

The Young House 4 Burleigh Street Burwood

The National Trust included this house on the National Trust Register in July 2013. Part of the citation follows:



NATIONAL TRUST REGISTER LISTING REPORT

CITY/SUBURB/TOWN	NAME OR IDENTIFICATION	ADDRESS OR LOCATION
Burwood	Young House (family home of musician brothers Angus, George and Malcolm Young who founded AC/DC and Easybeats)	4 Burleigh Street

LGA:	Burwood	Aboriginal Nation:	Wangal & Cadigal people from Darug tribe
POSTCODE:	2134	LOT/DP:	Lot E DP 438222
COMMITTEE:	Built Heritage Conservation	GRID:	Lat: -33.878035 Long: 151.104815
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Young House at 4 Burleigh Street Burwood is of significance for its associations with George, Malcolm and Angus Young, who were living there as teenagers when they were founding members of two major Australian rock and roll bands: The Easybeats (George Young) and AC/DC (Malcolm and Angus Young). The modesty of this semi-detached house (bought in partshare in 1965 by their father as a recent migrant to Australia from Scotland), contrasts with the world-wide fame and fortune that these musical sons went on to enjoy. Although George Young met most of his fellow Easybeats members while living in the migrant hostel at Villawood, he was living at this address at least for some of the time when the band had its eight Australian hits in 18 months in the mid 1960s. The house reportedly became the scene of a mini-riot when a fan magazine disclosed its address: "over three hundred girls from four local high schools descended upon the house that same afternoon. Twenty of them forced their way into the house, whereupon they ran amok, trampling a young Angus and, until stopped by police, seizing anything they could lay their hands on". According to Glenn A. Baker, the Easybeats were significant for proving "to Australian music that is was viable to write and perform original songs in an original style". AC/DC was founded by the two youngest brothers Malcolm and Angus Young while living in the house. AC/DC was even more significant for proving that Australian rock music could be internationally successful. The AC/DC album Back in Black, released in 1980 as a tribute to their recently deceased lead singer Bon Scott, sold 50 million copies worldwide and is the second highest-selling album internationally, second only to Michael Jackson's Thriller.

DESCRIPTION:

Lot E DP 438222, comprising a single-storey, semi-detached brick house on a small rectangular suburban lot measuring approx. 10m by 28m (land titles: Vol.6908, Fol.130). The house dates from c1906. No internal inspection was undertaken.