

Auckland Council District Plan (North Shore Section)

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Proposed New Item

Appendix 11A: Schedule of Buildings, Objects and Places of Heritage Significance



Name: Former Winifred Chapple house

Address: 1 Kitchener Road, Black Rock, Milford

ID: 543 Category: A Use: Residential DP Map: 21

Material 1: Timber Condition: Cultural Heritage:

Material 2: Aluminium roofing Integrity: Streetscape:

Construction Dates

From: 1966 To: 1968 Alteration Dates: 1976, 1993 & 2002 [gondola addition]

Legal Description: Lot 2 DP 61131 Zoning: Residential 4A

Architect/Designer/Contractor:

Mike Austin, architect. Ian McIntyre, builder. Sven Hansen, stonemason.

Architectural Style:

New Zealand regional modernism.

Reference Source:

CTs566/271; 1904/43; 35A924

Architecture Archive, University of Auckland – ID # 186.

NSSC Takapuna-Milford Walk, p. 11.

D Mitchell & A Chaplin *The Elegant Shed – New Zealand Architecture Since 1945*

[Auckland, 1984] pp. 44-5

R Byron 'Chapple House' *Long Live the Modern – New Zealand's Architecture 1904-1984* ed J Gatley [Auckland, 2008] pp. 166-7.

Auckland Star 13 September 1969, p. 12.

Win Chapple House Log.

NZHPT Listing:

Not registered. Subject to NZHPT Covenant 2002.

Significant Elements:

Rock walls, board and batten timber walls, aluminium roof, pohutukawa. Monopitch and gabled roof forms, varied fenestration including louvered storm shutters, basalt fireplace and wall, irregular plan accommodating natural features of the site.

Extent of Listing:

Entire exterior of house and roadside garage.

History:

Mike Austin designed this house for Win [Winifred] Chapple [1905-2001] in 1966-67. The property had been acquired by Chapple and her husband Kingsley in 1961, but with the latter's death in December 1963 the house passed to Win Chapple in 1964. The property remained in Chapple family ownership until 2003, by which time a NZ Historic Places Trust Covenant had been placed on the property to protect its architectural values.

Win Chapple was head teacher at Wilson's Children's Home before her retirement and her husband Kingsley was also an educator. The couple had five children but Kingsley died before their plan to build on the Kitchener Road property could be realized. Win Chapple created a logbook describing her experience of commissioning her house and watching it take shape. Both Chapple, the architect and the builder all made entries into the log, which records the process of building the house. A number of people have owned the property since 2003, including most recently Bill Foreman of Trigon Industries fame.

Statement of Significance*Architecture:*

The house is considered to have national architectural significance as it 'absorbs and moves on from the simple New Zealand modernism of the Group in its more complex and sophisticated site-specific response'.¹ Mike Austin is now a Professor of Architecture at UNITEC in Auckland and the Chapple house is his best-known design. In 1992 the house was awarded a Resene NZIA Auckland Branch Award and 10 years later Win and Kingsley Chapple's children placed a Heritage Covenant on the property in order to safeguard its architectural and environmental values for the future.

¹ R Byron 'Chapple House' *Long Live the Modern – New Zealand's Architecture 1904-1984* ed J Gatley [Auckland, 2008] pp. 166-7.

History:

The house has historic significance as the former home of Win Chapple and as the embodiment of a mid-20th century design process that was documented by Chapple in a house log. In the log book the architect expresses his concern about doing justice to the site and the client records the daily events of the construction period. Further research may underline the historic significance of a landmark modernist house being commissioned by a woman for her use alone.

Context:

The property, including both the house and its environs, is a major feature of the Black Rock coastline and the NZHPT heritage covenant over it includes landscape features as well as the house. The building is near the Mirror House and Firth Cottage, which also feature in the North Shore City Takapuna-Milford Walk booklet [Items 14 and 15].



