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# Beament House

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## Location

33 Uvadale Grove,, KEW VIC 3101 - Property No B6225

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The James Beament House, built in 1924-25, is of state architectural significance in being designed in the Melbourne office of one of Australia's most important architects Walter Burley Griffin, and possibly later modified by his assistant, Eric Milton Nicholls, who was a nephew of James Beament, a successful contract painter and decorator.

The Beament House is distinguished by its cubic massing and geometric decoration. Although of two-storeys, there is an emphasis on horizontality assisted by the low pitched roof with very wide eaves which have strongly defined edges delineated with box gutters. The leadlight panels in the windows of the house are particularly notable and possibly the best Australian example of geometric leadlight in the Griffin tradition. Notable interior spaces include the entrance hall and upstairs studio with its ceiling reflecting the hipped roof form and exposed timber beams.

The kitchen is not original but contains a rare example of Namco porcelain enamelled, pressed metal cupboards, produced in the United States and installed just after World War 11.

Classified: 12/06/1991

Hermes Number 65176

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