

Name:	Duncan House
Other name/s:	
Location:	8 The Barbette, Castlecrag, Sydney, NSW. Private property. Not open to the public.
Designer:	W.B. Griffin.
History:	<p>Built in 1934. This house was the last Griffin house to be built in Castlecrag and is remarkable for many reasons: it is very small; it combines knitlock with stone; and most of all, it demonstrates the Griffin philosophy of living in harmony with the landscape.</p> <p>It was commissioned by Frank and Anice Duncan, who had lived in three other Griffin houses, before commissioning this house, and continued to live here for more than fifty years. Options for other sites and other designs, in knitlock and in stone, were considered before construction, in 1934. Frank Duncan's father helped finance the house, overcoming the problem caused by the reluctance of banks to provide finance on Griffin houses.</p> <p>A single room addition designed by Eva Buhrich was added in 1943.</p> <p>A large addition was added between the house and the street c.1990.</p> <p>[For further information, refer to source below.]</p> <p>Source: Meredith Walker, Adrienne Kabos & James Weirick, <i>Building for Nature: Walter Burley Griffin and Castlecrag</i>, Walter Burley Griffin Society Incorporated, 1994, pp.64-65; Jeff Turnbull & Peter Y. Navaretti (ed.), <i>The Griffins in Australia and India</i>, Melbourne University Press, 1998, pp.334-35, #3311-01.</p>
Description:	<p>The house forms part of a group of three Griffin-designed houses at The Barbette (the other two are the Wilson and Creswick houses). All are set back from each other to allow views of Middle Harbour. The original house is a square plan with sandstone corner piers and knitlock walls between.</p> <p>[For further information, refer to source below.]</p> <p>Source: Meredith Walker, Adrienne Kabos & James Weirick, <i>Building for Nature: Walter Burley Griffin and Castlecrag</i>, Walter Burley Griffin Society Incorporated, 1994, pp.64-65.</p>
Heritage listing:	<p>Register of the National Estate.</p> <p>The Register of the National Estate was established under the Australian Heritage Commission Act 1975. This Act has now been repealed but the RNE has been retained under the Heritage Council Act 2003. The Australian Heritage Council will compile and maintain the RNE.</p>

	<p>NSW State Heritage Register.</p> <p>Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 1995 – Schedule 6 heritage item classified to be of state or regional significance.</p> <p>Within National Trust of Australia (NSW)'s Castlecrag Urban Conservation Area.</p>
Statutory controls:	<p>Statutory controls apply to heritage items or Conservation Areas. They apply to works in the vicinity of a heritage item or adjacent to a Conservation Area.</p> <p>NSW Heritage Act.</p> <p>Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 1995.</p> <p>Part 7 of WLEP 1995 contains special provisions for Heritage and Conservation.</p> <p>Willoughby Development Control Plan No. 19: Heritage and Conservation.</p> <p>The Development Control Plan is a guideline document but with no statutory force. Nevertheless, its provisions will be given consideration by the consent authority when making decisions. The DCP provisions are more detailed and are in addition to the provisions of the Local Environmental Plan.</p> <p>Design Guidelines for the Conservation of Environmental Heritage.</p> <p>This guideline document supports DCP No. 19 and provides more detailed conservation principles.</p>
Consent authority:	<p>Willoughby City Council.</p> <p>Proposal for works to a heritage item on the State Heritage Register will be referred to the NSW Heritage Council for comment.</p>
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