

'RICHMOND HOUSE'  
56 Avoca Street, South Yarra



Recommendations It is recommended that this building be retained on the Register of Historic Buildings and Register of the National Estate and be protected using the provisions of Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

Current Assessments 'Richmond House' is included on the Historic Buildings Register, the Register of the National Estate and classified by the National Trust of Australia (Vic).

History and Description 'Richmond House' located at 56 Avoca Street, South Yarra and originally known as 'Pately' then 'Lindisfarne', was erected in 1858-9 for Edward Wheelcock, a Melbourne importer of American stoves and hardware. The six room, two storey brick and stucco town house with unusual single storey post verandah was extended in 1861-68 for G. W. Selby, pioneer colonist. The author of the transitional Italianate style house is unknown.

Significance 'Richmond House' is representative of an identifiable suburban town house group erected in the decade 1855-65 in the South Yarra area. The style is unusual in Melbourne being clearly deprived from earlier colonial architectural traditions enhanced with the popular and modish Italianate grammar of the post gold rush era in Melbourne. The town house is notable for the fine proportions of the facades and fenestration combined with an unusual and refined verandah.

Intactness 'Richmond House' has been enhanced internally and the original fabric altered and extended externally. The building survives in a recognisably intact form and compared with similar buildings in the same region, is of relatively high integrity

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