

Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture

RSTCA No: R055C

Name of Place: Quartermaster's Residence Asset C7

Other/Former Names:

Address/Location: 2 Plant Road DUNTROON ACT 2600

Block Section of

Listing Status:	Registered	Other Heritage Listings:	RNE
Date of Listing:	1984	Level of Significance:	Territory
Citation Revision No:	3	Category:	Military & Residential
Citation Revision Date:	November 03	Style:	Federation Free

Date of Design:	1911	Designer:	Works & Railways
Construction Period:	1911-12	Client/Owner/Lessee:	Defence Department
Date of Additions:		Builder:	

Statement of Significance

A house erected for the Quartermaster of the Royal Military College, which has strong associations with the development of the college, as one of its first permanent residences. It has had continuous residential use.

The house is architecturally significant as a fine example of an early 20th century military officer's residence in near original condition and attractively landscaped, which makes a significant contribution to the special character of the oldest portion of the Duntroon campus.

Description

Hiscock House is a single-storey house, "H" shaped in plan, with verandahs on two sides, one projecting in a semi-octagonal shape and the other having access to the kitchen. It contains six rooms arranged around a central hallway, with a back hall to the kitchen, pantry, laundry and bathroom. Other features of this house are a bay window, a folded-rib decking roof with wide eaves and exposed rafters, and roughcast concrete-block walls.

The house's floor area being somewhat larger than others at Duntroon and the choice of masonry rather than timber for the walls are commensurate with the Quartermaster's high ranking.

The Federation Free Style design of the house has some similarities with those of the Commandant's house and Senior Officers' houses in Parnell Road, particularly in having the same degree of asymmetry, windows, roof form and roughcast walls, but it has no other attributes of the style. ¹

Condition and Integrity

Good condition with high integrity.

Background/History

See General Background to Royal Military College Precinct.
This residence was completed in 1912 and first occupied by Honorary Lieutenant C. Hiscock, the Quartermaster of the Royal Military College. It has had continuous use as a residence ²

Analysis against the Criteria specified in Schedule 2 of the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991

(i) a place which demonstrates a high degree of technical and/or creative achievement, by showing qualities of innovation or departure or representing a new achievement of its time

(ii) a place which exhibits outstanding design or aesthetic qualities valued by the community or a cultural group

(iii) a place which demonstrates a distinctive way of life, taste, tradition, religion, land use, custom, process, design or function which is no longer practised, is in danger or being lost, or is of exceptional interest

(iv) a place which is highly valued by the community or a cultural group for reasons of strong or special religious, spiritual, cultural, educational or social associations

(v) a place which is the only known or only comparatively intact example of its type

(vi) a place which is a notable example of a class of natural or cultural places or landscapes and which demonstrates the principal characteristics of that class

(vii) a place which has strong or special associations with person, group, event, development or cultural phase which played a significant part in local or national history

(xi) a place which demonstrates a likelihood of providing information which will contribute significantly to a wider understanding of natural or cultural history, by virtue of its use as a research site, teaching site, type locality or benchmark site

References

1. Richard Apperly, Robert Irving, Peter Reynolds. *Identifying Australian Architecture - Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present*. Angus and Robertson, 1989.
 2. Philip Cox & Partners. *Royal Military College of Australia Duntroon, Conservation & Management Plan*, for Department of Housing & Construction, 1986.
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Other Information Sources