

7 Edwin Terrace, Gilberton, SA 5081

House For Sale

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Bedrooms: 5

Bathrooms: 4

Parkings: 3

Type: House



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CONTACT SALLY CAMERON 0412 915 108 FOR PRIVATE VIEWINGS. A ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE A SIGNIFICANT MANSION ON WHAT IS REPUTED TO BE ADELAIDE'S MOST EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL STREET. Seldom is a property of this calibre and outstanding position presented to the market. This distinguished Edwin Terrace mansion is undoubtedly one of the finest bay windowed bluestone villas in Adelaide. With a commanding and tightly held position on the high side of this exclusive terrace that is home to some of Adelaide's most significant and historic residences, its grand character, versatile floorplan, luxurious curated interior and botanic grounds combine to form an exceptional family home.

HISTORY Completed in the 1880s, the wide elevated double frontage is a unique combination of Italianate and Victorian architectural elements that include a prominent tower, bay windows, circular headed windows, ornamental finials and decorative plaster embellishment. "Coonabar" has a prestigious pedigree, having been home to several prominent and successful Adelaide families that include those of early department store owner John Thomas Fitch, stock agent and managing director of Bennett and Fisher, Hugh Davis, solicitor Arnold Moulden, and Colin Verco, a managing director of Miller Andersons. With their children now grown, the current owners have been the proud custodians for almost 20 years and in that time have meticulously maintained, improved and cherished this very special family home.

ENTRANCES & FORMAL RECEPTION ROOMS Two grand entrances, both with leadlight transom surrounds invite guests to enter the palatial interior. Beneath the impressive tower portico, the front door introduces a wide central hallway with oak boards that stretch through squared archways towards extended informal living. The side entrance opens to a series of interconnected and highly versatile formal rooms all with fireplaces, that will accommodate large scale events, intimate soirees, or just curling up with a book. A reception room with high decorative ceilings traverses the passage through a resplendent arch into a room with a dramatic cathedral ceiling that is the perfect backdrop for pre-dinner drinks, before being ushered into the elegant bay windowed dining room. And to finish off, a chic sitting room for coffees and nightcaps.

MASTER SUITE AND FAMILY ACCOMMODATION Downstairs, two enormous bedrooms gaze over the sweeping front lawn and gardens. The sumptuous principal suite forms an opulent haven that perfectly integrates traditional architectural features with chic contemporary design. The bedroom, boasting a gracious bay window and fireplace, connects to the ultimate fashionista's dressing room lined with floor to ceiling robes. The designer ensuite is of outstanding specification. Through French doors, a private outdoor shower is nestled in a peaceful Japanese courtyard garden room. Upstairs is dedicated to the kids, with three king sized bedrooms opening onto the rear balcony, a cool steam-room style bathroom, and a convenient laundry sorting room with integrated ironing board and clothes chute.

INFORMAL LIVING EXTENSION The architectural line between the original footprint and the sophisticated contemporary living addition has been deftly blurred, providing family accommodation upstairs and expansive open plan living downstairs, punctuated by windows showcasing the pool and tennis court. Warmed by a fire and sub-heated travertine floor, living is linked to kitchen and meals by eye-catching custom joinery with extensive storage. A monumental island bench provides both form and function as a focal point around which to entertain, serve meals and perch. Concealed by a secret door is a vast room currently used as a work from home study space, with a bank of built-ins, full-length desk and pool views. A superb hotel-style bathroom suite incorporates a powder room and glam zone for guests, as well as an indulgent room in which to bathe. Discreetly tucked away is a walk-in pantry, large laundry and a cellar below.

OUTDOOR LIVING RETREAT Connected to the main house by a colonnaded loggia, is a delightful alfresco dining pavilion and a self-contained retreat that adjoins both the pool and court. The living/games room has hosted amazing parties. With plenty of room for a billiard table, it provides a multitude of uses with polished concrete floors, steel framed doors and a bar. A bathroom provides the ideal option for wet feet, and direct entry into the secure double garage.

GROUNDS & ALFRESCO ENTERTAINING Almost a century ago, the gardens were tended by a full-time gardener who produced award winning blooms. Today, the park-like grounds are every bit as glorious but far less maintenance, having been given a 21st century makeover by renowned landscape designer Jo Connolly that was featured in Australian House & Garden Magazine. From expansive lawns and fragrant formal plantings, a series of idyllic garden rooms dotted with bluestone walled seating include a parterre garden, dappled ornamental pear tree grove, and a romantic Mediterranean style pathway with a sculpture and sculptured olive tree, which perfectly frame the house to form an enchanting oasis in which to entertain and relax. To the rear, interconnected resort style entertaining includes the resurfaced all-weather synthetic tennis court with draw string curtains (once played on by Sir Donald Bradman), and a sensational heated lap pool with a shallow wading step and room to soak up the sun. With a high bar table and pizza oven,

this is both a quiet haven to savour, and the ultimate entertainer's playground. POSITION • Exclusive dress-circle address approx. 6 km to Victoria Square • Walkerville Oval, Parklands • O'Connell St, Walkerville Tce. & Melbourne St. shopping, cafes, pubs & restaurants ARCHITECTURAL NOTES • Grand Italianate architectural elements • Bay windows, tower, leadlight, decorative mantels, arches • Cast iron & masonry front fence • Contemporary two-level living extension & outdoor retreat SWIMMING POOL • Lap pool designed and built by Glorious Gardens • Salt water • Solar heated • Fully tiled • Glass fence TENNIS COURT • Synthetic grass • Wired for lights GARDEN • Designed by Jo Connolly • Featured in Australian House & Garden Magazine • Sculpture "Seedpod Sphere" by James Worth • Dancing men sculptured water feature • Established waterwise plantings • Automatic irrigation • LED feature lighting PARKING & SECURITY • Remote driveway entry • Double garage with auto lift door • Hydraulic car hoist for third car • Direct entry to outdoor retreat • Additional driveway parking • Front gate intercom • Monitored security KITCHEN & APPLIANCES • 6-burner Smeg oven • Miele dishwasher • Stone wrapped island bench & stainless countertops • Appliance & pantry cupboards • Walk-in pantry • Outdoor retreat with Fisher & Paykel dishwasher, Vintec fridge, sink • Outdoor pizza oven COMFORT • Ducted & zoned R/C air-conditioning • Plantation shutters • Underfloor heating in open plan living & bathroom suite • Gas fires in sitting room & open plan living • Outdoor dining with ceiling fan • Mid height laundry appliances TECHNOLOGY • C-bus automation in extended living • NBN STORAGE • Extensive built-in storage throughout • Cellar • Walk-in pantry • Outdoor retreat with storeroom SCHOOLS • Walk to Wilderness • Close to St Peters College, St Andrews & Prince Alfred College • Zoned to Adelaide Botanic High, Adelaide High & Walkerville Primary