
39 Avenue Athol



Camberwell Conservation
Study 1991

Location

39 Avenue Athol, CANTERBURY, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO166

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Significance

Architecturally, identified with a noted Australian school of architectural design which in turn relates to the internationally notable Prairie School. By its early all-Knitlock construction, it is innovative as Australia's bid in the world's move towards international modular Modernism; of regional and State importance.

Historically, one of three structures to exemplify the internationally known Prairie School of architecture in Camberwell; of local importance.

Streetscape

Screened By A Tennis Court From Mont Albert Road With A Narrow Side Elevation Only To Athol Avenue

Restoration

Restore fence as original, as evidence allows.

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Physical Description 1

Textured stuccoed Knitlock walls are divided here, in modular fashion, with deep smooth knitlock piers on all elevations including the north where they are symmetrically arranged about a central and a deeply recessed porch. Window groups, attic skillions and two chimney shafts are also symmetrically arranged; the windows being set between the wall piers. The roof is a simple east-west gable, like the contemporary Bungalow style but more Japanese in its simplicity, and distinctively clad with the Walter Burley Griffin Knitlock cement tile.

It is this, the house form and the knitlock tiles which suggest the design was by Griffin or one of his collaborators. The house faces north and has tennis courts.

Roy Lippincott's house at Glenard Drive (1917) Heidelberg is similar in form and aspect to this, as is a previous American design by Lippincott, published in c1922. Edward Billson and Lippincott left for New Zealand in 1912 so it is possible Lippincott designed Reynold's house. However, Reynolds' Knitlock advertisement dedication, addressed to Griffin, may indicate otherwise. Completion of the patenting of both tile and block was as late as April 1919, making this example one of the first group of houses to use the system (refer Griffin House, Darebin Rd, Heidelberg).

Integrity

Generally externally original except for details such as glazing, trim colours and an added air unit. The fence is new.

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