

'COMO'

Como Avenue, 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 B of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

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

History and Description 'Como', South Yarra is an imposing and essentially late Georgian style mansion which was erected in three stages, firstly as a brick house in 1847 for Edward E. Williams, Colonial Advocate. The central two storey brick and stucco mansion was undertaken in 1855 for John Brown, master builder/merchant with the Italianate style ballroom wing by architect A. E. Johnson being added in 1874 for pastoralist Charles Armytage.

Significance 'Como', South Yarra is a building of national importance and one of the finest monuments to the mid-Victorian era in Australia. The splendidly proportioned, symmetrical mansion with the distinctive verandah, restrained classical details and comfortable, well crafted interiors is a rare and evocative example of late Georgian architecture in Victoria. 'Como' for ninety-five years an Armytage family mansion has important historical associations with the pastoral industry and early Melbourne.

Intactness 'Como' is held in perpetuity on behalf of the nation by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and is preserved as a museum house and complete with many of the original Armytage furnishings.

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