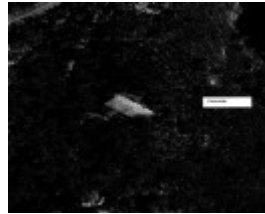

HO224 - Arnold house, 20 Kangaroo Ground Warrandyte Road, North Warrandyte



HO224 - Arnold house, carport and house - view from south (rear)



HO224 - Plan prepared from recent aerial image (Nillumbik Shire, NTS) contributory elements as shown.

Location

20 Warrandyte Road NORTH WARRANDYTE, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

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Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 28, 2009

SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT

What is significant?

House complex fabric associated with:

- the 1960s;
- Robin Boyd design.

How is it significant?

The Arnold house is locally significant architecturally.

Why is it significant?

The Arnold house is:

- a well preserved design of the internationally renowned architect Robin Boyd, (Criterion H1)
- a published design in a respected national periodical at the time of its construction, subsequently highlighted in the 'Transition' Robin Boyd Special Issue 1992 and in the 2004 National Trust of Australia (Vic) Boyd tour (Criterion G1);
- design specifically aimed at fire resistance as a result of wild fire in the Warrandyte area summer of 1962; and
- one of a significant group of houses created by him in this locality and period (Criterion E1).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - C13 Heritage Stage 2 Final Report Revised Citation, Graeme Butler and Assoc., 2001;
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

This is a two-level house entered via a short timber-framed bridge at the top . level from the south side to a kitchen-dining area, with a random stone lined garden court providing stair access to the lower level with its workshops, storage etc.

The shallow gabled deck roof is supported independently on slim steel pipe columns. Along the north side it forms a two-level 'verandah' (eaves overhang and balcony under) and on the south side, it is set outside of the cladding, allowing separate expression of roof, frame and walls. Slimmer pipes support the car port.

A concrete verandah and lower level floor slab is exposed on the north; the upper level floor slab is suspended on steel I-beams in part, where it is exposed, and of hardwood framed construction elsewhere with T&Gboards and concrete stumps.

The wall and roof cladding is painted ribbed galvanised steel sheet (exposed as a soffit over 'verandah' and courtyard) used vertically on most walls except the south wall to the garden court, where the ribs run horizontally. The windows are timber-framed awning sashes and fixed lights as window walls (with some horizontal board clad spandrels) or highlight windows. The 'bridge' and upper level balcony balustrade is vertical wrought iron rods spaced under a deep timber handrail; sliding timber-framed glass doors open to the balcony and wide sliding doors divide main rooms.

Random stone facing is also used on retaining walls to the upper level parking bay as well as for landscape elements around the house.

The floor plan published in 'Architecture & Arts' 1963 shows the carport and entry bridge to a fully glazed dining room and, next, a deep balcony facing north, set over a garden court yard on the lower level. Adjoining this is the east wing with kitchen, playroom and three bedrooms facing south onto a private, walled-in garden court. A large living room was on the west side of the dining room entry: The transparent dining room provides a glazed link between the wall massing on either side.

Physical Description 2

Integrity

Generally externally original with some corrosion to the base of the verandah columns at the north-east corner and possible changes to the cladding at the west end of the north elevation.

Physical Description 3

Context

The house faces north towards native forest from the side of a steep hill.

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