PITTARD RESIDENCE, 430 MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD, RESEARCH

Location
430 MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD RESEARCH, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality
NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers
HO139
Heritage Listing
Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1992

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is Significant?
The 1978-79 adobe house and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

How is it Significant?
The house is architecturally and historically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik

Why is it Significant?
The house is architecturally and historically significant because it was designed by the prominent ‘Eltham-style’ architect, Alistair Knox, and is an important and particularly innovative example of Knox's later work (Criteria H & F). Like many Eltham-style buildings, the house features the use of mud brick and recycled materials (Criterion D).

BICK STUDY, 1992
The Pittard residence is one of the most innovative adobe dwellings constructed in the four decades following the Second World War period and an important late work of Alistair Knox, their leading designer. These buildings characterised the Shire of Eltham during that period and with Montsalvat are the reason for Eltham being widely known in the general community. The curved plan shape and single plane roof rising up over the living area to the double storey end section are of particular note. The Pittard residence is also an excellent example of the owners being involved in the construction of their dwelling.

BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEMES
HISTORY
ARCHITECTURE
DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE
EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: ENTIRE BUILDING AND SITE

Heritage Study/Consultant
Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;

Construction dates
1978,

Architect/Designer
Knox, Alistair,

Other Names
430 MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD, RESEARCH,

Hermes Number
104385

Property Number
Historical Australian Themes

DISTINCTIVE ELTHAM BUILDING STYLES
PROMINENT RESIDENTS
EMERGENCE OF AN ELTHAM LIFESTYLE

3.14.2 Using Australian materials in construction
8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

Physical Description 1

Style Eltham style
Design unique.
Plan curved.
Single and double storied.

Walls timber framed, adobe (solid mud brick). Roof single plane, clad in overlapping sections of metal sheeting.
Features are the curved building form and the roof which rises up to the double storey end. The living room ceiling follows the rake of the roof.

Usage/Former Usage

Original and Continuing Use: Residence

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