

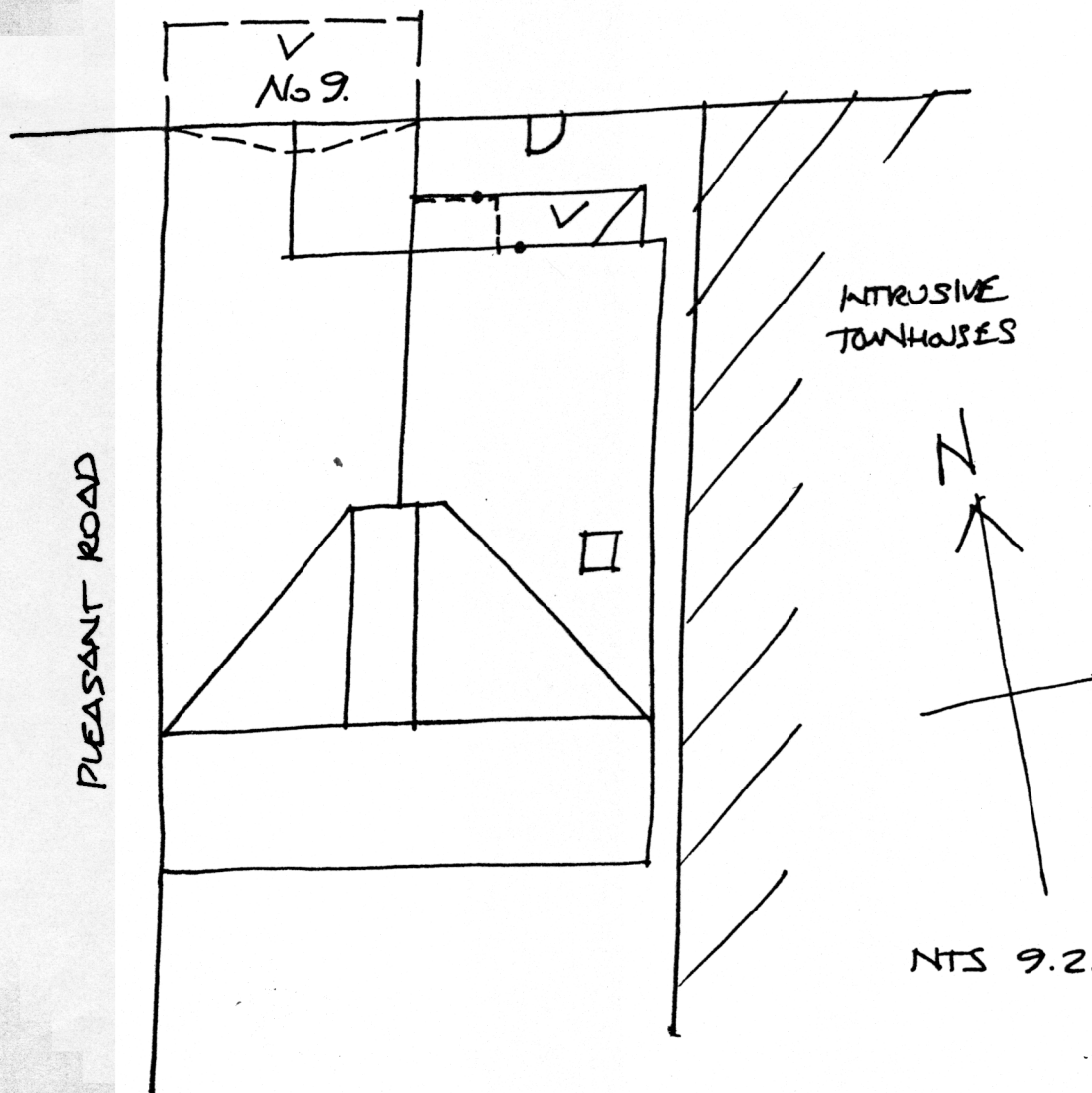
NEWTOWN URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY. - 'C' CITATIONS. **Ref: 158**
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NAME: Rod Fraser's Bareena Post Office 3220, General Store & Sub-news.			
ADDRESS: 9 Retreat Road. (SE cnr Pleasant Road).			
USE: Shop & residence.			
SIGNIFICANT DATE:		CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1859(?)	SOURCE: 1
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ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS.		DATE: 1920s & 1950s	Visual
DESIGNER: —		BUILDER: —	
CRITERIA: H1, Ar1 & So1.		HISTORIC THEME: 2.3	
DESCRIPTION:	STYLE: Edwardian	STORIES: 2	DETACHED.
MATERIALS:	WALLS Timber	ROOF Iron	STRUCTURE Stud.
CONDITION: Excellent	INTACTNESS: Fair	THREATS: Viability?	
SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:			
FORM. FACADE. VERANDAH. ROOF FORM. USE. GABLE DECORATION. VERANDAH DECORATION. CHIMNEY. WINDOWS.			
SIGNIFICANCE:			
TYPE:	HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL. SOCIAL.		
LEVEL:	LOCAL.		
DESIGNATION EXISTING:		PLANNING SCHEME.	
RECOMMENDED CONTROL:		PLANNING SCHEME.	
SURVEY: RP		DATE: 9.2.1997	NEGS: 7.28, 29 & 1274.38



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RETREAT ROAD



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HISTORY: The Bareena Post Office and residence, originally a three-room timber cottage, was built before 1859 (the rate books up to this date are missing). It was owned by Richard Folley who then sold it to Mr F. Bauer in 1860 when it was described as a three-room house and shop. Mrs Folley, storekeeper, remained as the tenant for over twenty years. In 1864 Bauer sold to G & J Eyre, but bought it from them again in 1871. It was sold to Mrs Hodgetts c1875 and she kept the place until c1908 when it was sold to the then tenant, Isabella McDonald, storekeeper. It was sold again to Frederick Wood, grocer, in the early 1920s, and then to John Fulton, grocer, about ten years later. The descriptions in the rate books (only filled in up to 1935) indicate no changes to the structure of the building which was on a block measuring 37' x 85'.¹

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: A charming timber apparently late Edwardian local shop and residence, possibly reclad over a much earlier building of before 1859. It is single storey with an attic contained in a high gable roof facing. The right bay is set forward, the upper section jettys timbered, Medievalising, on the street line as the shop.

The residence has a verandah at left and entrance hall at right with an Edwardian panelled door with sidelights, in the angle. The verandah has a window pair with an arched palisade valance on Doric post pairs. The chimney is dark brown brick with corbelled courses. There are vents in the high gable at both ends. At rear is a half gable and the roof extends as a skillion.

SIGNIFICANCE: A charming timber apparently late Edwardian local shop and residence of the 1920s, but possibly incorporating the earlier shop of prior to 1859. It is architecturally significant as characteristic locally of this type, historically as evidence of life in Newtown in the 1920s and locally as a traditional community focus in this part of Newtown for 140 years.

INTACTNESS: Only fair from the 1920s. 1950s alterations include: a recessed canted shopfront with coursed rubble stone spandrel, terrazzo paving, cantilevered canopy and double-hung sash windows throughout (except under the verandah). The timber picket fence is recent, sidelights have been infilled and the entrance door has been glazed.

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Excellent.

¹ City of Newtown and Chilwell Ratebooks. It would appear that major alterations were made in the early 1920s, not reflected in the ratebooks?