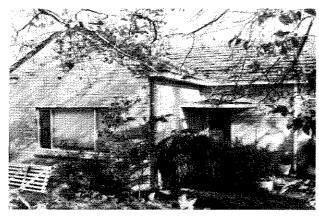
Significance

Architecturally, an unusual style (albeit altered) for flat block, being dedicatedly a Camberwell Modernistic in contrast to the Old English style so often employed in the city: of regional interest.

Historically, significant as among the small number of flat blocks built in the city and at a time when war-time materials restrictions still existed for private speculation: of regional interest.

House, 4 Maysia Street



Study Grading: C

Precinct: 15.00 Streetscape: 2 Construction Date: 1941 First Owner: Plottel, Joseph

Architect: Plottel, [Builder: Simmie & Co.

History

Built: 1941

Architect, Joseph Plottel, designed this six-room brick house (perhaps speculatively) in 1941 but Plottel was nevertheless the listed owner at construction¹. Builders, Simmie and Co. built a little over 16 squares for a modest estimate of £950 'Verandah extensions' followed at the end of 1941³. The first owner-occupier, Alex Buchanan, made alterations and additions to the house five years later4.

Plottel, born in 1883, was a Yorkshireman. He arrived in Melbourne at the age of 24, after architectural training under Robert Moore and professional practice, en-route, in South Africa. He began his Melbourne practice after 3 years drafting with the railways architectural department, and accrued a number of large commissions including Michael's Corner Store in Elizabeth Street, the Footscray Barnet Glass Rubber Co. Ltd. factory,

the first stage of the Yarra Golf Club House, Williamstown Municipal Offices, the Footscray Municipal Offices, and the Masonic Club building, Flinders Street³.

Description

A modest cream brick house with some Moderne styling, its plan has a projecting bay and the tiled roof is gabled. The curved concrete porch is the one note of stylism to an otherwise functional house.

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

106, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1940-1 1. MONTANA STREET, 1940 1297, TOORAK ROAD, 1940 91. MAUD STREET, 1940c 133, MAUD STREET, 1940c 56, RIVERSIDE AVENUE, 1940c 15, WALBUNDRY AVENUE, 1940a 417-, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1940c 113, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1940 123, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1941-2 2, BEATRICE STREET, 1941 6, BULLEEN ROAD, 1941 171. DONCASTER ROAD, 1941 46. THE BOULEVARD, 1941 1. KELBA STREET, 1941c 666, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1946-7 119, DONCASTER ROAD, 1948 1. KALONGA ROAD, 19486 166, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1951-2 2, TAURUS STREET, 1951c 32, URSA STREET, 1951c 6 CARRICAL STREET 1952 43, KIREEP ROAD, 1952

External Integrity

Generally original.

House, 14 Millicent Avenue, Balwyn North



Study Grading: C Construction Date: 1962 First Owner: Salgram, B.J. & A.L. builder Builder: G.T. Nixon & Co.

BA 1941, 14116; ibid.

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