NEWTOWN URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY. - 'C' CITATIONS. Ref: 215

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NAME: Glenisla

FORMER NAME: Glen Isla
ADDRESS: 54 Skene Street

USE: House

SIGNIFICANT DATE:

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1892 SOURCE: 1

DESIGNER: — BUILDER: —

CRITERIA: HI; Arl HISTORIC THEME: 2.3

DESCRIPTION: STYLE: Italianate STORIES: 1 DETACHED.

MATERIALS: WALLS Timber ROOF Iron STRUCTURE Stud.

CONDITION: Very good INTACTNESS: Good THREATS: —

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

FORM, FACADE, VERANDAH, ROOF FORM, EAVES DECORATION, VERANDAH

DECORATION. CHIMNEYS, DOOR. WINDOWS . CONTEXT Nos: 56 & 58.

SIGNIFICANCE:

TYPE: HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL.

LEVEL: LOCAL.

DESIGNATION EXISTING: PLANNING SCHEME.

RECOMMENDED CONTROL: PLANNING SCHEME.

SURVEY: RP DATE: 27.3.1997 NEGS: 9.6 & 1280.6



HISTORY: This timber cottage with six rooms, a bathroom and pantry was built in 1892. It was owned by George Glenisler, a coachbuilder. In 1901 the house was named Glen Isla — later to become one word. Around 1905 Elizabeth Glenisler sold the house to Jane Hunt who lived in it for a few years before renting it to Rebecca Jullian. Julian bought the house c1920 and was still living there in 1935 when the land was measured at 42' x 190'.

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: An almost symmetrical double-fronted, hipped roof
Italianate timber house. It has a convex hipped verandah across with a cast-iron lace
valence and brackets with cast-iron Composite posts. Unusually, under at left, is a canted
bay window. At ends are diagonal latticed screens. Eaves have spindle ogee brackets and
frieze mould. Chimneys have Classical moulds. Windows unusually have 12-pane doublehung sashes, tripartite.

SIGNIFICANCE: A characteristic timber late Italianate house with some unusual elements built in 1892. It is architecturally significant as an unusual variant on this domestic style and historically in embodying the comfortable family life of a skilled craftsman in Newtown immediately prior to the economic crash of 1892.

INTACTNESS: Good. Fence (and canted bay?) are later.

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Very good.

¹ City of Newtown and Chilwell Ratebooks.