NEWTOWN URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY. - 'C' CITATIONS. Ref: 58

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NAME:

PREVIOUS NAME: **Barrabool** ADDRESS: 29 Buckland Avenue.

USE: House.

PREVIOUS USE:

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1895

SOURCE: 1.

DESIGNER: —

BUILDER:

CRITERIA: H1; Ar1. **HISTORIC THEME:** 2.3

DESCRIPTION: STYLE: Late Victorian STORIES: 2 DETACHED.

MATERIALS: WALLS Timber ROOF Iron

STRUCTURE Stud.

CONDITION: Very good. INTACTNESS: Good.

THREATS: -

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

FORM. VERANDAH. *VERANDAH DECORATION. *EAVES DECORATION. CHIMNEYS.

DOORS. WINDOWS.

SIGNIFICANCE:

TYPE: HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL.

LEVEL: LOCAL.

DESIGNATION EXISTING: PLANNING SCHEME.

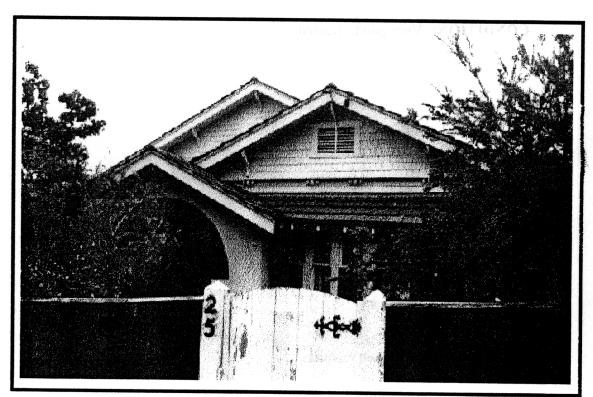
RECOMMENDED CONTROL: PLANNING SCHEME.

GRID REF:

SURVEY: RP

DATE: 27.1.96

NEGS: 3.0





HISTORY: George Brewer purchased an allotment in Buckland Avenue in the early 1890s. A timber house was built for George and his wife, Harriett, in 1895. By 1910 the house, then known as Barrabool, was owned by Nathinial Brewer who sold the five-room dwelling to plumber, Jacob Cairns in 1919.¹

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: A most unusual and carefully detailed, double-fronted Edwardian (?) timber house. The roof is a single hip, almost pyramidal. The front is symmetrical. The verandah extends across and returns for a distance at left. It has a timber lozenge patterned balustrade, with Doric posts supported by delicate, almost Japanese, bracket pairs. The posts are supported by extraordinary and large double bracing, terminating in pendants, in an umbrella effect. The side and front doors have Gothic lights, also with a fanlight at front. Chimneys are massive.

SIGNIFICANCE: The former Barrabool, is a late Victorian timber two storey house built in 1895. It is architecturally significant locally as a most eclectic and unusual design, although now lacking its roof belvedere. Of particular interest are the extraordinary and rare verandah brackets and bracing, as well as the Gothic doors and chimneys. It is historically significant as an unusual embodiment of a way of life in the late nineteenth century.

INTACTNESS: Good. The owner says that a central belvedere has been removed from the roof.

CONDITION: Very good. Rented.

¹ City of Newtown and Chilwell Ratebooks.