

19 ROCKINGHAM CLOSE, McCARTNEY HOUSE

Original Use: Residence
Date of Construction: 1981
Architect: Edmond and Corrigan

DESIGNATION A
CITATION NO.64



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

This recently built house was recognized by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects in 1982, through a Commendation for the Robin Boyd Award.³ Considered at that time as somewhat experimental but successful, the house has a strong theatrical quality. The octagonal tower about which the design pivots is intentionally oversized, and is clad with red mosaic tiles, has reflective glazing and a playful hexagonal roof that sits with a controlled degree of awkwardness over the octagon. The house is two storeyed, however the single storeyed arms that extend out to embrace the street give a low rise effect. These are decorated with a pelmet set out from the wall on plain columns that sweeps in towards the entrance in a free curve, and is a device repeated on the rear of the building. Since its construction, the house has become recognized as a major stylistic departure that was executed with great skill.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Mc Cartney house is of significance as one of the most influential houses to have been built in Australia in recent years, that was also recognized by the R.A.I.A. at the time of its construction.

HERITAGE LISTINGS

HBR: Recommended for inclusion on the register.

GBR: N/A

RNE: Recommended for inclusion on the register.

National Trust: Not currently listed.

¹ *Architecture in Australia, 1982*

Of state significance.