

3 CHATSWORTH PARK



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The two-storey Art Deco bungalow, located in the Chatsworth Good Class Bungalow Area, was designed by Frank Brewer and built in 1923. Over the years, several additions and alterations were made to the bungalow.

Prior to the restoration of the bungalow, a thorough research was carried out on the evolution of the building. The design approach adopted in the restoration of the building was based on the 1951 building plan and involves the retention of the main building and the demolition of the outhouse for a new extension.

The key features of the conserved main building which include the brick arches with their keystone and fairfaced



Two-storey Art Deco bungalow designed by Frank Brewer

brick base were carefully restored. Wherever possible, the original elements like the existing timber balcony were retained and restored. In addition, disintegrated brickwork at the base of the columns were replaced with bricks recovered from the demolished outhouse.

The new extension at the rear and side of the main building was designed to harmonise with the existing main building and yet stand out distinctly with a contemporary touch.

The project has demonstrated the possibility of conserving an old building while addressing the need for additional living space.



The patio outside the Dining Room is reinstated to its original design (by Swan & Maclaren 1951). Towards the left is a glimpse of the Rain Tree which was conserved and the new extension curve-block



Exposed timber roof rafters



Glazed lattice panels at balconies



The Main House looked through the exposed timber rafters of the extension curve-block. The new extension is built with load-bearing rock-face bricks sympathetic to the Main House



Brick arches with keystone & fair faced brick base



Original balcony restored



The Living Room, laid in white marble similar to the original finish. The window, bricked up during the previous renovation, is reinstated to its original design



Rough cast plaster



Fair faced bricks