

Capitalise on country tourism with this historic 21-room convent

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In the quaint rural town of Harden-Murrumburrah on the South West Slopes of NSW, a distinctive Victorian-style convent-turned-country escape is about to hit the market with George Southwell of Ray White Rural Canberra and Yass.

Adjacent to both the Canberra region and the riverina this district landmark 'The Convent' on Vernon St was built in 1892.

The agent says exquisite restoration has enhanced this residence to ensure it remains one of the area's most distinguished homes as it has done for the last century.

The grand double brick masterpiece home on over 4000 sqm holds 21 renovated rooms, nine of which are bedrooms.

"Working from home has never been easier with the stately study and office space. Relaxation is enhanced with the built-in projection theatre and surround sound system in the theatre room," Mr Southwell said.

Opulent reception rooms and 16'cedar ceilings are special features of the one-level property, so too the pressed tin decorate ceilings above a large dining room with views across the productive gardens and a renovated eat-in country style kitchen with separate scullery.

"Sitting off the street, in a desirable location next door to the local Catholic school, the home is surrounded by almost an acre of manicured lawns, stylish yet manageable landscaping, a chicken coop and a wraparound driveway. A large timber entertaining deck overlooks established fruit trees," the agent said.

Inside, vast proportions typical of Victorian architecture are filled with quality traditional detailing and immaculate inclusions. The three bathrooms have been upgraded in recent years. Elegant entertainment spaces are at one end of the house, meanwhile children can play in living rooms on the other side of the property or out in the garden.

"As a home, The Convent marries modern renovation and discerning style with grand historical glamour and grace," Mr Southwell said.

Three hours to Sydney and one and half hours to Canberra, it could become a bed and breakfast, lifestyle business, relaxation retreat or home, and comes with its own onsite chapel.

"The Convent is a short walk to lovely local cafes, a popular pub, and a 25 min drive to historic townships of Young - the cherry capital of Australia, Cootamundra - the birthplace of Sir Donald Bradman, and the village of Jugiong, on the banks of the mighty Murrumbidgee River, with its hatted restaurant and bakery and boutique shops."

The Convent goes to auction next month.

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