
Delbridge House



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Location

55 Carlsberg Road,, EAGLEMONT VIC 3084 - Property No B6035

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1871

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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What is significant? How is it significant? Why is it significant? Built between 1957 and 1960 by three builder brothers for their builder-father and mother, the Delbridge House is of architectural and historic significance at a state level as being possibly the most extraordinary and intact example of an ultra-modern home of the late 1950s that was not designed by an architect. Externally the three-storey house appears as a coolly rational expression of floor-to-ceiling glass walls and wafer-thin concrete floor slabs, while the interior reflects a lack of modernist restraint and a delight in the latest feature finishes and fittings of the day.

The middle son, Max Delbridge, was the principal designer of the entire house including the remarkable details and interior decoration such as the sliding glass walls, the red terrazzo steps which cantilever off the Coldstream

and Castlemaine stone core wall, vermiculite ceilings, the curved raised wood block wall, the brass stair balustrade and the coloured glass light fittings. Emery Balint then Head of Civil Engineering at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology was the structural engineer for this daring house which is set well back on the high side of Carlsberg Road and framed by sloping lawns and towering eucalypts. While there are a number of houses of this period designed by notable architects, few epitomise a period so dramatically in the unusual combination of unfettered popular taste in the interior decoration and an external expression of timeless simplicity concordant with the image of the minimalist modernist house. The house which also reflects the attention to detail and construction techniques of a good builder, has remained practically unaltered since the day it was built.

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