

Name:	GSDA No. 1 Dwelling
Other name/s:	
Location:	136 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag, Sydney, NSW. Private property. Not open to the public.
Designer:	W.B. Griffin.
History:	<p>This was the first of two stone houses built in 1921 by the Greater Sydney Development Association near the entrance to the suburb, as 'object lessons' of the physical form the Griffins intended for the suburb.</p> <p>It established the essential components of the Griffin house in Castlecrag, namely: single-storey, geometric form with a flat roof; a large living room, oriented to the view and dominated by an ashlar stone fireplace; a small kitchen with built-in cupboards and pass-through pantry; and subsidiary living spaces.</p> <p>In 1993 the house was purchased by Historic Houses Trust of NSW (HHT) as a temporary acquisition for the purpose of restoration. This included restoration of the interior stippled paintwork in living and dining rooms. HHT also built a separate dwelling at the rear corner of the house.</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.40-41; Jeff Turnbull & Peter Y. Navaretti (ed.), <i>The Griffins in Australia and India</i>, Melbourne University Press, 1998, pp.174-75, #2104-03.</p>
Description:	<p>The house is contained within a rectangle, with a recessed cave-like entrance at the centre of the façade, highlighted by bold voussoirs – a feature from the Griffins' American practice. The voussoirs, which are repeated above the windows facing the Cortile Reserve, are the elements which most identify this house. Vines and creepers grow on the house and the timber trellis, especially designed for the purpose. The parapet conceals a low pitched 'butterfly roof' with a single box gutter along its length.</p> <p>Together with GSDA No. 2, these two houses signal the entrance to the estate and are a local landmark.</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.40-41.</p>
Heritage listing:	Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 1995 – Schedule 6 heritage item classified to be of state or regional significance.

	<p>National Trust of Australia (NSW).</p> <p>The National Trust has classified GSDA No. 1 as an individual heritage item and also as a group with GSDA No. 2.</p> <p>Within National Trust of Australia (NSW)'s Castlecrag Urban Conservation Area.</p> <p>Royal Australian Institute of Architects' Register of Twentieth Century Buildings of Significance.</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>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:	Willoughby City Council.
Previous heritage reports:	<p>Historic Houses Trust of NSW, 'Greater Sydney Development Association Dwelling No. 1: Conservation Plan', November 1993 (revised December 1994).</p> <p>Historic Houses Trust of NSW, 'Greater Sydney Development Association Dwelling No. 1: Maintenance Plan', December 1994.</p> <p>Willoughby City Council – Heritage Inventory.</p>
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