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# House



House, 209 Main Road

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## Location

209 Main Road LOWER PLENTY, BANYULE CITY

## Municipality

BANYULE CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO163

## Heritage Listing

Banyule City

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## Statement of Significance

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*What is significant?*

The house built c. 1960 for Vernon Walker at 209 Main Road Lower Plenty is significant.

*How is it significant?*

The house is of aesthetic (architectural) significance to the City of Banyule.

### *Why is it significant?*

Designed by architects Hipwell, Weight and Mason in the period following the war, this modernist house is representative of the most advanced architectural thinking of its time, and part of the significant movement in modernist architecture in Melbourne. (Criterion E)

It is highly unusual in the use of the trapezoidal elevation and the composition of window wall and face brickwork. The folded roof foreshadows architectural trends in the contemporary era. It is a highly unusual house and a notable example of the work of Hipwell Weight and Mason. (Criteria C, H)

Heritage Study/Consultant Banyule - Banyule Heritage Review, Context P/L, 2009;

Architect/Designer Hipwell, Weight & Mason,

Hermes Number 123119

Property Number

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## **Physical Description 1**

209 Main Road, Lower Plenty demonstrates the bold and innovative residential architecture taking place in the suburbs of Melbourne in the 1950s and 60s. The house at 209 Main Road, Lower Plenty is a highly unusual example of modernism. Built of cream brick with a metal roof, its trapezoidal form includes sloping outer walls with a 'folded' roof. The composition of the structure includes bold planes of glass and face brick with carefully designed window treatment reflecting the hierarchy of spaces. The garage sits forward of the house and has a deck on the roof. The balustrade is a later addition.

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