



003 Richmond, Victoria

Every time you are tempted to order the smashed avo, think about how you could own this house instead.



004 Albury, New South Wales

All those times I just rocketed past Albury, who knew what treasures lay beyond the highway?

Saad Milham Abikhair was the owner-builder of this beauty, completed in 1950.

His family established Albury's most famous department store.

Just look at those features:

- ✓ waterfall facade
- ✓ beautiful staircase
- ✓ deep eyebrows
- ✓ commanding attitude
- ✓ steel-framed windows
- ✓ fab mint-green highlights.



005 Fitzroy, Victoria

You must see The Cairo Flats, they said. This Modernist block of apartments was built in 1936 and is designed by architect Acheson Best Overend.

I was sitting defeated at the locked gates of the building when a nice man said, 'Would you like to see inside?'

What an afternoon. Two long-term owners gave me a tour and I took eleven-hundred pics. This one shows the famous concrete cantilever staircase, thought to be the first of its kind in the world.



006 Maroubra, New South Wales

I get a *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?* vibe here.



007 Kew, Victoria

That car is the cherry on the top. *Phoar*.

You gotta love folks who match their car to their house. If that's what they consigned to the carport, imagine what they might have inside the garage?

For the record, the car's a Sunbeam – either Alpine or Tiger – and also for the record, I don't care how *phoar* is spelled, but thanks.



008 Sans Souci, New South Wales

Like an ice cream waiting to melt.

009 Toorak, Victoria

I was actually looking for the Swedish church nearby when a patch of colour burst through the hedge. Boom. Caringal Flats were designed in 1948 by architect John William Rivett, and the building was constructed in 1951. The colourful flat-roofed apartment block is of architectural significance to the State of Victoria. It's very tall. And the whole vibe is very flamingo.

