999 Inverleigh-Shelford Road, Shelford, Vic 3329 House For Sale

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Bedrooms: 3 Bathrooms: 1 Parkings: 2 Area: 8127 m2 Type: House



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\$780,000 - \$850,000

Surrounded by beautiful countryside, this circa-1850s cottage presents a truly unique lifestyle on approx. 2 acres. As the first Free Presbyterian Manse in Shelford, it's believed the home was originally built for Reverend Archibald Simpson who arrived in 1856. The current owners have tastefully restored the property, paying tribute to its rich history. Whether you're a hobby farmer or simply seeking a blissful family lifestyle, this rare opportunity is not to be missed. The interiors exude old-world charm with heritage stenciling, travertine flooring and original floorboards with a Black Japan finish. You'll love that both the front lounge and dining room feature Colonial sash windows with deep window sills and William Morris curtains. The kitchen/meals zone is graced with a butler's sink, SMEG 900mm oven/gas cooktop and integrated F&P dishwasher. The main bedroom features close access to the bathroom, which will delight with an open shower and clawfoot tub. The powder room and European laundry complete the lower level, while the original staircase leads to two upstairs bedrooms. Three wood heaters (two ESSE) keep you cosy during the cooler months, with the kitchen's wood heater also doubling as a stove. Outside, cottage gardens surround the paved alfresco area, where you can host leisurely lunches with loved ones. You'll be amazed at the property's wonderful sense of peace and tranquility, where you can listen to the songs of the native birdlife and catch glimpses of wildlife. So why not sit back on the front verandah as you watch the sunrise over the valley? Or head across the road to swim in the river's waterhole? A variety of mature natives include two majestic River Red Gums, while the resident blue tongue lizard 'Billy' may even visit you on the verandah. A selection of fruit trees and veggie gardens promote sustainable living, with the loquat, quince and apple tree dating back to the original home. The double carport features an adjoining powered work shed. Other features include a paddock, chicken coop, solar panels, town water and bottled gas. The Shelford Primary School and Recreation Reserve are within walking distance, while the region's nature reserves and wineries promise to elevate your weekends. An approx. 15-minute drive will find you in Bannockburn, while easy access to Geelong and Melbourne is perfect for those seeking a city-country balance.