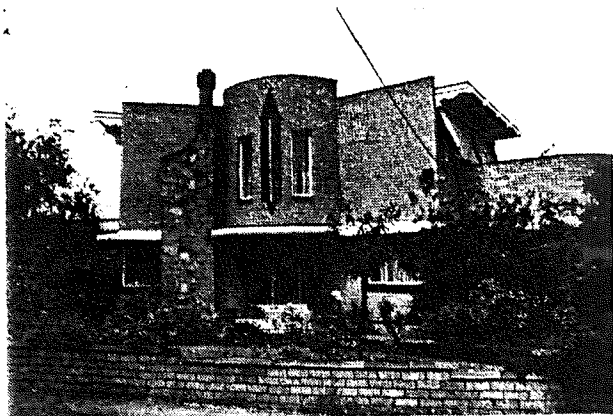


Camberwell Conservation Study 1991 BUILDING CITATION

House, 1 Kalonga Road, Balwyn North



Study Grading: A
Construction Date: 1948-55
First Owner: Sanders, Francis J. builder

History

Francis John Sanders, a builder, constructed this brick house for his own occupation on Lot 38¹. In 1948 he applied for a building permit for a four roomed brick dwelling which was estimated to cost £3000². In 1949 Sanders applied for a permit to build a garage and store on the property³. By 1950 the garage and store were complete and Sanders lived in them while building the house. Francis and Ellie Sanders occupied the house in 1951. Whilst the house was unfinished additions were made in 1951 and in 1953⁴. The house was not completed until 1955 by which time it had become a two-storey, eight roomed house⁵. Francis Sanders resided here with Ellie Hunter Sanders until at least 1962⁶. C.D. and S. Mages was the next owner-occupiers by 1964⁷.

Description

Commencing as a streamlined Moderne style single-storey brick villa in the late 1940s, the house gained its present distinctive form when an upper level (consisting of Billiard Room, hall, bathroom and bedroom) was added early in the 1950s. What had been previously a flat roof, became large

terrace/deck areas serving the new main upper-level rooms. The original, almost symmetrical, ground level had started as lounge, two bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom and laundry with scope to add two curved rooms to either end, one a sunroom/dining room and the other the main bedroom. These were added with the upper level.

Its first form was similar to the late 1930s early 1940s Moderne style houses designed and built by entrepreneurs such as J.A.L. Humphries and C.S. Cameron, using coloured brickwork, corner steel-framed windows, flat roofs and curved forms. Its next form was more spectacular, introducing the butterfly roof form (typical of the mid 1950s) and extending the entry porch vertically, as the axis of the elevation. The effect was an unusual but successful combination of the period's most modish forms, overlaid with distinctive patterned brickwork. (see also 6-8 Bulleen Road)

The garden and fence relate to the house period.

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, 1940c
417, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1940c
113, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1940c
123, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1941-2
2, BEATRICE STREET, 1941
6, BULLEEN ROAD, 1941
171, DONCASTER ROAD, 1941
4, MAYSIA STREET, 1941
46, THE BOULEVARD, 1941
1, KELBA STREET, 1941c
666, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1946-7
119, DONCASTER ROAD, 1948
1, KALONGA ROAD, 1948c
166, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1951-2
2, TAURUS STREET, 1951c
32, URSA STREET, 1951c
6, CARRICAL STREET, 1952
43, KIREEP ROAD, 1952
1, MADDEN STREET, 1952
2, CARRICAL STREET, 1954
16, CARRICAL STREET, 1954
129, WINMALEE ROAD, 1954
14, ORION STREET, 1954c
32, BALWYN ROAD, 1955c
45A, NARRAK ROAD, 1955c

1 BA 1948, 2304; ER 1952
2 BA 1948, 2304
3 BA 1949, 3533
4 BA 1953, 13087
5 BA 1953, 13087
6 ER 1959; D1962
7 MMBW DPA 251140

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External Integrity

Generally original.

Streetscape

In a contemporary residential area, but isolated by its siting and unusual design. The house is also visible from Union Road, sited as it is atop a hill.

Significance

Architecturally, a most unusual design which combines the streamlined Moderne style of the 1930-40 era with the skillion/butterfly roof form of the 1950s, its long construction time being presumably due to the immediate post-war embargo on house construction above a certain floor area: of State importance.

Historically, of interest as a builder's own home and possible connection with conservation of building materials after the Second War : of regional interest.
