Memories of Modernism

The Role of Oral History in the assessment of Post-War Heritage

Simon Reeves







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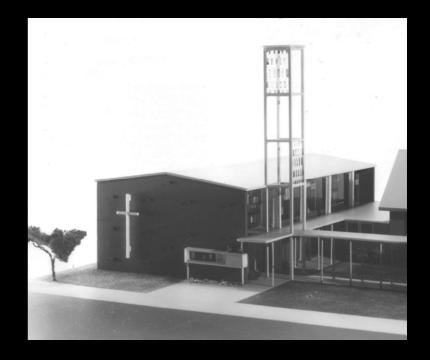
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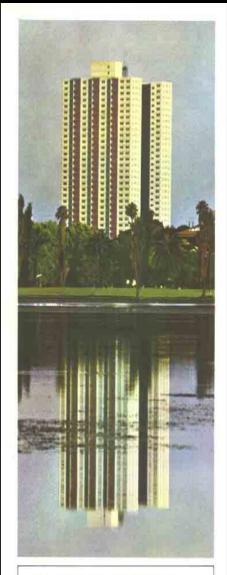




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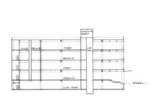
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A new modern office building combining both office and parking space has been erected in Flemington road in the heart of the Medical Centre. These offices, surrounded by the Royal Melbourne, New Dental and Royal Children's Hospitals, will provide suites for professional and commercial use.

The building of 150 ft. frentage to Flemington road and a depth of 132 ft. contains four floors of office space totalling 60,000 sq. ft., in addition to parking facilities for 100 cars in the basement. Provision has been made for the addition of two extra floors to be added at a later date.

The office building has three street frontages, all of which are fully glazed to capture the magnificent views. The internal courtyard was the outcome of the architect's aim to provide all offices with good natural light and ventilation. The internal corners of the plan are used for lifts, switch rooms and stairs. Toilet facilities are arranged next to the escape stairs at the rear of each wing, with windows to the open court. Gas, electricity, hot and cold water and wastes have been provided throughout the building in column duets. High-speed passenger lifts will serve all floors including the basement, thus enabling tenants to park their cars and travel direct to their offices. Sound absorbing ceilings, fluorescent light and vinyl tile flooring have been used throughout.

Construction of the building is of reinforced concrete beam and slab. It has been designed on a 4 ft. modular grid with column centres at 24 ft., thus enabling standardisation of formwork. All beams and columns were kept the same size throughout to save costly formwork, time and labour. The concrete sections from floor to sill were pre-cast on the job and tilled up into position. By the construction taking place from each floor as it



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was poured, tubular steel scaffolding was eliminated. Both concrete pump and monorail were used to speed up the handling of concrete to all parts of the building.

A unique feature of the aluminium curtain wall frames is that they are not screwed together but fit one into the other. This enables each section 12 ft. wide x 11 ft. 4in. high to move in both a vertical and horizontal direction. Weather proofing is affected with a patented felt joint.

Office windows are glazed with blue-tinted "Antheslius" heat absorbing glass with deep blue "Muro" glass used in the spandril panels. All glazing is fixed with a special aluminium clip-in bead, eliminating use of screws both internally and externally

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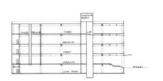
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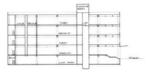
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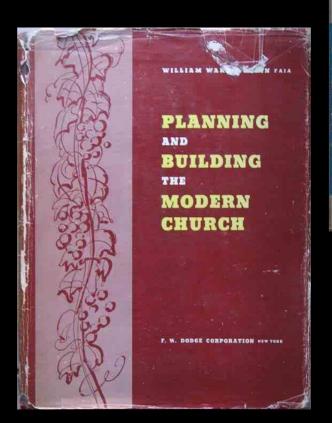
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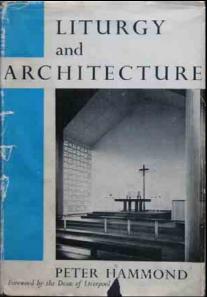
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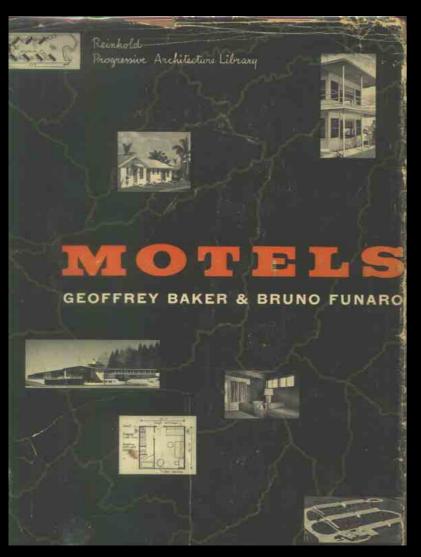
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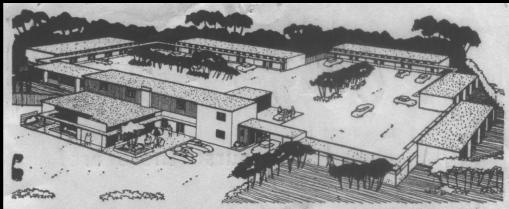
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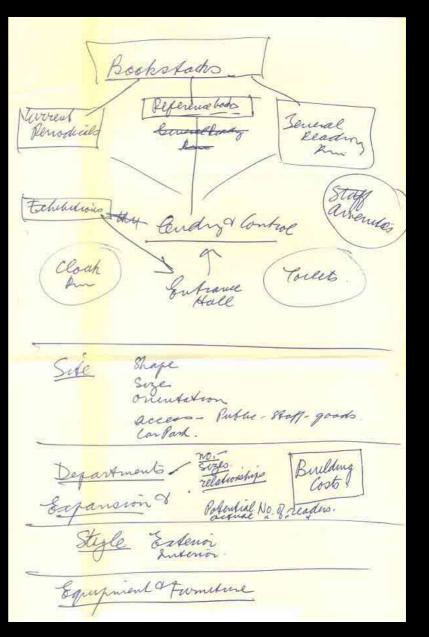
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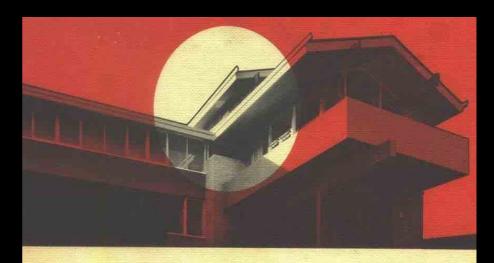




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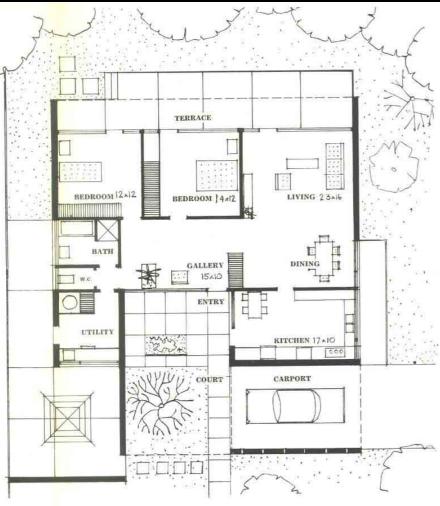
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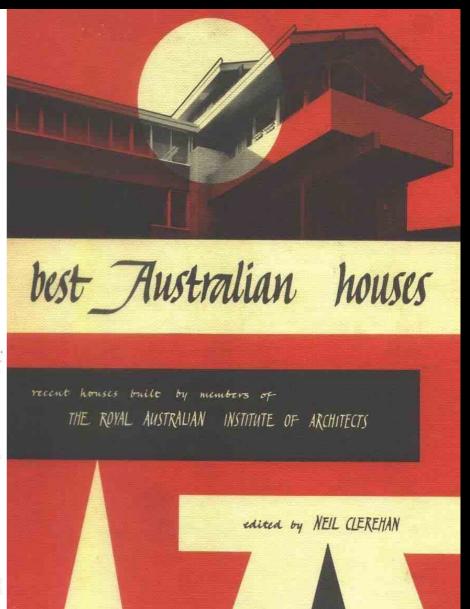


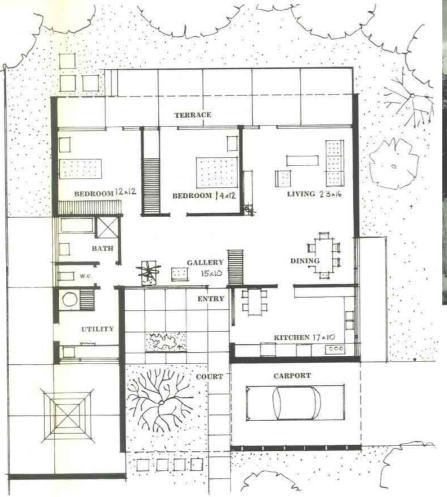
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This Kew house is on a corner site facing south and east. To capture the northern sun and garden view, the three main rooms have been put at the back where they give on to a terrace and thence to the lawn below. The kitchen overlooks the entrance court and side street. The service area is relegated to the west. The drying yard and carport face the main street but are screened, the former by a stone wall, the latter by a pierced brick wall. Entry is from the side street.

The rear consists entirely of windows. A wide timber-lined eave excludes summer sun.

In the large entrance hall a free-standing cupboard,

Kew V

sheeted with Japanese wallpaper, screens the door to the service area.

The livingroom looking north across the back garden has flush plaster walls and ceiling. This room, together with the main bedroom and lobby, is heated by electric coils between the hardwood floor and the carpet. A Japanese paper has been used on one wall.



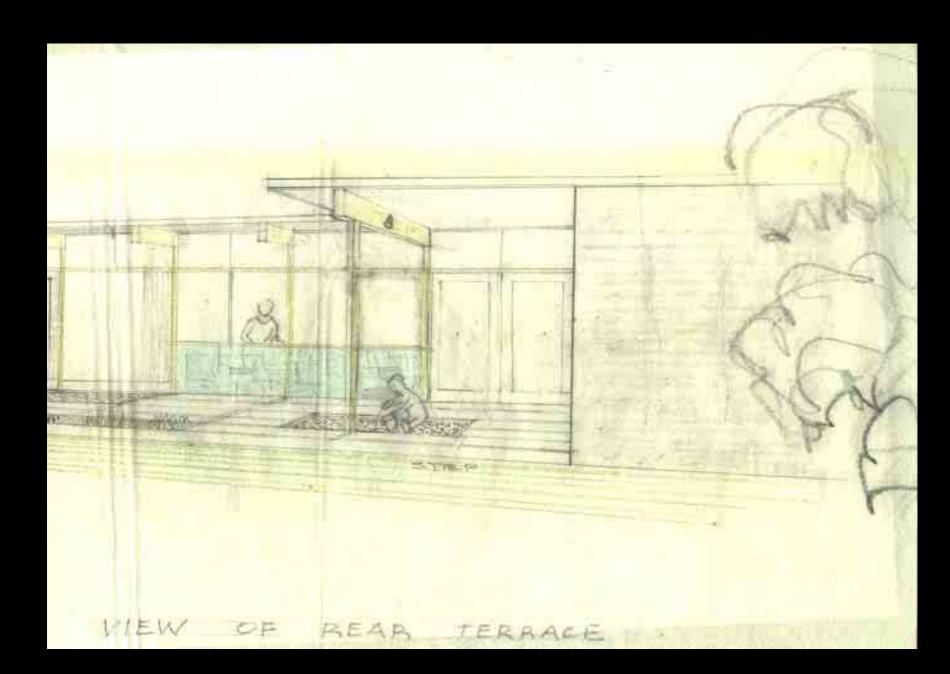




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Herald Property Writer

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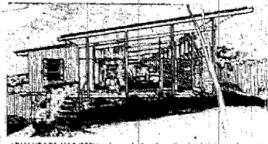


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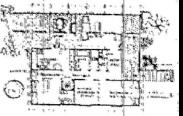
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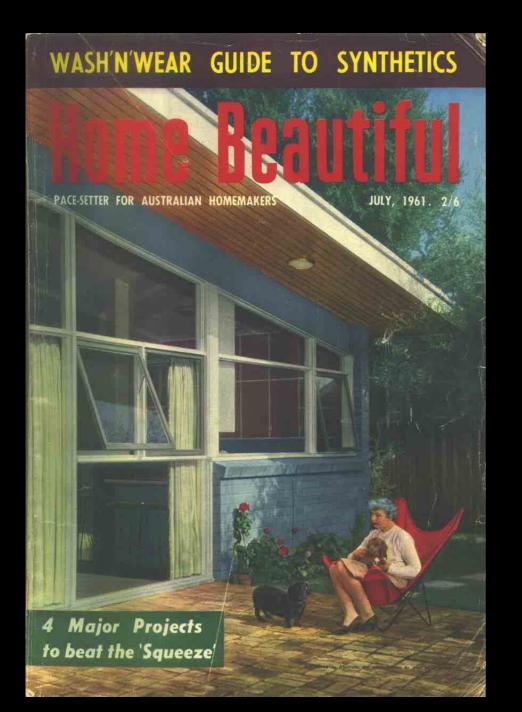
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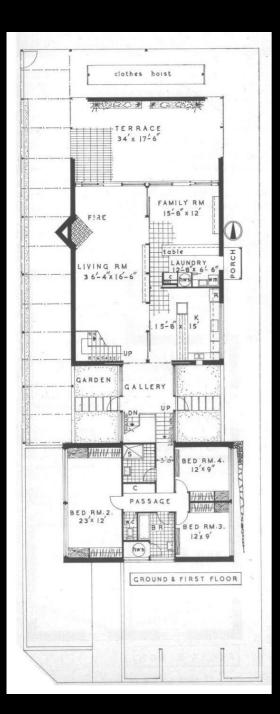
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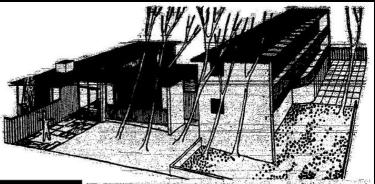
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ARCHITECTS DRAWING of house being built at Beaumaris, with au impression of wind bent tea trees which formed part of the original scrub.

BEAUMARIS

Living space easily capable of expansion to meet family needs, and of contraction when the family has grown up, is the far-sighted idea behind an attractive house being built in Valmont Avenue, Seaumaris.

This house. "H" shaped is final form, is being tollet and shower recess planned in three distinct zones beginning with a central service core containing all the plumbing, and capable of providing comfortable living for two people.

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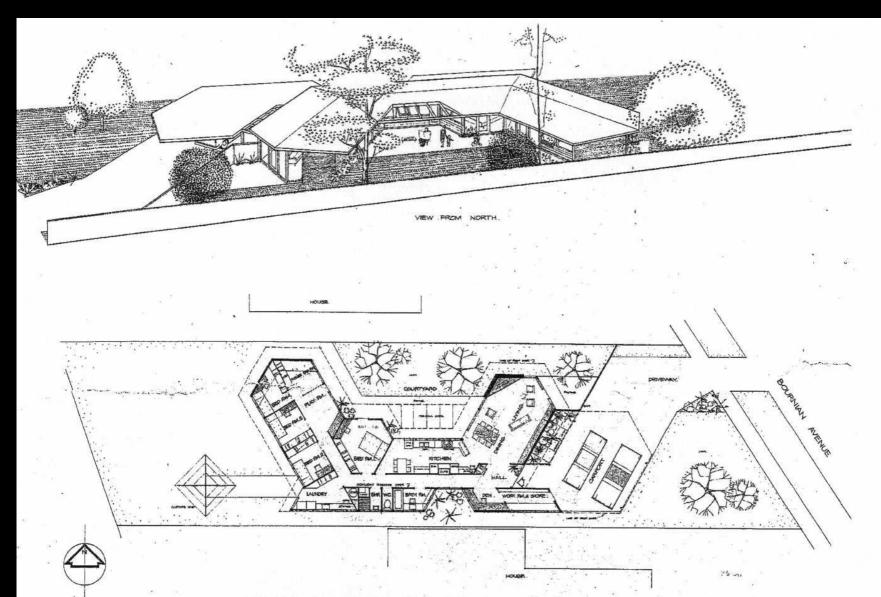
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The laundry has stainless steel trough, hot water service, washing machine, electric copper and drying

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