

No. 15 WHITEHOUSE PARK

Room for Living with History



Owner:
Oroll Pte Ltd

Architect:
B&S&T Architects

Engineer:
Tham & Wong

Contractor:
Sysma Construction Pte Ltd

This Early Style bungalow with Victorian influences stands proudly in the Whitehouse Park/Nassim Road Conservation Area. Built in the 1890s, the bungalow was designed by Regent Bidwell of Swan & Maclaren for Fraser & Neave Limited. Over the years, major additions and alterations had been carried out, including some for housing the Australian High Commissioner in the 1950s.

Recovering the original configuration of the bungalow, however, was the main challenge of this project. To achieve this, the adhoc additions at the rear had to be removed. During restoration, external and internal shoring were used to prop up the walls.



All the external architectural elements were also retained and made good. These include the verandah running around the house, the large balconies on both storeys, the overhanging roof and the monumental concrete columns and pilasters. Even the basement arches were reinstated to original design.

Some concessions to modern day living have been made, though. Extensions in the form of a new service annexe and a garage were built. And an additional floor was created by lowering the existing sub-basement by 1.2 metres. Finally, new mechanical and electrical services were also installed. These adaptations have contributed to comfortable living without detracting from the graciousness of this grande dame.



Rear of the bungalow with external architectural features retained



The restored overhanging roof further shades the balcony



Circular columns with moulded capitals and bases



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Casement windows viewed from the interior



Balcony with timber flooring kept



Balcony railing of original design