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## WRIGWELL (LATER 'GLENORCHY')



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### Location

250 JEETHO ROAD, JEETHO, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO142

### Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

The former 'Wrigwell', later known as 'Glenorchy', at 250 Jeetho Road, Jeetho is significant. The following buildings and other features contribute to the significance of the place:

- The residence and stables constructed c.1900, for Charles Bickford Blanchard.
- The brick domed tank adjacent to the house.

- The mature trees extending in a line to the north of the house that mark the line of the original carriage driveway, which include *Araucarias* (Bunya Bunya and Hoop pines) and *Pinus* (Monterey and Scots pines) and others.
- Views to the house and stables from Jeetho Road.

Non-original alterations and additions to the house and stables, including the carport to the rear of the house and the gabled, semi-detached 'room' on the south side of the house are not significant. Trees within the garden surrounding the house are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The former 'Wrigwell' (later 'Glenorchy') is of local historic, architectural and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, the residence and stables are significant as a representative example of an early twentieth century farm complex, which is among the oldest surviving in Jeetho and demonstrates an early phase of development following the subdivision of original selections, and also the influence of the Railway upon the development of the Shire. (Criteria A & D)

The house is architecturally significant as a fine and well-detailed example of a Federation Queen Anne villa, which demonstrates the style and its features in full measure. Of particular interest are its split-level plan, and the fine detail of its verandah frieze. The house is complemented by the stables, which are notable for the gable ends detailing that complements the house. The house and the complementary stables also have aesthetic significance as a picturesque farm complex. A local landmark, the setting of the buildings is enhanced by the mature exotic trees in the surrounding gardens. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - Amendment C92 Heritage Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2014; South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1901, 1902, 1900, 1900,
Other Names	Glenorchy, House, homestead, stables,
Hermes Number	30641
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## Physical Description 1

The house at 250 Jeetho Road, Jeetho is a Federation Queen Anne style villa. Notable elements include:

- The very high main half hip roof with projecting gables
- Bi-chrome banded brick chimneys with rendered caps and terra cotta pots.
- The projecting flying bracketed gable ends with their fretted fascias, pressed metal panels and fluted finials with neck moulds.
- The contiguous return verandah with turned posts, neck moulds, fretted brackets and a finely detailed ladder frame frieze.
- Multi-banked casement/hopper window bays under bracketed hoods with shingled 'skirts'.
- Shingle board friezes below gable ends and window bays.

The surviving original section of the house has a high degree of external integrity. As noted in the History, the house was originally much larger and when viewing the house from the east it is clearly evident that the portion removed was on the south side. In the place of the removed section is a small, semi-detached, gabled room, which uses some original materials such as windows, but is clearly a later addition, constructed after the original section was removed. Other additions include a carport to the rear of this room. Just to the south of the house is

an early brick-domed tank.

There is also a contemporary stable beside the approach to the house with a high central gable containing a loft, and skillion side aisles. A notable feature of the facade is the decorative bargeboard with pronounced lobes, finial and timber gable screen, which complements the gable treatments to the house. The remains of a hoist projects from the west gable. The building was originally clad in weatherboards, which survive on the upper side walls of the central gable, which also have small two pane windows, and to the front gable. Internally, the ground floor is subdivided transversely into three sections with a loft above the central aisle.

Alterations to the stables include the recladding of the front (east) and north and south walls of the side aisles in hardiplank, while the west wall is clad in corrugated iron, laid horizontally (the latter material is probably not original, but pre-dates the hardiplank). The north aisle has been opened to create a carport and the south aisle has been extended and a sliding doorway installed. A roller door has been fitted to the opening to the loft in the east elevation.

Both buildings occupy a prominent, elevated position overlooking the road. The house is set within a mature garden and extending to the north of the garden is a line of mature exotic trees including a Bunya Bunya Pine, a Norfolk Island pine, and others, which reputedly mark the route of the original carriage drive to the house.

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