

ROSS AND MONICA LARMER HOUSE

Place No. 220

ADDRESS 42 Berrima Road (formerly Lot 1, Flora Road)
Donvale **Last Update**

DESCRIPTION A two-storey timber house, set well back on a native bushland site, overlooking Mullum Mullum Creek. A characteristically organic plan entirely shunning geometry, with rooms of extraordinary shapes, including many curved walls. The overall shape is a curve, embracing the north sun, culminating in the Y-shaped study over the D-shaped billiards room: an extraordinary invention. Construction is otherwise conventional, with hip corrugated steel roofs, over cedar weatherboards, and the use of large circular windows. The bushland garden is fastidiously cared for.

It is comparable with other Burgess houses such as 58 Berrima Road (194.30), the Morrie Shaw house at Cottlesbridge and 37-39 & 41-43 Curry Road, by Robinson Chen (195.16 & 195.17) and also earlier houses by Kevin Borland.

Condition	Excellent	Integrity	Intact
Threats		Key elements	Building Garden
Designer	Greg Burgess Pty Ltd		

HISTORY This house at 42 Berrima Road (formerly known as Lot 1, Flora Road), Donvale was designed by Gregory Burgess Pty Ltd Architects, built in 1981, and was nominated in the RAIA Awards in 1982 [1].

SOURCES

[1] Andrew Metcalf, 'Melbourne Architects', Architecture in Australia, January, 1982; Architect, October 1982, p.11; Gregory Burgess Pty Ltd promotional sheets; Letter, Mikel Roman of Gregory Burgess Pty Ltd to Richard Peterson (undated) received 11 April, 1991.

Creation Date	1981	Change Dates	
Associations		Local Themes	8.02 - Architects

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Of regional significance as an important work by Burgess, characteristic of his virtually unique, organic approach to design. A contribution to the development of a uniquely regional architecture for Victoria.

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
None Specified			

Extent

Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:
Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:	
Tree Controls:	Aboriginal Heritage Place:	
Outbuildings or Fences:	Incorporated Plan:	Incorporated Plan Details
Description:		

Conservation Management

Extra Research

BIBLIOGRAPHY Context Pty Ltd, (1991), City of Doncaster & Templestowe Heritage Study, City of Doncaster & Templestowe, Doncaster