Clifton House

70 Johnston Street, Mosman Park WA 6012

Marshall Clifton

1937 (Date tendered) Completed Unknown

Marshall Clifton’s own house embodied his architectural philosophy for Perth at that time; “time proven styles of Spain, southern Italy and Provence would seem much more suitable than any based on English or northern European examples”. This Mediterranean style villa makes use of courtyards, loggias and planting as modifiers of the hot climate, and as settings for an outdoor way of life. Six years earlier the influential Hackett Memorial Buildings, UWA, by Alsop & Sayce popularized a Mediterranean style for civic places in Perth.

Clifton established his architectural practice in 1937, in a period of improving economic conditions and increasing building activity. The house was highly influential and was a forerunner of the Perth School of the 1960s.

Marshall Clifton was a noted WA architect of the late Interwar and post WWII periods. His own house pioneered a Mediterranean style and recognized the need for a climate based residential architecture. The house is prominently located opposite Manners Hill Park, close to the Swan River foreshore and celebrates the lifestyle of its setting and the climate.

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.

N5. Having a special association with the life or works of an architect of significant importance in our history.