

The Home at 9 Walhalla Drive.

Lot 48 – later to become No. 9 – Walhalla Drive, Ringwood East was sold at the auction sale of the fourth stage of the Coolooli Estate which was conducted by Mr. Allan Carter of C.E. Carter & Son on Saturday 21 June 1975. It sold for \$14,000.

Ian & Merrilyn McCubbin later bought the block and engaged architects Peter Crone & Associates of North Carlton to design their new home.

The home had to respond to the challenges of a steeply rising site and fit into the rustic environment of the locality. Peter Crone's solution was this very distinctive design you now see which rises up the site in two distinct modules over numerous levels. The design incorporates strong elements of timber, light and glass to create a most individual yet practical and liveable home.

The McCubbins moved on from 9 Walhalla Drive in 1984, selling to E. & P. Burns who incorporated the downstairs studio-workshop in 1985. They in turn moved on in 1989 selling to H.D. Attwell.

The Attwell's carried out two initiatives. The minor one was roofing of the front pergola off the lounge to enhance its all weather use. More particularly, they engaged Yarra Valley Pools of Warrandyte to install one of the most comprehensively landscaped pools in the locality. With its integrated spa and stone wall feature, the pool is understood to have won an industry award after it was completed in 1989.

The present owners, sports journalist Patrick Smith and wife Sue have continued to enjoy the home in their years of ownership. However now that the Mornington Peninsula beckons, a new opportunity arises for another family to enjoy one of the most individual homes in one of the most coveted locations of Ringwood East.

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