## **Victorian Heritage Database Report**

# **Flete**



B3357 Flete

#### Location

2 Flete Avenue,, ARMADALE VIC 3143 - Property No B3357

#### Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

### Level of significance

Local

### **Heritage Listing**

**National Trust** 

#### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2006

Supreme Court Judge Sir Hartley Williams built an 8-roomed brick house in 1876 on a site which originally fronted Kooyong Road. This house was demolished and Flete was erected in 1882/3

The Victorian Italianate style brick and stucco mansion with wide encircling verandah is allegedly based upon a Maltese villa prototype and is symmetrically planned around wide internal passage axes which intersect to form a large central entrance hall, elaborately decorated.

A mansion of considerable historical importance being firstly the residence of eminent Judge Sir Hartley Williams and thought to have been later leased by the internationally acclaimed opera singer Dame Nellie Melba and subsequently occupied by Judge Sir Thomas Latham.

A distinctively planned Italianate mansion most notable for the consistent elevational treatment, wide encircling verandah and high quality interior details. The mansion has few comparable counterparts in suburban Melbourne. Flete was occupied from 1946-1978 as a womens' hostel for the Melbourne Bible Institute and was then acquired

by the Yooralla Society of Victoria. Adapted from AHC Citation Classified: 28/11/1974

Hermes Number 66556

**Property Number** 

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