
TURNER'S SHOPS AND RESIDENCE



23454 Turner s Store
Residence Glenthompson
1050



23454 Turner s Store
Residence Glenthompson
1051



23454 Turners Store
Glenthompson outbuilding
1104



23454 Turners Store
Glenthompson rear view
1105

Location

23-25 Memorial Road GLENTHOMPSON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Turner's Shops and Residence are located on the south side of Memorial Road, in the centre of Glenthompson. The pair of shops are identical symmetrical single storey brick shops, abutting the pavement. The house is in the very late Victorian style, a single storey timber structure with a side entrance, set back from the street. The land on which they stand was the first land taken up in Glenthompson, by John McLennan, who is considered to be the founding father of the township. McLennan built the first "Mac's Hotel" on the site in the early 1870s, and operated a hotel, store and postal service from the building. The advent of the railway prompted John McLennan to build a second "Mac's Hotel" opposite the Railway Station in Station Street later in the 1870s. Subsequent subdivision of the land saw part donated for a Mechanics Institute, and part became an extension of McLennan Street, to allow access through to the highway. It is thought that the pair of brick shops date from the very early twentieth century, and the timber residence from the late nineteenth century. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design of either structure. Both buildings are in fair condition, and retain a good degree of integrity externally.

How is it significant?

The shops and residence are of historical significance to the township of Glenthompson and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The shops and residence, known as Turner's are of historical significance for the sites connections with the important John McLennan, who built the first substantial structure on this site in the 1870s, Mac's Hotel. The site is of further historical significance for its changing use over time, to have been subdivided several times, and large portions donated to the Glenthompson Mechanic's Institute, and to create a public road. Of further interest is the later occupation of the residence and pair of shops by a variety of businesses, the most important of which was the Turner's who operated the shop and lived in the residence for many years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1900,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23454
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Fair

Physical Description 1

Turner's shops and residence are located on Memorial Road, in the centre of Glenthompson. The commercial building is a pair of painted brick shops which are symmetrically arranged. The entrance to each shop is adjacent to the exterior wall, and has an identical recessed timber door with a six pane glass panel. The shop front windows are in three large panes along the street front. The roofs of each shop are identical, being simple corrugated iron gables, with an elementary brick pediment built across the facade of both shops to unite the structure. A simple timber and corrugated iron verandah extends over the pavement. The verandah posts are unturned square posts, and the corrugated iron has been painted blue. The residence is adjacent to the shop, and is a single storey asymmetrical timber house with a low pitched gable and a side entrance door, adjacent to the pair of shops. The residence has not been internally inspected.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.19 Marketing and Retailing

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Usage/Former Usage

Not used

Integrity

fair degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

John McLennan, first owner

Turner Family

Joy & Noel Lambourne

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