association with the Newell family. This substantial dwelling retains a relatively high level of intactness in its form, detailing, setting and materials.

**Criteria a)**

**Historical Significance**

7 Leslie Street demonstrates historical significance to the Byron Shire as a substantial late Federation style timber dwelling built for a person of some means. It illustrates the growth and development of Bangalow after the coming of the railway during early generations of the European settlement of Bangalow.

**Criteria b)**

**Historical Association Significance**

Originally forming part of Robert Campbell's holdings, a prominent businessman of the town, the property holds associative significance with the Newell family, who operated a plumbing business in the township during early years of development in the township.

**Criteria c)**

**Aesthetic/Technical Significance**

The dwelling demonstrates aesthetic significance for its historic scale, form and materials, original traditional room layout and joinery and decorative coloured glazing. It contributes strongly to the character of the streetscape with a generous spatial setting and is complementary to the heritage items in the vicinity. Internally it retains considerable internal fabric worthy of conservation including original 4 panel doors and joinery, chair rails, cornices, hardwood flooring.

**Criteria f)**

**Rarity**

7 Leslie Street is assessed as having a degree of rarity locally as one of a group of original Federation style substantial residences of the township.

**Criteria g)**

**Representative**

7 Leslie Street is representative of a Federation style substantial dwelling in terms of scale, form and fabric.

**Integrity/Intactness**

High

**Owners**

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Records Retrieved: 0

Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

## Description

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### Designer

### Builder/Maker

William Jarret

### Physical Description

Updated 11/16/2022

7 Leslie Street, comprising Lots 12- 13, DP 6041 lies on the western side of the railway line. The subject dwelling straddles 2 lots.(A third lot (Lot 11) is a separate legal title currently comprises garden space and a timber shed on the north eastern side of the dwelling. This was originally separate to the original dwelling and is now subject to a proposed new dwelling) . The dwelling is a late Federation style timber weatherboard single storey dwelling with a steep hipped roof which extends over the verandahs and two projecting gables to the street frontage and the east. The roof appears to be original in galvanised iron. The house retains original timber fenestration, of double hung sash windows, with decorative metal window hoods, and paired multi paned windows with coloured glass to the gable projections. Ornate panelled entry door with original hardware, coloured lights and side lights, transom windows and panels. French doors opening onto on front verandah.Return verandah to the east has a margin glazed door from living room. Unlined galvanised iron verandah roof. Rear of dwelling (northern side) has a verandah extension. The north eastern garden provides a spatial setting to the property. The verandah posts, brackets and freize are original. The balustrade timber is non original. Sub floor with timber stumps on concrete footings which have been replaced from the original. Corner of rear garden on Lot11 has an old stone fruit tree.

#### Interior

Central entry and hallway. 3.6m (12 feet) ceilings, chair rail and cornice detailing. Original /early light fixtures. Hardwood floors. Vertical jointed timber lining to lower wall, plain sheeted above. Living room facing east with coloured glass to upper panes of double hung windows and margin glazing to door to verandah. Fibre cement sheeting with exposed batten trim to interior walls and ceiling. Solid timber four panel door to rear verandah. Front bedroom with coloured glass to gable end windows matching projecting gable to living room. Fibre cement wall and ceiling linings with batten joint trim. One bedroom on western side has been reduced from the original by creation of a bathroom in part of the original space.

#### Shed on Lot 11

Historic galvanised shed at rear of garden which was originally used for the plumbing business. Hardwood structure and floor on timber stump footings. Vertical jointed timber doors.

### Physical Condition

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Well maintained. Shed requires maintenance. Roof cosmetically shows some corrosion but should be retained as long as possible and if replaced, should be in Galvanised Steel Z600.

### Modifications And Dates

Balustrade added.

### Further Comments

Highly intact.

### Current Use

Dwelling

## Former Use

Dwelling

## Listings

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### Listings

Records Retrieved: 2					
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page
Within a conservation area on an LEP	Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014	C0001	5/30/2014 12:00:00 AM	2014-297	
Potential Heritage Item					

## Procedures/Exemptions

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Records Retrieved: 0					
Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

## History

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Historical Notes or Provenance

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Byron Shire Council recognises the Bundjalung of Byron Bay Arakwal people, the Minjungbal people and the Widjabul people as Traditional Owners and custodians for parts of the Byron Shire. In the Bangalow area, the Widjabul people of the Bundjalung Aboriginal language group had lived in the area for tens of thousands of years. Early explorers and settlers described the district as "the Big Scrub" because of the dense sub-tropical rainforest. Settlement of the area began in the 1840s when European timber cutters and cedar getters moved through the rainforest looking for timber to exploit. Little development occurred until 1869 when the whole district was subdivided. The first settler in the district was Thomas Robinson who purchased land near the present town site in 1881. Bangalow developed substantially after the construction of the Lismore to Tweed Railway, which reached Byron Creek (later named Granuaille then Bangalow) in 1892. The name of Bangalow derives from the name of the palm that was abundant in the rainforest of the area. The first selectors of land included Thomas Robinson, who subdivided the elevated land in the south west of the town surrounding St Kevin's Roman Catholic Church: Robert Campbell who subdivided most of the central area of the town on the east and west sides of the railway; and William Barby, who subdivided the land on the eastern side of Byron Creek.

The town is connected strongly with the dairying industry, which commenced with Robinson's selection in 1881. A receiving depot at Bangalow channelled much of the dairy produce into the Norco Factory at Byron Bay, via the Tweed Railway, and thence to Australian and European markets via the port at Byron Bay. Bangalow flourished as a village during the last decade of the Nineteenth Century and the first decades of the Twentieth Century. The growth in dairying was greatly facilitated by the formation of cooperatives, of which NORCO at Byron Bay was an outstanding example. In 1924 NORCO absorbed the dairy industry output of Bangalow, which had been served since 1912 by the Binna Burra butter factory. The Dairying industry in Bangalow declined when the dairying industry was de-regulated in the late 1960s.

Bangalow also served a timber industry which remained viable until the 1970s although the decline was a long one. The industry was killed off in the 1970s following forestry blockades which ultimately led to the creation of National Parks and exclusion of the forestry industry. In the 1980s the township of Bangalow declined as business declined and essential services were withdrawn. At this time there was a growing interest in heritage and tourism and the discovery of Bangalows excellent heritage values. Since that time the place has grown steadily into a boutique town with commercial and light industrial activities focussed in large measure on boutique and heritage activities. It is now a must-visit place on the Northern NSW tourism map.

#### This Item

The site originally formed part of the holdings of Robert Campbell pioneer settler as shown on the Parish Map of 1894.

The dwelling at 7 Leslie Street was built in circa 1920 by William Jarret (the grandfather of Jan Holbort) for the Newell family which were originally from Ireland. Albert Newell was a plumber and operated a plumbing business from the main street of Bangalow. After two fires, it is understood that he purchased the vacant allotment adjoining the dwelling and constructed the galvanised shed at the rear of the site from which he ran his business.

In 1913 an article states that A Newell and James Gibson purchased the plumbing and tinsmithing business of Mr Ted Bowman.

In 1920 a fire destroyed the tinsmithing business premises.

In 1931 it was reported that another major fire destroyed the business in the main street of Bangalow.

There are various articles of visits of family to the house at Leslie Street during the 1930s. Albert Newell died in 1956 and a notice of probate jurisdiction was published in March 1957. His great grandson Neville Joseph Newell (born 14 October 1952) went on to become a politician in the State Government. Neville served as a member of the Australian House of Representatives from 1990 until 1996 and as a member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly from 1999 to 2007.

#### Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 1

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Unknown

#### Recommended Management

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## Management Summary

The property is worthy of careful conservation to original external details with retention of its garden and historic shed. Maintenance and restoration works should be consistent with the articles of the Icomos Burra Charter 2013 using like for like materials.

## Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

## Report/Study

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### Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 1

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
Byron Shire Community Based Heritage Study			2005		Donald Ellsmore and Ian Fox

## Reference & Internet Links

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### References

Records Retrieved: 3

Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written	Clarence Heritage	2020	Heritage Referral Report 7 Leslie Street, Bangalow	
Electronic		1920	Newspaper article	<a href="https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/234136136">https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/234136136</a>
Electronic		1913	Newspaper article	<a href="https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/72413541">https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/72413541</a>

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