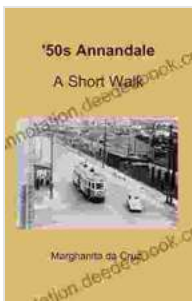


# 50s Annandale Short Walk: Exploring the Architectural Legacy of a Nostalgic Era

Nestled amidst the leafy streets of Sydney's vibrant inner-west, Annandale is a treasure trove of architectural delights, particularly from the captivating 1950s era. Our Annandale Short Walk invites you to step back in time and explore the hidden gems that define this charming suburb's architectural landscape.



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The post-war period of the 1950s witnessed a surge of innovative architectural styles, and Annandale embraced these trends with gusto. From the crisp lines of mid-century modern to the playful touches of art deco, the suburb became a melting pot of architectural experimentation.

Join us on this captivating journey as we uncover the stories behind these iconic structures, offering a glimpse into the vibrant history and architectural

heritage of Annandale. Let's lace up our walking shoes and embark on an exploration of this architectural wonderland.

## **Architectural Highlights**

### **1. "The White House" (1/33A Trafalgar Street)**

Our walk commences at the iconic "White House," a striking mid-century modern masterpiece designed by renowned architect Harry Seidler.

Completed in 1954, this minimalist marvel features a crisp white exterior, floor-to-ceiling windows, and an open-plan interior that seamlessly merges with the surrounding landscape.



### **2. "Sonata" (34A Trafalgar Street)**

Just a few steps away, we encounter "Sonata," a charming example of art deco influence in Annandale's architectural landscape. Built in 1940, this captivating residence showcases curved lines, geometric patterns, and a playful use of color, offering a glimpse of the glamour and sophistication of the era.



### 3. "Casa Felice" (28A Johnston Street)

Continuing our walk, we arrive at "Casa Felice," a delightful mid-century modern home that embodies the optimism and vibrancy of the 1950s. Designed by architect Douglas Snelling in 1953, this single-story residence

features a low-pitched roof, exposed brickwork, and a cozy courtyard, creating an inviting and intimate living space.



#### **4. "Villa Alba" (62 Booth Street)**

As we turn onto Booth Street, our attention is drawn to "Villa Alba," an elegant post-war residence that exudes a Mediterranean flair. Built in 1956, this charming home boasts a whitewashed exterior, arched windows, and a terracotta-tiled roof, capturing the essence of Italian architecture.



## 5. "Annandale North Public School" (84 Johnston Street)

Our walk concludes at the Annandale North Public School, an architectural gem that showcases the Brutalist style popular in the 1960s. Designed by architects Brewster, Hall & Pogson in 1963, the school building features exposed concrete, geometric forms, and a striking sense of monumentality.



Our Annandale Short Walk has taken us on a captivating journey through the architectural legacy of the 1950s, revealing the hidden gems that define this charming Sydney suburb. From the modernist masterpieces to the playful art deco touches, each structure we encountered told a unique story, contributing to the rich tapestry of Annandale's architectural heritage.

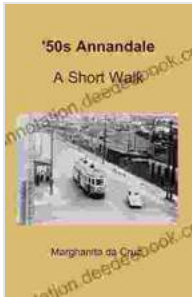
As we bid farewell to this architectural wonderland, we encourage you to continue exploring the hidden corners of Annandale, uncovering the many other architectural treasures that await discovery. Embrace the nostalgia, appreciate the artistry, and soak in the charm of this captivating suburb.

### **Additional Resources**

- [Sydney City Heritage Trails](#)

- Australian Institute of Architects Sydney Chapter
- National Trust of Australia

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