

THE BUSST HOUSE, N.W. CNR. KERRIE COURT, 71 SILVER ST, ELTHAM



261 - The Busst House
Eltham - Shire of Eltham
Heritage Study 1992



261 - The Busst House
Eltham 02 - North elevation of
the Busst House
photographed during
construction - Note the roof
deck above the ground floor
living room minus its
balustrade which is still to be
installed - Shire of Eltham
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261 - The Busst House
Eltham 04 - South elevation
photographed during
construction - Note the
curved eastern end and roof
following the descent of the
stair within - Shire of Eltham
Heritage Study 1992



261 - The Busst House
Eltham 05 - Sketch of the
ground floor angle-nook -
Shire of Eltham Heritage
Study 1992



261 - The Busst House
Eltham 06 - Drawing of the
north elevation and section -
Shire of Eltham Heritage
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261 - The Busst House
Eltham 07 - Shire of Eltham
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Eltham 08 - Shire of Eltham
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Eltham 09 - Shire of Eltham
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Eltham 10 - Shire of Eltham
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Eltham 11 - Shire of Eltham
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Eltham 12 - Shire of Eltham
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Eltham 13 - Shire of Eltham
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Eltham 14 - Shire of Eltham
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The Busst House Eltham
Colour 1 - Shire of Eltham
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The Busst House Eltham
Black & White 1 - Shire
of Eltham Heritage Study
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The Busst House Eltham
Black & White 2 - Shire
of Eltham Heritage Study
1992



The Busst House Eltham
Colour 2 - Shire of Eltham
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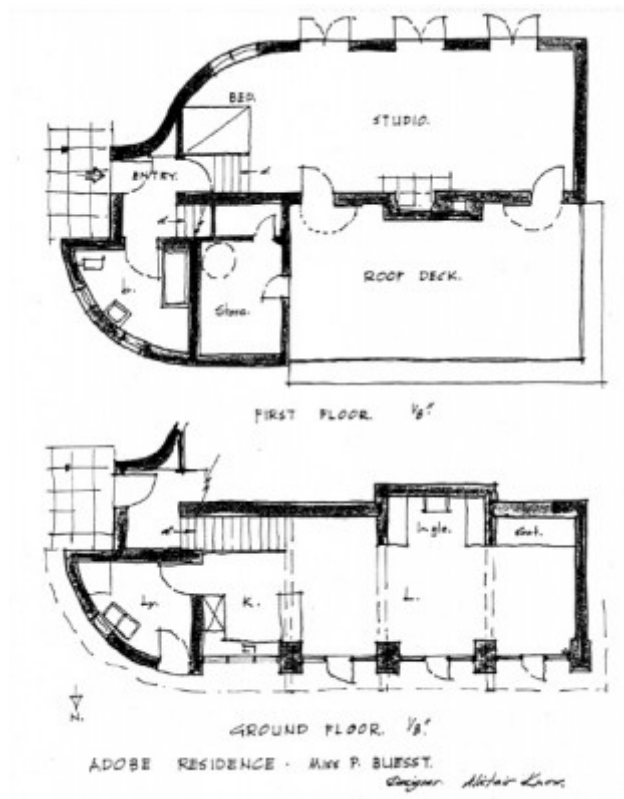
The Busst House Eltham
Colour 3 - Shire of Eltham
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The Busst House Eltham
Colour 4 - Shire of Eltham
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The Busst House Eltham
Colour 5 - Shire of Eltham
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261 - The Busst House Eltham 03 - Floor plans of the Busst House - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992

Location

71 SILVER ST ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO162

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

The c1948-49 Busst house and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

How is it significant?

The house is historically, architecturally and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik and, potentially, to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The house is historically and architecturally significant because it was designed for the local artist, Phyl Busst, by the noted architect, Alistair Knox, who was a leading figure in the development of the 'Eltham style' of architecture. Knox went on to build other significant buildings in the area, to popularise the use of recycled materials and adobe and to play a pivotal role in the development of Eltham's distinctive architectural and social character (Criterion H). The building was one of the first designed by Knox and is considered to be, architecturally, the best of the 'Eltham-style' buildings constructed following World War II (Criteria A & F). The house is historically significant because Horrie Judd, the well known local 'Eltham-style' builder, and Gordon Ford, the well known landscape designer, also played a role in its planning and construction (Criterion H).

BISCK STUDY, 1992

The Busst House is a very innovative building for its time in design, mud brick construction and building and site planning. In addition to its architectural importance, this building also has historic significance as an early work of the important Eltham Architect, Alistair Knox, for a well-known local artist, Phyl Busst. Busst's house is architecturally the best from the early years of the revival in mud brick building at Eltham after the Second World War and also illustrates the start of the environmental design movement that characterised the Shire from the 1950s to the 1970s. Knox was the leading figure of that movement in building design and construction throughout the period and was the pivotal figure in the development of the Shire's distinctive residential character.

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	1948,
Architect/Designer	Knox, Alistair,
Other Names	N.W. CNR. KERRIE COURT, 71 SILVER ST, ELTHAM,
Hermes Number	104513
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

DISTINCTIVE ELTHAM BUILDING STYLES

EMERGENCE OF AN ELTHAM LIFESTYLE

ARTISTS AND THE ELTHAM LIFESTYLE

PROMINENT RESIDENTS

SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT

3.14.2 Using Australian materials in construction.

8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Physical Description 1

Style 1940s-1950s modern.

Design unique.

Plan basically rectangular, curved eastern end.

Two storeyed.

Walls solid mud brick (adobe).

Roof flat roof, originally bituminous felt clad. Features are the very innovative design, curved end wall, planning, first floor roof balcony, simple interior with one large room on each storey, with kitchen and laundry off the ground floor and the one bedroom and bathroom off the first floor. Also see history section.

Usage/Former Usage

Original and Later Use: Residence

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