



Bonnie Doon

During the late 1920s Theodore (Theo) Wearne bought property in Leslie Street, Mandurah to the north of Carinya, more commonly known as Wearne House which was built by his brother Charles Wearne. Jack Bovell built a home for Theo and Bella Wearne which was named 'Bonnie Doon' after Bella's home in Singapore.

According to the Mandurah Municipal Heritage Inventory it was later bought by Wilfred Sparkes, a watercolour artist, and then by Thornton Chivers of the Brighton Hotel in Mandurah.

Bonnie Doon was removed and shifted to a property in Country Road Estate in Greenfields, Mandurah. The name 'Bonnie Doon' continues to be part of Leslie Street in the form of units built on the property.

References: C Fyfe *Wheels in Malaya: The Wearne Brothers and Their Company.*