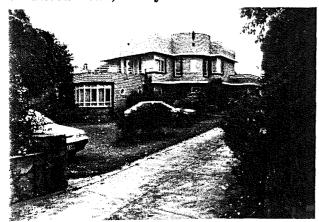
Camberwell Conservation Study 1991 **BUILDING CITATION**

6 Bulleen Road, Balwyn North



Study Grading: A Construction Date: 1951 First Owner: Cameron, CS Architect: Cameron, CS Builder: Cameron, CS

History

The prolific Camberwell builder/investor, C.S. Cameron designed and built this nine roomed, brick house for his own use in 1951 1. He lived here with Edith Cameron until selling to Robert Crichton Allison a funeral director

Robert Allison was a member of the well known Allison family. His forbearer, Henry Allison, began a mortuary business in the late 1850s at 221 Victoria Street, West Melbourne. He died in 1884, to be succeeded by his son Alfred in whose time several branches were added

Description

Resembling 2 Beatrice Street and 1 Montana Street (q.v.), Cameron's house is overtly Moderne in style, as expressed in the sweeping curves carried out in the cream and manganese brickwork, the ship-like wrought-iron balustrading, steel-framed windows and streamlining implied by the exposed slab edge which wraps around the diverse forms making up Port holes used in the doors and the building. walls extend the maritime imagery. Contrasting with the fluid form of the street elevations of the design, the rear face is flat, unlike the Modernist approach which demanded a free-standing design with all elevations equally important. The garden appears near to original, as is the fence.

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, CARRIGAL STREET, 1952 43, KIREEP ROAD, 1952 1, MADDEN STREET, 1952 2. CARRICAL STREET, 1954 16, CARRIGAL STREET, 1954 129, WINMALEE ROAD, 1954 14, ORION STREET, 1954c 32, BALWYN ROAD, 1955c 45A, NARRAK ROAD, 1955

External Integrity

Generally original.

Streetscape Contribution

Bordering, and similar to examples in, a notable 1930s-40s precinct (1).

Significance

Historically, associations with the Allison family and a classic representative of the Moderne housing of 1950s Camberwell, adapting maritime features to modern forms. These styles are familiar in North Balwyn and Balwyn and suggest something of the confident and "progressive" outlook of new wealthy residents. Their values, expressed in buildings such as this, set these

ER 1954; D1952; MMBW DPA 255940; BA 11445 ER 1954; ER 1959

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suburbs apart from the remainder of Melbourne's post-war expansion. C. S. Cameron's mark is evident in the city from the notable Moderne style examples of his work: of regional interest.

Architecturally, a superior residential example in the Moderne manner which utilizes all of its stylistic trappings, including curves, layered massing, flat roofs, nautical imagery, patterned brickwork and steel-framed window joinery. It is also related to the nearby Riverside and Camberwell City Heights estates: of State importance.