

St Lucia house

Address Hiron St, St Lucia, Brisbane, Q
Practice Elizabeth Watson Brown & Peter Skinner
Designed c1999 Completed 1999

History & Description

Built on a compact suburban site this is the architects' first collaboration in twenty years of architecture – their own family home. The house was awarded a commendation in the 2000 national awards with the jury commenting:

"In the striking St Lucia house the verandah is moved inside in the sense that its principal volume – the large kitchen / dining / living / deck space – is elevated (a piano nobile) and overlooks a garden courtyard through high operable north-facing windows shaded by mature trees and roof overhangs. The interlocking five level house (slab floors, pine-framed walls, sheet finished) rises from teenage bedrooms at courtyard level to a poolside family room, the central living space and parents' bedroom, and concludes in a bridge-like study loft." (*Architecture Australia* Nov/Dec 2000)



Statement of Significance

The house is "a handsome exercise in generous indoor-outdoor spacing characterised as 'regional modernism'. (AA) The use of water and reflection on the entry sequence as well as the landscaped courtyard all contribute to the interior experience of this house.

Criteria Applicable

N2 – Significant heritage value in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.

N3 – Significant heritage value in establishing a high degree of creative achievement.

