

PLACE NAME

ADDRESS

AREA

2 Ardlui Drive

DATE/PERSON 21.5/RP

LEVEL: A

NEG:5.18, 5.19



DATES Construction: c1969

USE Present Use: House
Original Use: Same
Alterations?: Addition

FORM

Detached
Single storey
Double fronted

STYLE

1950s - 60s

DESCRIPTION (I = Intact A = Altered * = significant)

ROOF

I Reinforced I
Concrete

WALLS

Reinforced
Concrete

* ROOF FORM

VERANDAH

FENESTRATION

FINISHES

INTERIOR

GARDEN & SETTING

* Features: planters
(4 no.)

OTHER COMMENTS

Gold Medallion
Home Award plaque

CONDITION & INTEGRITY

Condition: Good
Integrity: Intact

THREATS

DESCRIPTION

An inverted, U-section, reinforced concrete, thin-shell structure, with Stegbar window-wall ends (including yellow bottle glass!). There are inverted bugle-shaped, cylindrical and hemispherical planters outside. It has a reinforced concrete link to a flat roofed brick structure with window - wall ends. There is a sparse native garden

HISTORY

A building permit was issued on 7 July 1969 for the construction of this single-storey, double-fronted residence at 2 Ardlui Drive for S. E. Seiffert. The builder was Monolithic Structures of 48 Fairview Avenue, Newtown.²⁴ The building is recorded in the City of Newtown's building permit records as a "brick and Conite house". No designing architect is listed.²⁵

The 1971 Geelong Telephone Directory lists Monolithic Structures and in the same year S. E. Seiffert is listed at 2 Ardlui Drive; the building presumably had been completed by that date.

COMPARISONS

To Robin Boyd's W. Wood house and Jordanville Supermarket (1952-4) and Kevin Borland's house near Melbourne (1952. Structural Engineer, Bill Irwin) and Robin Boyd's Self Service Grocery, West Heidelberg (c1954).

SIGNIFICANCE

Number 2 Ardlui Drive is of state architectural significance as an early use, in 1969, of thin shell reinforced concrete in domestic construction outside Melbourne (where its first uses were by Kevin Borland and Robin Boyd in 1952-54). It was constructed by the Newtown firm, Monolithic Structures, and has historical significance as an example of the use of new materials for substantial residences built on new subdivisions to the west.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Existing Listings NONE

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Place

24. City of Newtown building permit records.

25. Ibid.