

GREENWICH HOUSE
formerly 'Fanecourt' and 'Eilyer'
75-79 Irving Road, Toorak



Recommendations It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of Historic Buildings, retained on the 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 'Greenwich House' is included on the Register of the National Estate and classified by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

History and Description 'Greenwich House' at 75 Irving Road, Toorak, was built in 1870 for successful Scottish born merchant and politician Sir James Lorimer from an Italianate design by architect Levi Powell. The two-storey 18 room brick mansion, later occupied by a succession of retired pastoralists and established professionals, was a boarding house from 1936 until 1956, when the structure became a WRAN hostel.

Significance 'Greenwich House' has been completely adapted and radically rearranged internally for use as a defence forces hostel with only the facade and part of the original house carcass remaining mostly intact. The interior has been inappropriately and clinically refurbished.

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