

# Art Deco & Modernism Architecture Australia

There is a wonderful diversity of Art Deco and Modernist design throughout Australia. Throughout my extensive travels of Australia I aim to document through the visual image and written word the nations great diversity of 20th Century Modernism in all its forms.

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## Henty House - Launceston



Architect: Peter Partridge - 1982  
"The space ship has landed" - This is one of Launceston's best examples of Brutalist period architecture. It certainly creates an impact with it's bulk and stylized concrete textures. This period of architecture does what Art Deco did the period before; that is modern design principles in the name of progress. Although heritage should be protected and valued, it could be argued that we live in a period now where the built environment is "over protected" which in turn stifles modern and exciting designs. Instead we get a pastiche in many new buildings that attempt to look old, but are not true to their old attempted style, neither inspirational. Buildings such as Henty House are an inspiration to modernist design principles.

[A Photographic essay on Henty House can be viewed by click here](#)

Posted by Thomas Ryan at 12:13 AM

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That is one fantastic piece of civic architecture.

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Thanks Robin and David for your comments. Look forward to seeing your story Robin.

[David Thompson wrote...](#)

Fantastic shot Thomas. It would be great if they put in another two ATMs on the other side to keep the symmetry of the building.

[rob \(moderne melbourne\) wrote...](#)

Good stuff Thomas. As part of my research into the Commonwealth Bank building in Melbourne, have gathered some images of CBA buildings around Australia, and will do an article on them for Spirit of...

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Thanks for your comments Helen, yes it would be amazing if there was a curved lounge below the window, would look great I reckon.

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oh that is one amazing house, I really hope they have a lounge below the windows in that curved room.