



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 16781
2. **NAME** *Round House, Mount Barker* (c. 1958)
3. **LOCATION** 31712 Albany Highway, Mount Barker
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 200 on Deposited Plan 55974 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2683 Folio 939
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Plantagenet
6. **OWNER** Commissioner of Main Roads

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

- Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 7/09/2005
Permanent Entry 25/08/2009
- National Trust Classification: -----
- Town Planning Scheme: -----
- Municipal Inventory: -----
- Register of the National Estate: -----

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Round House, Mount Barker, comprising a single storey residence constructed of lightweight materials and steel with a flat roof in the Post-War International style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place demonstrates a high level of technical achievement in residential development, particularly the rare and innovative concept of revolving through 180 degrees;

the place is rare as a regional residence designed in the Post-War International Style, of which it is a sophisticated and well resolved example, and as a residence designed to a rondiform plan;

the place is an unusual example of the tradition of the designer-owner-builder in Western Australia, demonstrating Van der Kolk's aesthetic sensibility and his considerable skills in design and metal fabrication; and,

the place demonstrates the ways in which skilled European Immigrants utilised their earlier experiences and intellectual understanding of the arts and modern architecture in adapting and taking advantage of their new environment in regional Western Australia.

The dam is of little significance.