22 Blakeley Road, Castlemaine, Vic 3450 Sold House

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Bedrooms: 5

Bathrooms: 2

Parkings: 2

Area: 3963 m2

Type: House



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\$1,800,000

'Dudleigh', circa 1860, is a stately slice of Gold Rush history. Set on almost an acre, the current custodians have lovingly nurtured the grounds and enhanced the grand Victorian weatherboard residence. A plethora of heritage features are showcased and modern comforts tastefully incorporated. Past the woven wire fence, admire the manicured gardens with tall pencil pines, olives, shade and fruit trees. Interspersed are discrete seating spots. It is certainly a very endearing introduction. Grand features of the period begin with the elevated and decorative front veranda that sweeps around both sides. Imagine the original vistas of boom town Castlemaine in its old gold days and the conversations held right here over the generations. If only the walls could talk! A unique feature of the home is two highly decorative entrances, one at the front and one at the side, both original. Inside, the home is a visual feast. 12-foot-high ceilings, pressed metal, patterned lead lighting in purples, greens and yellows, archways and ornate fireplaces tell of its affluent origins. A moody colour palate is the signature of the acclaimed resident artist who's inspired taste brings more life and energy to the home. There are four generous bedrooms, three with BIRs and two luxurious bathrooms, one with a soaker bath. A front library with built-in shelving provides a quiet reprieve while the large lounge and dining spaces are ready to host elaborate gatherings. The eat in, country style kitchen features stone surfaces, a 900mm freestanding stove, a farmhouse style sink and dishwasher. Additional contemporary comforts include: hydronic heating, two split systems, plantation shutters and quality blinds. An independent studio with a split system offers space for creatives or perhaps a teen's retreat. Noteworthy too is the carport, large shed and woodshed. In the 1860s, the property was described as '...a picturesque retreat comprising all the advantages of rural seclusion with ready access to the town. This couldn't be more accurate today. From this stellar address, stroll to schools and access the town centre, Botanic Gardens and train station within minutes.