

Andrew Ward
Architectural Historian

“Como Lodge”
Formerly “Penabrin”
83 Natimuk Road, Horsham

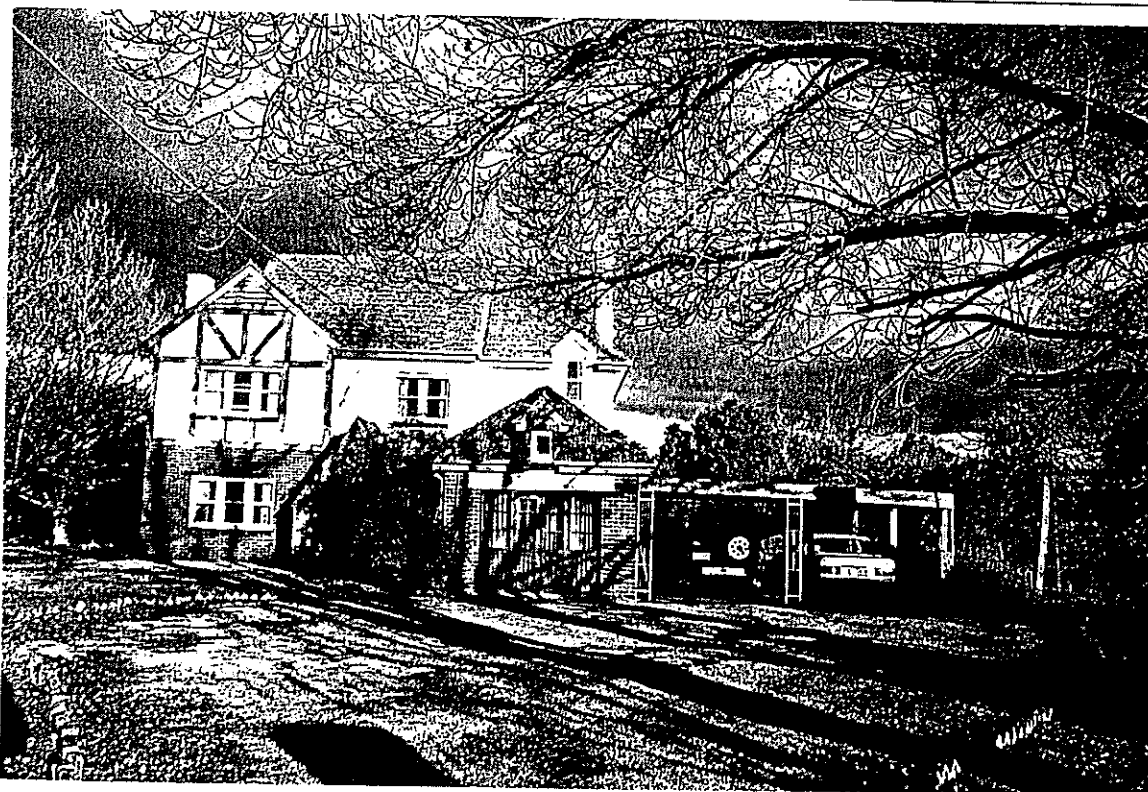


Photo: 1997

Existing Registrations:

Victorian Heritage Register: nil
National Estate Register: nil
National Trust Register: nil

History: Lots 9 to 14 of Section 4 on the south side of Natimuk Road were purchased from the Crown by the Wilson brothers. It was a substantial holding running from the road south to the Wimmera River. Around the 1920's, the land was subdivided for housing, however development was sparse until later that decade.

In 1929, Mrs. E. Thornley of Wilson Street owned land with an NAV of 4 pounds in Natimuk Road on the south west corner of Kalimna Avenue. During the 1930's, W.J. Thornley, cordial manufacturer, had built for his residence a large two storey brick house on this site. At that time, the property was known as “Penabrin”. It was enhanced by plantings of deciduous trees and had a sunken garden.

In 1996, the house was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Denis O'Brien. It is presently known as “Como Lodge”.

Andrew Ward
Architectural Historian

Description: A prominent English Cottage Style two storeyed house with lower level in clinker brick and upper level half timbered recalling Medieval architectural forms. The garage is a projecting element with dormer window enhancing the picturesque massing of the house.

Integrity: High, later carport, extensive gardens.

Condition: Sound

Comparative examples:

Significance: "Como Lodge", formerly "Penabrin" of 83 Natimuk Road is important as a large and prominent comparatively unusual example of the English Cottage Style in Horsham (criterion D). It is important also as a key building in the Natimuk Road historic area.

References: Town of Horsham, Parish Plan, Department of Lands and Survey, 28.2 1928.
Horsham, County of Burong, Department of Lands and Survey, undated.
Horsham Sewerage Plan no.132, c.1927, amended June 1948.
Borough of Horsham Rate Books: 1925-26, 1929-30.
"Historical Horsham Calendar 1996", Horsham Historical Society.
Brian Brooke and Alan Finch, A Story of Horsham, A Municipal Century, City of Horsham, 1982, p.178.

Data sheet prepared by Andrew Ward 2/98