

Name:	Mower House
Other name/s:	Casa Bonita
Location:	12 The Rampart, Castlecrag, Sydney, NSW. Private property. Not open to the public.
Designer:	W.B. Griffin.
History:	<p>The first plan for this lot was for a stone building, similar to this knitlock house, which was built in 1926. Construction of this 2 bedroom house was initiated by Ellen Mower, who was under twenty one when she commissioned it, but apparently her guardian forced Griffin to buy back the house because of leaks in the roof. This was the first knitlock building with a flat roof, and like the 'demonstration houses' it was designed as a compact two bedroomed house.</p> <p>A skillion roof was added in the mid 1960s. The portico entrance at the eastern side was enclosed. In 1978 the chimneypiece was removed to expand the living area and create more rooms. In the 1990s a bedroom wing was added to the south east.</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.56-57; Jeff Turnbull & Peter Y. Navaretti (ed.), <i>The Griffins in Australia and India</i>, Melbourne University Press, 1998, p.237, #2601-01; p.259, #2711-01.</p>
Description:	<p>This knitlock house was built with reinforced concrete roof deck. However, a wide-eaved skillion roof has now been added which projects over the original parapet, giving the house a very different appearance.</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.56-57; Jeff Turnbull & Peter Y. Navaretti (ed.), <i>The Griffins in Australia and India</i>, Melbourne University Press, 1998, p.237, #2601-01; p.259, #2711-01.</p>
Heritage listing:	<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>Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 1995.</p> <p>Part 7 of WLEP 1995 contains special provisions for Heritage and</p>

	<p>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:	
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