

Ken Oliphant: 50 Euree Street REID

The 50 Euree Street Reid (1940) house to be auctioned on 28 August 2021 is, as mentioned previously (18 August), a Ken Oliphant house. Some useful facts that apply to this designated dwelling.

Architect: Kenneth Oliphant (1896–1975) was the first privately practicing architect in Canberra.

Original owner of 50 Euree Street appears to be RA Rumble. There is an excellent article on Oliphant and his work by [Roger Pegrum](#) in the [Australian Dictionary of Biography](#).

Designated dwelling: as a 'Designated Dwelling' under the [Entry 20023 Reid Housing Precinct, ACT Heritage Register, Heritage Act 2004](#). What does this actually mean?

Extract from Entry 20023 Reid Housing Precinct

5.0 DEMOLITION

Objective 5.1 – **Preserving the Historical Integrity of the Precinct:** To retain original dwellings.

Mandatory Requirements

5.1a The total demolition of identified dwellings shall not be permitted except in exceptional circumstances, including:

- the dwelling is so structurally unsound as to be beyond reasonable economic repair. The application must include a professional structural assessment in support of demolition; or
- the existing condition poses a significant health or safety risk that is beyond reasonable economic repair. The application must include a professional structural or health assessment in support of demolition; or
- where, in the opinion of the Authority, the integrity of the built form and street elevations of an original dwelling has been extensively and irreversibly diminished by unsympathetic alterations and additions.

AND any replacement construction conforms to all provisions applicable to nonoriginal dwellings.

5.1b Except where a dwelling presents an immediate threat to public safety, the total demolition of an identified dwelling shall not be permitted unless an application for a replacement dwelling within a garden setting is approved.

5.1c Where in the opinion of the Authority, neglect of an identified dwelling has contributed to the dwelling becoming structurally unsound so as to necessitate total demolition, redevelopment of the site shall not exceed the gross floor area of the identified dwelling. Additions to a replacement dwelling shall not be permitted within 3 years of completion of the replacement dwelling.

5.1d The partial demolition of original external building fabric of identified dwellings shall only be permitted in the context of permitted alteration or additions.

Requirements subject to the discretion of the Authority

5.1e Alteration to, or demolition of, internal building fabric of identified dwellings may be permitted provided the external building fabric of the dwelling is not adversely affected.

Oliphant's work included private houses and commercial buildings. One of Oliphant's best known works, [Calthorpe's House](#), is now a house museum. His work in Reid is listed below:

- 41 Anzac Park
- 47 Anzac Park
- 53 Coranderrk Street
- 13 Currong Street
- 42 Euree Street
- 50 Euree Street
- 16 Geerilong Gardens
- 17 Gooreen Street
- 19 Limestone Avenue
- 29 Limestone Avenue

See: Freeman Leeson Pty Ltd, 1996, *Kenneth H. Oliphant, His Life and work*, Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture RAI/ACT Chapter, Vol 2: Inventory. The three volumes dedicated to Oliphant and his work are held in the [ACT Heritage Library](#).