

HOUSE

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Place No. 271

ADDRESS	33 Paynters Road Wonga Park	Last Update
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DESCRIPTION Contemporary house reflecting the influence of architects such as Graeme Gunn and said to have been designed by Gas & Fuel Corp. for the original owners, the Peters family.[1] The form of the house is created by its steeply pitched, steel deck roofs. It is set into the hill within a leafy garden, and sited to enjoy views to the north. It has fawn bricks and unpainted timbers.

Condition	Excellent	Integrity	Intact
Threats	Sale	Key elements	
Designer	Not known		

HISTORY Built for Dr David E. & Mrs J. Peters from October 1980 until March 1990.[1] Dr Peters was an eminent ornithologist and environmentalist with the CSIRO. The house was built for its view of the bush and of bird life and as an energy-conscious design. Following a tragic car accident in the 1990s in which the Peters were killed, and only a daughter survived, the house was sold.[2]

In 1977, the Gas and Fuel Corporation ran a competition for low energy display house design. It was won by a group associated with the University of Melbourne. This group was taught and influenced by Alan Coldicutt of the Department of Architecture. Coldicott owns a very significant energy efficient house at 138 Brysons Road, Warranwood (outside the municipality) which needs no mechanical heating or cooling. Tom Williamson (now Dean of Architecture at Adelaide University) and Willys Span (of Span Group Architects) were also involved in the designs. Organisers were the Marketing Department (Russell Blue, Manager), the Interior Design Department (Laura Cook) and the Residential Services Department of the Gas and Fuel. Houses were built at Endeavour Hills, Ballarat, Bendigo as well as Wonga Park, which was probably the most recent of series. Recommended Low Energy plans were available.[3]

Creation Date	1980	Change Dates	
Associations		Local Themes	8.02 - Architects

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Of local significance for its architectural design quality and its demonstration of the impact of an important environmental movement (energy conservation) on housing design. Its design reflects characteristics of urban fringe living in a "bush" setting in the use of natural materials and muted colours. (Criterion B2, D2, F1)

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** [1] Shire of Lillydale, Building Permit records.
[2] Lesley Taylor.
[3] Alan Pears (Sustainable Solutions); Willys Span (Span Group Architects); Russell Blue (Gas and Fuel, Tooronga). Ray Proudley, G&FC. Also Cole & Parnell, "Low Energy Housing in Australia".