
300 Balwyn Road Balwyn North

Location

300 Balwyn Road BALWYN NORTH, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO616

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Bunbury house designed in 1949 by architect Robin Boyd at 300 Balwyn Road, Balwyn North.

How is it significant?

The Bunbury house is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

The Bunbury House at 300 Balwyn Road is an excellent example of modern architecture in the post war period when areas of Balwyn and Balwyn North were developing. The Bunbury house represents early work of notable 20th century Australian architect, theorist, author and critic Robin Boyd.

Boyd was a Director of with the influential Royal Victorian Institute of Architects (RVIA) and *The Age* Small Homes Service (SHS) from 1947-1953; as well as undertaking private architectural commissions. The SHS was an initiative that sought to provide cost effective, architecturally designed homes to a wide audience, including those who would not otherwise have been able to afford an architect designed home.

The Bunbury house represents an early and intact example of modernist architecture by Robin Boyd. The Bunbury house displays an association in its design and detailing with another design developed as part of Boyd's work with the SHS. The Bunbury house incorporates design elements that are recognisable from Boyd's popular designs, including efficient floor plans, floor to ceiling glazing, projecting eaves and suspended sun shading devices constructed from timber slats. The Bunbury house contributes to the understanding and legacy of Boyd's work as preserved by the Boyd Foundation.

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