

Redstone (Winter House)
Address 34 Adderton Road, Telopea, NSW, 2117
Practice Walter Burley Griffin
Designed 1935 Completed 1935

History & Description

Redstone is a small sandstone and brick single-storey house, with a detached garage in similar style, set in a large open and intact inter-war era garden. The double pitched overlay roof of 'Super-6' corrugated asbestos cement has wide splayed, dark-stained timber bargeboards and deep overhanging eaves. External walls to sill height are of locally quarried (Telopea) sandstone. Above sill height, natural-coloured cement rendered walls form piers between very fine timber framed window and doors. There are heavy sandstone bookend walls to east and west elevations. A rustic sandstone chimney dominates the front view of the house. Typically for Griffin, the house is constructed directly upon the ground, separated only by a layer of tar, then gravel, then timber boards onto which the native cypress pine floorboards are laid. (NSW Heritage Branch online database #5056284)

Statement of Significance

Redstone is an excellent example of Walter Burley Griffin's small scale residential design and the most intact example of a Griffin house in NSW. It is significant for its aesthetic qualities as a fine work of architecture and contains many of the features for which Griffin is highly regarded: open-planned forms, the use of sandstone and oiled timber and the sensitive placement of the house in the landscape. It is significant for the existence of its original construction drawings and documentation - moveable heritage which complements the building's exceptional intactness and integrity. Still in its near-original setting, Redstone been owned and faithfully maintained to Burra Charter standards by the family of the commissioning client. (NSW Heritage Branch online database #5056284)

Criteria Applicable

N1. Significant heritage value in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or period of design
N2. Significant heritage value in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics



House from garden (Photo: Eric Sierins, 2008)



Sandstone walls (Photo: Eric Sierins, 2008)



Interior (Photo: Eric Sierins, 2008)