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# McCartney House



City of Kew Urban  
Conservation Study 1988

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## Location

19 Rockingham Close KEW, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO117

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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The McCartney house is of significance as one of the most influential houses to have been built in Australia in recent years, that was also recognized by the R.A.I.A. at the time of its construction.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - City of Kew Urban Conservation Study, Pru Sanderson Design Pty Ltd, 1988;
Hermes Number	22306
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## Physical Description 1

This recently built house was recognized by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects in 1982, through a Commendation for the Robin Boyd Award. [3 ] Considered at that time as somewhat experimental but successful, the house has a strong theatrical quality. The octagonal tower about which the design pivots is intentionally oversized, and is clad with red mosaic tiles, has reflective glazing and a playful hexagonal roof that sits with a controlled degree of awkwardness over the octagon. The house is two storeyed, however the single storeyed anus that extend out to embrace the street give a low rise effect. These are decorated with a pelmet set out from the wall on plain columns that sweeps in towards the entrance in a free curve, and is a device repeated on the rear of the building. Since its construction, the house has become recognized as a major stylistic departure that was executed with great skill

References --

1 *Architecture in Australia, 1982*

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