

WORRALL

Place No. 313

ADDRESS	4 Cat Jump Road Donvale	Last Update
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DESCRIPTION 'Worrall' at 4 Cat Jump Road, Donvale is a modern L-shaped, single storey house in orange brick, with a corrugated iron low-pitched roof. The verandah is under an extension of the main roof pitch. There are floor-to-ceiling double-hung windows, with horizontal glazing bars. It has a long drive, lined with agapanthus plants. It is one of a group of four houses nearby, by the same architect at the same date.

Condition	Excellent	Integrity	Intact
Threats	Sale	Key elements	Building Garden
Designer	Percy H Meldrum		

HISTORY Percy H. Meldrum designed this house for himself and his family in 1937-38. It was built at this time by himself and his two sons James and Richard. James is an important Australian artist, art historian and former curator of the Australian Collection at the Australian National Gallery. Richard is director of Meldrum and Burrows Architects, one of Victoria's most successful firms, and a former Melbourne City Councillor. Percy was a significant designer of early modern houses in Victoria and founder of the firm.

Tenders were also called for work there in 1940. (The Directories record Meldrum's occupancy from 1942-1951.) Richard Meldrum recalls that the property was sold in 1947-48 to David Worrall after whom the property is still named. Worrall was general manager of radio 3DB. He sold the property to Lin Murray, the brother-in-law of Alan Watson of Jimmy Watson's in Carlton. He is a vintage car collector.

In 1991, Meldrum confirmed that he had seen the house recently and it 'looks the same as when it was built'.

The other Meldrum houses are all different, but this one is not sufficiently visible to identify comparisons.

SOURCES

Miles Lewis Australian Architectural Index; Sands & McDougalls Directories 1941-60; Richard Meldrum, Meldrum Burrows Architects Pty Ltd, pers. comm.

Creation Date	1937-38	Change Dates	
Associations		Local Themes	
Percy H Meldrum		8.02 - Architects	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Probably of State significance as one of the earliest modern houses in Victoria designed and built by the important domestic architect Percy H. Meldrum for himself and his family in 1937-38. One of the group of four designed by Meldrum at this time in this area. The sons were brought up here: Richard (architect and director of Meldrum & Burrows) and James (important artist, curator and art historian).

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**

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