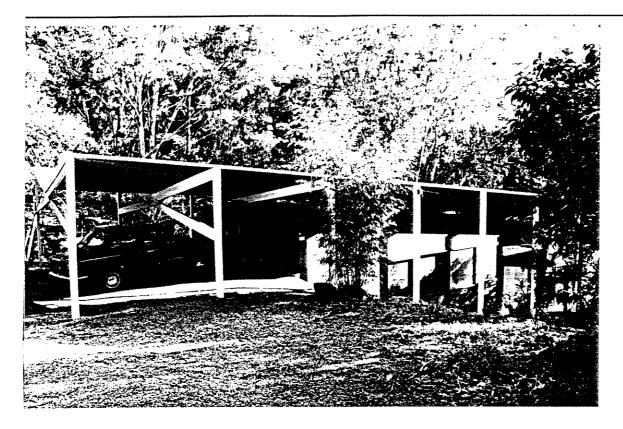
Original Use: Residence Date of Construction: 1959¹

Architect: Grounds, Romberg and Boyd²

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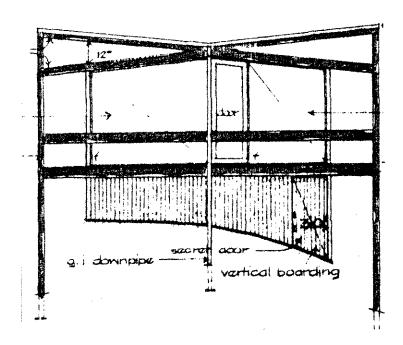


HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

24 Milfay Avenue is one of the earliest modern houses in Melbourne, and is a good example of the bold forms that became a hallmark of 1950s design. The house has the invention and skill in its design that came to be expected of its designers; one of the most prominent architectural partnerships at the time. The most innovative part of the design is the 'V'-shaped channel that serves as the roof. It rests on the upper faces of a series of crossed support beams, while the ceiling is suspended from their lower faces, creating a floating appearance. It is a form particularly sympathetic to the steep site, allowing the house to step down the site under the clean sweep of the roof. The house remains substantially intact.

²ibid.

¹Working Drawings lodged with the Kew City Council in application for a Building Permit. Drawing received by the Council 6 November 1959.



West Elevation, Working Drawings, Grounds, Romberg and Boyd

SIGNIFICANCE

24 Milfay Avenue is of significance as a substantially intact example of an early design by the leading firm Grounds, Romberg and Boyd that is both innovative in its structural system and effective on its steep site.

HERITAGE LISTINGS

HBR: Recommended for inclusion on the register.

GBR: N/A

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National Trust: Not currently listed.