
House



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Location

32 Carr Street COBURG NORTH, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO581

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The house at 32 Carr Street, Coburg North is significant. The form and materiality of the postwar International Style house is significant, in particular the ceiling to glass windows and low-pitched, cantilevered roof over the balcony. The garden and driveway is not significant.

How is it significant?

The house is of local historical, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

The house has historical significance as related to the growth of the 'Post-War Melbourne Regional' / 'Post-War International' style in Moreland, when new ideas for living and an Australian suburban identity were developed. (Criterion A)

The dwelling demonstrates principle characteristics of the Post-War International style, in particular the lightweight build owing to the ceiling to glass windows, cantilevered roof over the balcony, and low-pitched roof. (Criterion D) The dwelling has aesthetic significance as a well-kept Post-War International style house which is intact and visually prominent on the street. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022;

Construction dates 1955,

Hermes Number 206897

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The subject site consists of a two-storey mid-century postwar residence in the International Style. The International style is a class of modernist architecture which is characterised by rectilinear forms, surfaces such as glass, metal and timber that have been stripped of ornamentation and decoration, open interior spaces, extensive use of glass to allow for views and vistas into the site surrounds, and visually weightless quality engineered by cantilever construction. With focus on creating views, the landscape setting of a dwelling of this style becomes an important feature to the meaning and character of the place.

The building has a flat roof which has a thin street width but stretches deep into the back into the property. The dwelling is characterised by large sections of floor to ceiling glass on both levels of the building which have been pieced together by glass panes of varying sizes. These glass panes are fitted within thin painted timber frames. On the ground floor, the elevation is mostly glass and timber frame except for unornamented timber front doors, three vertical sections of exposed brick, and a former garage which has been converted into a separate room using plaster board and window frames. The first floor level is characterised by a wrap around concrete slab balcony which is not sheltered other than a portion of the roof which is cantilevered over the balcony. The roof is supported on steel posts and the balcony is framed by a steel balustrade in a geometric pattern. The first floor elevation itself is largely glass and timber, though the rear portion of the building is face brick.

The building is situated on a sloping site, running from north to south. The addition of a second level combined with glass allows for clear vistas into the Doug Hall Adventure Park. The landscaping on site is unremarkable, consisting of a large portion of grass as well as a brick lined concrete driveway along the western side of the lot.

This type of dwelling is the only example on Carr Street which is otherwise characterised by interwar and postwar brick residences.

The building is in good condition overall, though there is evidence of spalling to the concrete slab on the first floor balcony.

Integrity

- Conversion of what would have originally been the garage into a separate room*

The dwelling has retained its overall form and features, and changes would be reversible. It has high integrity overall.

* Denotes element that detracts from the cultural significance of the place.

Physical Conditions

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This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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