

Grant house, Sunshine Beach

Address 3 Bowman Terrace, Sunshine Beach, Q

Practice Gerard Murtagh

Designed c1996 Completed 1996

History & Description

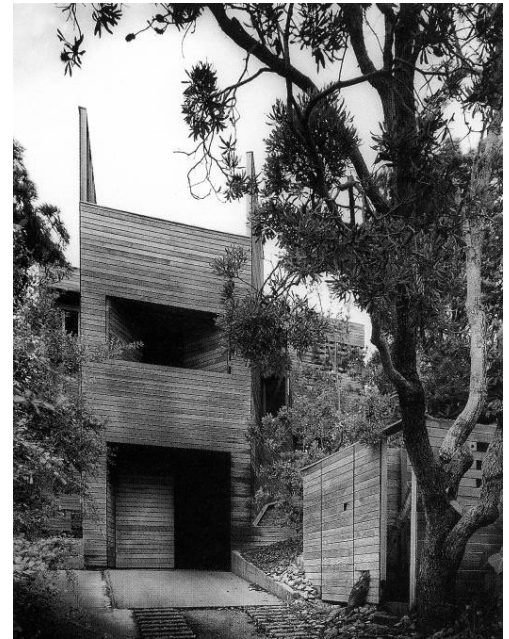
The Grant house is sheathed “in a skin of horizontal, open jointed, shot edge timber boards. The use of these repetitive linear elements as wall cladding amplifies the continuity of surface” whilst also sustaining “the ambiguity of form ...In essence the house is a simple, refined and relatively small two storey box of enclosed space that spans across the site at the level of the garden terrace to the rear. A tapering projection from this volume stretches towards the street and angles in plan to define and emphasise the axis established by the principal view to the ocean. This wedge-like form houses an enclosed verandah on the first floor, an open deck above and the entry and car port below. Anchored to its steeply sloping site by the rain water tank’s footing, the house is divided in plan by the stair that climbs from the natural slope of the ground below to the constructed plane of the garden terrace below. This formal ordering governs the arrangement of major and minor spaces and is underscored by the placement of the house on its site”.

The house “responds to the imperatives of climate and function and to the nature of the site through invention tempered by a concern for order, material, and scale. The visual strength of the prismatic timber form amplifies the presence of the house in its setting and yet conceals the vitality and intricacy of the interior.” (AR)

Statement of Significance

The house “provides a model for reticent and subtle architecture of place that responds directly to its coastal setting and in its own way contributes to the developing architectural strength of its region without being subservient to precedent or convention.” (AR)

Criteria Applicable N*-.



(P Bingham-Hall)

