RICHMOND VILLA

Lot 3 DP 827691 Lithgow Street, Campbelltown

Early Town House Built c. 1830's

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

This early house was built in the early 1830's. In 1840, Charles Byrne (builder) mortgaged the cottage to John Vardy for 1000 pounds. Unable to repay the loan, he forfeited the house to Vardy, who in turn sold it for 520 pound to John Keighran in 1847. Along with the contrasting Glenalvon further down Lithgow Street (built by Charles' brother Michael Byrne) these two were among the earliest private residences in Campbelltown. In 1831, the Government had given permission for formal possession of land allocated in 1827. This included Charles Byrne's Lot 88 (Richmond Villa) and Michael Byrne's Lot 91 (Glenalvon). Consent for building was also given to Charles Byrne in 1831, provided he built a "permanent dwelling House, store or other suitable building within four years". Construction date is therefore approximately 1831-35. Later owners of the house were the Thoralds and Fieldhouses.

Richmond Villa is a symmetrical four (4) roomed single storey colonial cottage. It has a fine eight-paneled front door. A covered walkway links the outbuilding (originally a kitchen) to the house. The House is rendered brick with stone flagged verandah at the front and an iron roof.

CONDITION AND USE:

Purchased by Campbelltown City Council in 1973, it was restored with assistance from the Heritage Council and the Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society. Some of the features removed during alterations in the 1920's were replaced in earlier style. The building now backs onto a multi-deck carpark which detracts the setting. Richmond Villa is not used for business purposes.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

- The building has Historical, Architectural and Aesthetic significance
- It is visually associated with Glenalvon in the Lithgow Street townscape.

HERITAGE LISTING:

LOCAL: LEP 2002

STATE: *Proudfoot:* Index No. 62, Category 2

National Trust (NSW): Classified

FEDRAL: *Heritage Commission (National Estate):* Registered