
Stokesay

Location

288 Nepean Highway,, SEAFORD VIC 3198 - Property No B6015

Municipality

FRANKSTON CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0814

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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Designed in 1922, Stokesay, the Arthur P Onians Residence designed by architect, J F W (Frederick) Ballantyne is one of the best and most intact examples in Victoria of Knitlock construction, the segmental concrete wall system invented by Walter Burley Griffin. Designed on a 3 foot 6 inch module this single storey hipped roof design with its four symmetrical facades is a development of the one roomed house concept of Griffin's own home, Pholiota, Heidelberg, 1919, expanded into a four bedroom family home. This concept is characterized by a large centralized living room with a pyramidal shaped ceiling and massive hearth, which becomes the circulation space to all the other rooms of the house. Adjacent to the house is a garage and laundry, and also a garden shed and garden steps all of which are built in Knitlock. Stokesay, voted "Australia's Prettiest Home" by the popular home journal, Australian Home Beautiful in 1925, is one of the most important examples of the influence of Walter Burley Griffin's contribution to the development of modern architecture in Australia and was designed by one of his first Australian pupils.

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