

Balancing Heritage Values: A
*Case Study of New Zealand's
First State House*

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Naenae, Lower Hutt, Wellington, late 1940s.

(Source: <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/media/photo/naenae-state-housing-project>)



12 Fife Lane, June 2009.

(Source: Photograph by author.)

The House



A typical New Zealand state house kitchen, c. 1940.

(Source: Archives New Zealand, photographic collection, AALF-6112 19/8 747.)



Fife Lane, Miramar, Wellington, c. 1940. No. 12 is third from the right.

(Source: Archives New Zealand, photographic collection, AALF-6112 15/2/25 255.)



Prime Minister Michael Joseph Savage carries a table into 12 Fife Lane at the opening ceremony in 1937.

(Source: National Library of New Zealand, Alexander Turnbull Library, Photographic Archive, ref. PAColl-5800-49.)



David and Mary McGregor at 12 Fife Lane, 1978.

(Source: <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/Gallery/housing/1st-house.html>)



The tenants of 12 Fife Lane, the Nysse family, 1997.

(Source: <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/Gallery/housing/intro.html>)

Cultural Value

“Any true blue Kiwi can spot one a mile away. The state house is as much a part of New Zealand culture as Buzzy Bees, gumboots and pavlovas.”

(Leanne Moore, ‘State of the Art,’ *New Zealand Herald*, 3 February 1999, G3.)



12 Fife Lane, June 2009.

(Source: Photograph by author.)

Recognition

Conservation Possibilities



12 Fife Lane plaque, June 2009.

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A typical New Zealand state house in Naenae,
Wellington, 1945.

(Source: <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/Gallery/housing/family.html>)

