

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a high quality design and project management service. The design will be modern, innovative and unique. The service will be aimed at clients who want the best.

THE PRACTICE

The Practice was established in 1993. The Principal Chris Shields has 25 years architectural experience with Companies such as Denton Corker Marshall, John Andrews International, Winston Hall, and over 8 years with the Department of Housing. Currently the Practice has 5 staff with many years of Architectural experience, and established relationships with other contract staff for peak demand. The Practice provides excellent presentation skills with the latest computer aided design & documentation technology.

We provide a complete design and building procurement services, focused on modern, innovative design and building techniques. At CMS Architects we pride ourselves in delivering quality service to our discerning clients. Our project skills range from domestic renovations to commercial and industrial projects including disability access design, with an emphasis on providing the best outcome for our clients and the building occupants. Our service ensures our clients get the best result for their budget. CMS architects will continue to be at the forefront of design & innovation.





ARE YOU...

- purchasing or looking at purchasing a block with a view?
- looking for a unique home design to suit your site & budget?
- wanting to renovate or extend your present home and need to explore some options?
- wanting a no fuss, no hassle outcome from your building design & constructions?
- at a stage where you want advice on how to get the most out of your block of land?
- wanting someone to inspect your property before buying?
- considering dual occupancy or multi dwelling units on your property?
- having a great building idea & need someone to help you bring it to reality?
- having trouble deciding on the right look for you home?
- looking for a unique and different interior style?
- needing help choosing the right colour and furnishings?
- just wanting some decorating advice?

IF YES

to any of the above, we will listen carefully to what you want. We offer a free one hour consultation for clients wishing to discuss their project. (conditions apply)





Myths & Facts about Architects

Muths

Architects are expensive,

Plans are plans.

My brother in law is an architect too, he draws plans for the electricity commission.

I don't need an architect, I can just get Bob my builder to do my house.

Architects only design building & not the interior.

Facts

Architects are not expensive, in fact are very competitive for the services they provide. The range of services we provide is unmatched by any other professionals in the building industry. We do more than just plans. We can provide a service package for you that is tailored for your needs and budget.

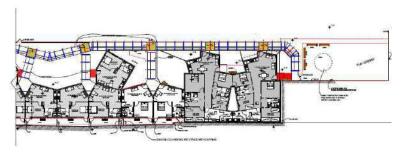
The level of documentation on plans can vary dramatically, depending on their purposes. Just like not all cars are the same. The quality of documentation by architects is far more superior than those produced by drafting services, which may save you tens of thousands of dollars during construction.

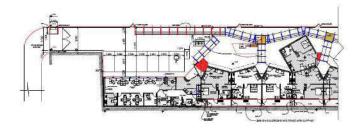
There are many different types of professionals in the building industry. Just because they draw plans, doesn't mean that they are architects.

While many domestic works in Australia are built by builders without an architect, the benefit of hiring an architect can ensure that the work by the builder is independently assessed and tailored to your needs and budget. It also offers you the opportunity for competitive tendering which will give you the best market price. Our house is our most valued investment, why would you want to take a risk and jeopardize it?

Architects are space designers. We manipulate both internal and external spaces and come up with interesting and well integrated solutions.























UPTON ROAD CRISIS ACCOMODATION CENTRE

CILIENT: Salvation Army VALUE: \$4,000,000 COMPLETED: 2010

The Upton Rd Crisis Accomodation Centre is a facility designed to assist housing for those in need of shelter. CMS Architects has a long standing commitment to use their skills to improve the social housing sector. The practise is immersed in the process of extracting efficient space and material usage within limited budgets.

While designing for tenants who need somewhere to live for the short-term (as in days and months), the functionality and materials need to be built for the long term. The accommodation needs to look fresh and inviting for the next decade by being robust and able to cope with wear and tear on a daily basis.







RAGLAN ST, DAYLESFORD

CLIENT: Hausing Choices VALUE: \$700,000

COMPLETED: Under Construction

The Raglan St Homes have been designed to assist those in need of community housing. CMS Architects has a long standing commitment to use their skills to improve the social housing sector. The practise is immersed in the process of extracting efficient space and material usage within limited budgets.









HANCE ST FOOTSCRAY

CLIENT: The Salvation Army Value: \$500,000 Completed: 1996

For affordable accommodation renovating a block of single bedroom flats can be a daunting affair. This block was in poor condition, but after the thorough makeover by CMS Architects, it now provides excellent accommodation and commu-





CHAPEL ST, ST KILDA

CLIENT: HOMEGROUND SERVICES

VALUE: \$300,000 COMPLETED: 2006

What clients do come to realise is that the design of their new office will have a huge impact on business productivity, so looking critically at exactly what the needs of the business is now and in the future is an important part of the process. As long as the efficient use of space, materials, resources, and maintenance is considered, CMS Architects asserts that a 'standard' layout doesn't have to be followed, smart design will ensure that the needs of all those in the workplace are taken into account when creating a space that is appealing and functional for the entire office.









GREY STREET COVERWAY

CLIENT: The Salvation Army VALUE: \$200,000 COMPLETED: 2005

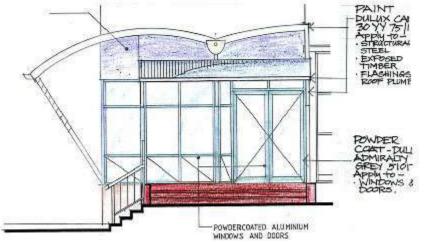
The coverway integrates two heritage protected buildings 29 -31 Grey Street, with a covered link which enables them to operate together. Due to the heritage issues on site the solution derived was low impact minimalist piece of architecture, which is transparent, so as no to distract from the heritage buildings.











GREY STREET RECREATION ROOM, ST KILDA

CLIENT: The Salvation Army VALUE: \$300,000 COMPLETED: 2006

This small addition to a heritage building in St Kilda has polycarbonate roof and is constructed with light weight materials, which brings in good natural light even during the winter months. The existing red bricks and the simple curved roof complimented each other. The interplay of the materials and build form is carefully designed as noted, with its in curved overhang and gutter details. The result is one of the most pleasant rooms in the whole building complex.

INSTITUTIONAL













27 GREY STREET, ST KILDA

CLIENT: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

VALUE: \$400,000 COMPLETED: 2004

This retrofit of an existing building provided staff offices & affordable accommodation in shared rooms. Communal living spaces were provided, and a commercial style kitchen. The project had to achieve heritage and planning approval.











JOAN CAM CENTRE, ST KILDA

CLIENT: The Salvation Army VALUE: \$500,000 COMPLETED: 2006

The commission involves the renovation and upgrade of a medical and crisis services facilities. While the requirements of the client are fairly straightforward, the difficulties of this project are the heritage and town planning issues, and for the upgrade comply with current disabled requirements, both with the Building Code of Australia and the Anti-Discrimination Act.





ST LUKES, RESERVOIR

CLIENT: St Lukes Church Lalor

VALUE: \$400,000 COMPLETED: 2005

The addition to the St Lukes Presbytery included a meeting hall and offices for church staff. The design concept is to work with and integrate the new addition with the existing church. The existing church entry feature was adopted to tie the existing and the new buildings. The new addition completes the whole church complex which would otherwise be incomplete.











RESERVOIR VETERINARY

CLIENT: Reservoir Vetinary Clinic

VALUE: \$300,000 COMPLETED: 2006

The original clinic was very old, with small pocky rooms and poor planning. Our brief was to extend the building forward to enlarge and modernize the clinic, with a very tight budget. Our solution has completely overhauled the building re-created a striking, modern clinic which enhances the profile & prestige of the business.









OFFICE FITOUT

CLIENT: KEY SOLUTIONS VALUE: \$250,000 COMPLETED: 2007

Each office has specific requirements and needs that must be met with smart design, Chris Shields makes a point to remind people that there's no such thing as a standard working environment. Further, CMS Architects ensures that its buildings are highly energy efficient and incorporate environmentally sensitive design elements.

"We aim for a six star energy rating in all new projects, however we are also about identifying the minimum amount of space required to create a strong sense of liveability. As an architectural firm, achieving more than the minimum energy standard is a professional goal, as is reducing the amount of material used and the overall energy required for a unit."











COMMUNITY

Laughlin Ave, NUNAWADING





CLIENT: Housing Choices Australia

VALUE: \$600,000 COMPLETED: 2014

On Friday 12th of September 2014, the Hon, Heidi Victoria MLA, Minister of the Arts, Minister for Women's Affairs and Minister for Consumer Affairs, launched the Laughlin Avenue unit accommodations in Nunawading; the latest accommodations in Housing Choices Australia Projects for people with disabilities living independently.

While turning an existing five-bedroom house into 4 independent units is not a typical request, it was one that held incredible potential for the CMSArchitect team. The external brick shell of the two existing units was to remain intact, with most of the changes and constructions taking place internally, adding another level of complexity to the project.

The warmth of timber decks located at the entrance of the two rear units creates an inviting entry. Deliberately elevated and positioned to north, the decks provide a cosy space with easy access to the living room and kitchen to assist those with mobility needs. The front units are well designed with well proportioned spaces, and north-facing skylights, illuminating the finely designed kitchen area beneath.

The true pleasure for Chris Shields and his team at the conclusion of this project, is seeing how happy the residents are with their new homes.

















CITY OF WYNDHAM SOCIAL HOUSING





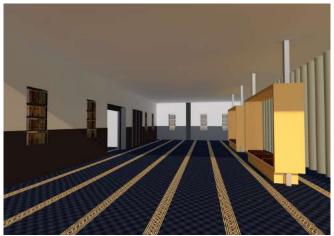
CLIENT: Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV)

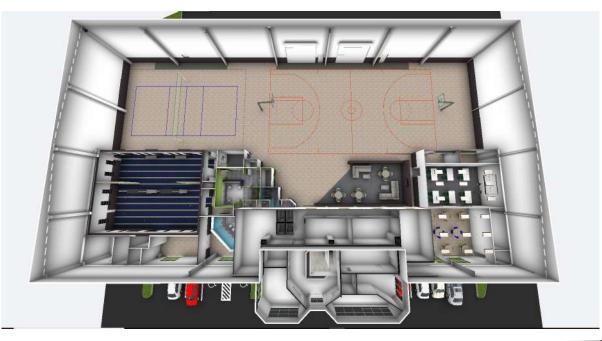
VALUE: \$791,800 COMPLETED: 2020

The site is located at close proximity to The Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place which offers a variety of health and support services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. The development of the untis cater for large growth in population in the western region of metropolitan Melbourne as reflected in AHV demand. The 3 units comprises of 2 bedrooms with 1 single carport responding to the high demand of AHV. All 3 dwellings can be occupied by all age groups and family types, including young singles and older people and families with children. As AHV is commonly occupied by larger family, the proposal offers a communal space for any social gathering. A space tenants of all units can share together as a community. The units will provide accommodation for those who are the priority for the area, those at risk of homelessness, victims of family violence, people with urgent medical needs and supported housing for disability. The project aims to promote pride and ownership in the home, a welcoming environment that is culturally safe, homely and comfortable.













COMMUNITY PRESTON

CLIENT: Darusalam Community VALUE: \$1,680,000 STAGE | COMPLETED: 2022 STAGE | 12: IN PROGRESS

This is an exciting project for Darusalam and the general community. The proposed development accommodates multiple uses of indoor sports court, gym facility, entertainment zone, prayer zone, new toilets/wash area, seminar lecture theatres, education centres and future restaurant which provides a focus for community activity.

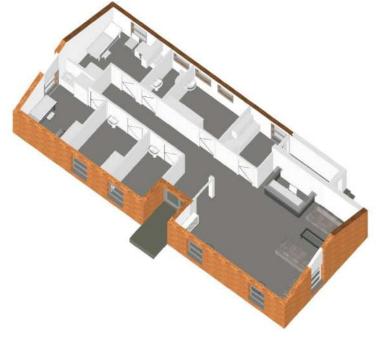
The newly renovated/constructed areas will integrate well with the existing, compliment and complete the original building. This will greatly enhance the multi use development in its successful growth income profit and compliment the style of the original building in a modern fashion. These areas provide for various educational and sporting uses appropriate for its community.







EXISTING





PASCOE VALE MEDICAL CENTRE

DESIGNED: 2018

A medical clinic designed to accommodate two practitioners and two admin staff. To minimise cost, a minor internal alteration is proposed to provide the required space for the needs of the client. Some improvements also proposed to finishes, disabled access, heating and cooling to render the facility suitable for a modernMedical Clinic.







EXISTING







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THOMASTOWN MEDICAL CENTRE

DESIGNED: 2019 STATUS: ON GOING

A design proposal for the construction of a 2 storey medical clinic at Thomastown. The centre accommodates three practitioners and two staff. The simple but bold facade will sit in very well with its surrounding streetscape but at the same time will dominate the visibility from a distance by its bold orange detail. As a result, the design has celebrated its architecture with its bold facade facing all corners for everyone to see.





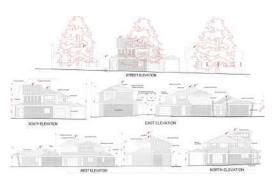
















RAGLAN UNITS

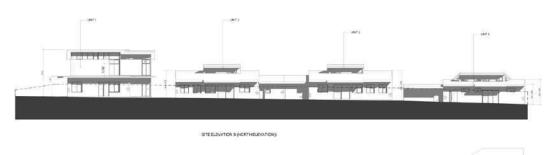
CLIENT: Mr and Mrs Vantikiotos

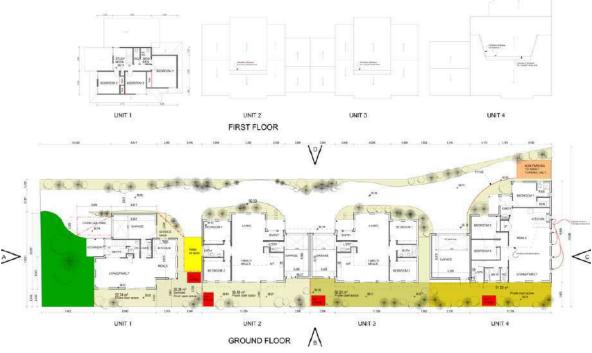
VALUE: \$750,000 COMPLETED: 2008

This block located in a well established area of Preston, with single & double storey homes and large rear yard, this development creates a modern re-interpretation of the current neighbourhood elements while managing to achieved a high yield on a very tight block of 725m².









BONACCI UNITS

CLIENT: Mr and Mrs Bonacci VALUE: \$1,000,000 COMPLETED: 2006

Locate in an area of Reservoir noted for its large blocks and single home covenants, this development responds to the neighbourhood character in a contemporary and sympathetic way.



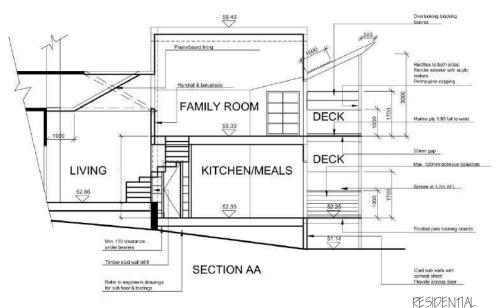


















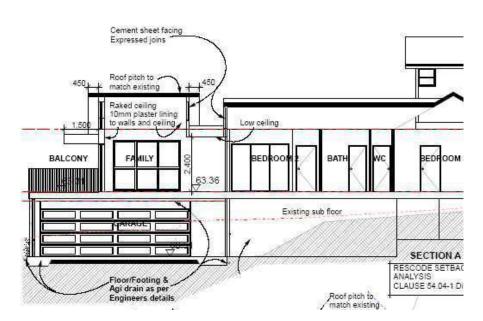
McCAIG HOUSE, NORTHCOTE

Located along the Epping Railway Line and on the high side of the Northcote hill, the design approach is to insert a landmark structure at the back of a Victorian style terrace, and capturing city views. The challenge of the design is to integrate internal and external living space and to weave the new and original part of the house together.

The work included an extension of the living area in the rear, a new renovated bathroom, new kitchen and new laundry. The first floor deck captures stunning city views, bringing internal and external spaces together.









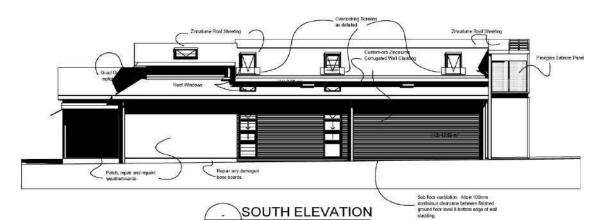






BANYULE HOUSE, ROSANNA

Located midway on sloped street, the Banyule House includes an extension to the front of the property which features a balcony, capturing views over Rosanna and located below this extension is a generously sized garage. Constructed of masonry walls and timber window frames, the extension is located on the southern end of the home, however still maintains natural light from the north by incorporating highlight windows into the design. While it is only a small extension, it is a pleasant solution which appeals both to the occupant and to the character of the neighbourhood.















GOOD HOUSE, NORTHCOTE

This existing Edwardian weatherboard house was neglected and required extensive renovation and repairs. While maintaining some of the existing features and respecting the streetscape consist of predominately house of the same style, the rear and 1st floor extension are completely new and contemporary design. The end result is a transformation of this once neglected home into a suburban gem.

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SETTE HOUSE, RESERVOIR

This contemporary home has a sensitive modern touch which reflected the client's taste and style of living. Despite its modern appearance which was uncommon in its immediate surroundings, the outcome is not out of place but weaves in well and enhances the whole street-scape.

On the outside we employed a play of different materials that contrast and highlighted different parts of the façade, while the low profile roof tiles gives the house a elegant appeal. Care is paid to the planning of the house to ensure that it can function as a home and also as an office. Our office interior decorator & designer worked closely with the client to ensure that the interior of the house is consistence with the whole scheme of the design.











LA ROSA HOUSE, GLENROY

The design of this new home is contemporary, yet consistent with the existing neighbourhood character. Featured in this house us clerestory windows that capture north light for the entry and a modern reinterpretation of bay windows which are common in houses in that area. The house is a tailor made design solution for our client that meets their needs and anticipated budget.













ARIFFIN ZHU HOUSE, PRESTON

The existing residence was a single storey brick veneer house built in the late 50s. The Client's growing family demanded additional living spaces. The ground floor is extensively renovated and an attic style first floor extension was added to capture city views. There were also a number of disabled access issues that needed to be addressed for the clients mother-in-law who is residing with them.



















LARNE HOUSE

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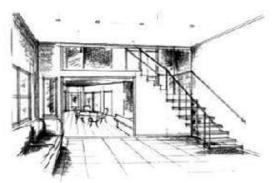


SEATTLE HOUSE

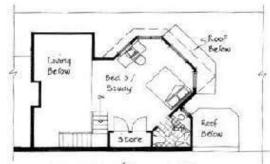
The contemporary remodelling of this project compliments and brings new life to this family home. With views into the garden and additional amounts of natural light introduced into living areas, there is a new found appreciation for these spaces. The original space found within, are complimented with sustainable and contemporary features and designs, which allow a smooth and pleasant transition for the home, from a time once past into a modern setting.

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INTERNAL ILLUSTRATION



First Floor (Nezzanine) Plan 1100











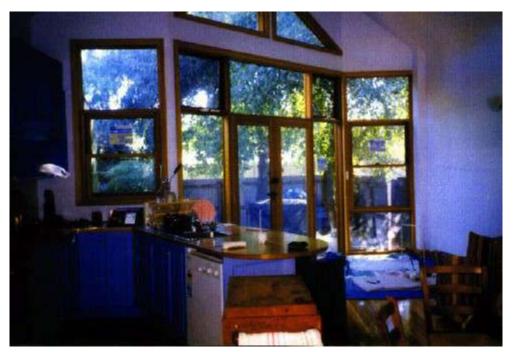




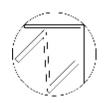
HUTCHINS HOUSE, KENSINGTON

A modest yet modern addition was added to this heritage overlay protected weatherboard home. The addition serves as an independent pavilion, joining the original and adding a modern simplicity to traditional forms. The lower level consists of a series of loosely defined living spaces with an overlooking upper level bedroom mezzanine – a spacious solution to inner city living.











BLEACH & OLIVER HOUSE, FITZROY NORTH

The existing house was a 2 storey Victorian Terrance house in Fitzroy North. Like most houses of that era, this house was on a narrow block which suffered a lack of natural light and confined spatial planning, in particular in the living area.

The single storey rear of the house was demolished to make way for the new extension. While most of the original features at the front the house was kept, some walls were re-jig spatial arrangements and to maximize the existing Dinning room

The rear extension consisted of a new family/dinning area with cathedral ceiling to enhance the spacious of the room. Highlight windows were angled to captured north light and to achieve passive solar design.

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McDONALD HOUSE, NORTHCOTE

The extension and renovation involves a new meal area, large family room, new laundry, separate toilet with shower, new bathroom with spa and new deck at rear.

The design took advantage of the existing roof space available in conventional roof framing and converting it into supplementary living space. A dormer window was added at the front of the house to bring north light into the attic, which also adds character to this period home and the streetscape in general.









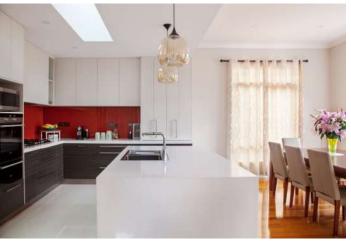
BOWES HOUSE, PRESTON

The rear of this house on the ground floor was extensively renovated which includes a new kitchen, new bathroom, new laundry, an extended family room with a new verandah. The roof at the rear was remodelled and a new gable end was added in order to achieve the best balance and composition for the overall house. The internal stairs to the first floor was also adjusted so that better connection can be achieved between the ground floor and the first floor.

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Practice Portfolio















AFTER

Regent St, Preston

VALUE; \$150,000 COMPLETED: 2014







This home required a complete internal refurbishment, including all new fittings and finishes. A new carport in matching style to the original was included.

This has brought the home into the modern era while retaining the charm of the original exterior period.

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DENMAN HOUSE

The Denman home is a wonderful example of an old home which was once closed up, cold and dark, even during the daytime. The renovation to the home brought the opportunity to rearrange the internal rooms to better suit the site conditions, allowing light into all parts of the home, and open up spaces while maintaining generous space for storage and for leisure.

















RAGLAN-UNITS FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

CLIENT: HOUSING CHOICES AUSTRALIA

VALUE: \$450.000 COMPLETED: 2011

The design was to simply provide three dwellings to the site to accommodate people with Disabilities. The adopted design concept takes advantage of the topology of the site with units and paving following the site slope. The units embrace the view over the gully, with distant views of hills and farmland. Living areas are designed to increase the perceived size of the space so units feel much larger than the floor area, suggests. The design elements do not dominate the streetscape and produce a dynamic and articulated appearance. The main construction material is timber frame with lightweight cladding, including cement sheet and hardwood shiplap boards.

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SHARED HOUSE MOUNT WAVERLEY

CLIENT: HOUSING CHOICES AUSTRALIA

VALUE: \$600,000 COMPLETED: 2011

Supported accommodation facility for people with disability located within existing urban Environment. The site was steeply sloping requiring accurate analysis to ensure as much access for people with disability. All internal spaces a fully accessible and Disability Discrimination Act compliant.













VALUE: \$150,000 COMPLETED: 2012

Renovation of the existing building providing new bathroom, upgraded living spaces and an extensive entertaining deck. The deck is designed to provide shading, including a pergola, while not retaining excessive heat. It also provides shading for west facing windows.













RESERVOIR RESIDENCE

VALUE: \$350,000 COMPLETED: 2013

New kitchen, two new bathrooms and a new garage. Currently a new outdoor entertaining area is underway. This transformation has resulted in a new home with modern style.













WEST PRESTON HOUSE

VALUE: \$200,000 COMPLETED: 2009

This single storey Californian bungalow home, which was generally in good condition, was not satisfying the needs of a growing family. More living space with direct access to the new yard, improved energy performance, new bathroom and laundry were required. This was achieved with a tight budget and resulted in a warm light filled home with great access to the outdoors and a very special bathroom with spa.

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RESERVOIR HOUSE

VALUE: \$120,000 COMPLETED: 2006

The extension of a gazebo structure at the rear of the garage enhanced the beautiful natural light through the use of glazed walls and the polycarbonate roof. This structure included a new kitchen and bar, water feature and feature paving. The glazed walls and polycarbonate roof allowed for transitional space between the indoors and outdoors.

















ASCOT VALE HOUSE

VALUE: \$165,000 COMPLETED: 2008

The extending of this house, whilst complimenting the heritage character of the home, included a new kitchen, living and dining. This area was open planned and looked out upon the large terrace and garden. The renovation also included a new bathroom with separate WC, a new laundry and a new study. This extension made for a more comfortable, spacious family home.

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THORNBURY HOUSE

VALUE: \$140,000 COMPLETED: 2008

The client wanted to compliment the heritage character of the home. They wanted to make a noticeable front entrance, which then leads onto the renovation of the new bedrooms, a large family room, additional storage spaces and an area for the children. The main goal was to make this a family integrated house, this goal was achieved with a new Garage and room above, making this a loveable family home.













NORTHCOTE HOME

VALUE: \$ 110,000 COMPLETED: 2005

The renovation of this project included a new verandah which takes advantage of the era of the house with the high pitched roof, making space for outdoor dining. The new diningroom captures the garden views and brings light into the family area. The new kitchen and meals area is extended to provide more indoor space and complimenting the outdoors. A new bathroom and laundry was added, which serves the needs of the house.





Before



After



Built in Unit





Before



VALUE: \$250 K COMPLETED: 2011





After

This project includes ground floor renovations and first floor addition. New extension is well integrated with the existing house. The scope of work includes: Partial demolition of existing roof, renovation of the existing kitchen and addition of a large family/meals leading out the rear garden. First floor extension accommodates, main bedroom with walk in robe and semi ensuite and sitting room at the front to capture the view, over valley & towards city.





Before



Before



Under construction



Under construction



Open stairs



VALUE: \$150 K COMPLETED: 2011



RYDER STREET HOUSE

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This project includes ground floor renovations and first floor addition. New extension is well integrated with the existing house. The scope of work includes: Partial demolition of existing roof, First floor extension with the following, Living area and Linen storage, Master bedroom with walk in robes, Large Semi Ensuite with access from bedroom & living area.

The open stair leads up to the first floor from the dinning and kitchen areas, resulting in the house feeling light and sun-filled, taking advantage of light from different angles, including the first floor.

The new first floor living is a spacious and functional area that is especially convenient for the family. Its open space can be used as a living area or study area. Windows on north & south to capture the cool summer breezes and extensive views to the South West.







Under construction



Under construction





WEST GATEWAY HOUSE

VALUE: \$150 K COMPLETED: 2012

The project includes Extension of the two bedrooms, Provision of clearstory windows to the family area to gain efficient amount of warm north sun to the family area during cold wintry season. Provision of view and access to the backyard garden. Provision of a ramp to the new areas for ease of wheelchair access. Accomodation of a guest room separate from the family and the sitting space with an ensuite.

The added areas provide for various living and entertaining spaces internally and externally. The clerestory window brings light, warmth and ventilation into the Family Room and the rear rooms are opened to the view of the garden and for cross flow ventilation.



Before







Before







RENNIE STREET HOUSE





This project includes a first floor extension with raked ceiling which includes: Two bedrooms with built-in-robes & roof windows for natural lighting. A new bathroom, open plan style sitting area, with south and west facing low windows to allow for ventilation and natural light.

















Before

Before



Under Construction

After

AUSTRAL AVENUE HOUSE

VALUE: \$120 K COMPLETED: 2012

Renovation consists of extension to the existing study and dining area. Existing study and dining area to have new high ceiling and gable roof the extension leads out onto a veranda and deck. This extends entertainment areas beyond internal spaces and into the garden.

After

The extended part of the home has wide eaves all round. The new deck area will assist in keeping the sitting room warm in the cooler months by taking advantage of northern sunlight. And with both doors of the deck area open in the summer months, natural cross ventilation cooling in the Living room will be achieved.







Before



Under Construction







PAYWITT STREET HOUSE VALUE: \$180 K COMPLETED: 2010









After

The changes include an exciting extension and re-orientation of the previous master bedroom. The alteration makes way for a new hallway, while providing abundant room for a new bedroom to exist in place of the previous. Natural light flows into the new hallway, via full height windows located halfway through the hall. These windows, facing a northern direction, serve in drawing light, as well as presenting a tranquil view into the 'lungs' of the home, that is the centrally located, open air Japanese style garden & timber decked courtyard.

On the other side of the home, and by removing a wall once dividing the living and kitchen area, these spaces now combine to create an open living environment. In these spaces, bi-fold doors located on the northern wall allow a distinctly unique view to be captured, with a raised Japanese style sun deck & water feature wall, these timber framed glass bi-folds allow natural light to flow directly into these spaces, drawing in the warmth of the winter sun into the home



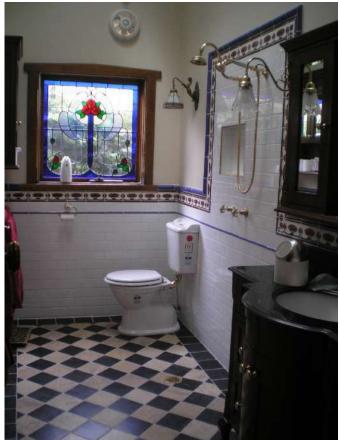
Before Renovation



After Renovation



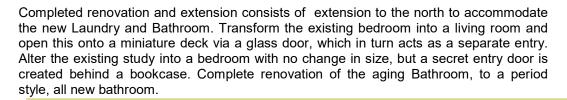
Before Renovation



After Renovation

BELGRAVE STREET HOUSE

VALUE: \$80 K COMPLETED: 2012





After Renovation



Before





AUSTRAL AVENUE HOUSE II

VALUE: \$200 K COMPLETED: 2012



Under Construction

facing Deck area, and allow morning sun to penetrate the living areas.





Under Construction

Proposed renovation and extension consists of new Living room to be constructed as an open plan to new Kitchen and Dinning with two sliding doors opening to access deck area. New Laundry with built in cupboards. Transformation of the existing kitchen and dining area to an open style kitchen and meals area New bathroom, New living room which opens up on both the northern and southern walls, via two leaf sliding doors to two separate deck areas, Construction of timber deck areas to take advantage of the garden views and extend the entertainment areas. construction of new 45 degree wall to dinning area to allow view to the north

Into the extended part of the home the new Living room has wide eaves to provide shade and shelter all year round. Located on both the northern and southern walls of the sitting room are sliding doors which connect the two separate deck areas. One being the south facing deck area and the second being north facing which looks onto the rear garden The second deck area will assist in keeping the sitting room warm in the cooler months by taking advantage of northern sunlight, and with both doors of the two deck areas open in the summer months, natural cross ventilation cooling in the sitting room will be achieved.









Before

















NORTHERNHAY STREET HOUSE

VALUE: \$200 K COMPLETED: 2013

Renovation and extension consists of provision of new sliding doors to replace existing French doors, to take advantage of the garden views and extend the entertainment areas. Re-establishment of windows. Extensive cladding and architectural repairs. Provide new gable roof carport with ceiling lining, to match period of home. Addition of new pergola roofs, to provide shading and extend the entertainment area.























VALUE: \$160 K COMPLETED: 2015



After

Although the existing house was a very good size building, the circulation was not responding to the requirements of the family.

Two laundries, both with access from living room, and the required circulation for them hadn't left enough space for suitable furnishing for family gathering and dining.

The client brief was to have a modern master bedroom with WIR & ensuite and a new modern Kitchen with open living room while keeping the character of front spaces. The design was to recognise the existing character of the building and mix it with the requirement of a modern life. Spaces in between prepare occupants for the great transformation from classic to modern living. The design has exceeded the clients' expectations.







After







Before







Before





After

DAVENTRY STREET HOUSE

VALUE: \$180 K COMPLETED: 2013

The proposed extension and renovations will greatly enhance the liveability of the house, and compliment the style of the home in a modern fashion whilst accommodating the original character of the property.

The existing side garden wall at the entry is replaced with a new wall further north, to provide space for a new path to the new entry door and window. The path will be flanked with planting to create a more enjoyable and inviting entry to the home. The foyer is made useful with a desk, cupboard and more windows.

The Kitchen and family area includes a large window and sliding doors looking onto an outdoor timber deck. The doors and window will draw in northern light into the room in winter and be shaded from the summer sun by its 1m wide eaves and the existing mature tree. The deck area will assist in keeping the kitchen and family area warm in the cooler months by taking advantage of northern sunlight and with the doors of the deck areas open in the summer months, natural cross ventilation will keep the existing Living Room and new open plan Family and kitchen areas cool and comfortable.







After



After RESERVOIR UNITS



After

After



VALUE: \$1 MILLION COMPLETED: 2015

A well fitted 4 Townhouse development with a 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom units with very comfortable living spaces is well suited in a well established area in reservoir. A spacious garden area is provided for good entertainment. The design provides a modern re-interpretation of the neighbourhood streetscape.

The existing single storey house was demolished to make way for a new Town House development and to provide opportunities for new families, to move in the area.

Each house has its own private grand entrance. You will then be welcomed to an open living, meals and kitchen floor plan. All living spaces includes large windows and sliding doors looking onto your private open space. Having the floor plan facing the North, it will produce the best solar access and good air circulation around the living spaces. North and south windows and doors will draw good light and cool breeze winds in the summer, making a comfortable indoor environment all year round.













PRESTON HOUSE

VALUE: \$200,000 COMPLETED: 2015







Located in a well developed area of Preston. The newly renovated areas has integrated well with the existing, compliment and complete the original home. This has greatly enhanced the liveability of the house, and compliment the style of the home in a modern fashion while accommodating the original character of the property. These areas provided various living and entertaining areas, internally and externally appropriate for personal use as well as for a large family.

The extension project is focused in the rear part of the dwelling. By separating the kitchen with an island bench and having the kitchen as the centre piece between the dining and living opens up the floor plan and to create a comfortable transition between all the living spaces. Additional bedroom and bath to accommodate large family and rumpus room for indoor entertainment.





TOWNHOUSE AT NORTHCOTE

VALUE: \$245,000 COMPLETED: 2015

Situated in a Victorian Era neighbourhood of Northcote. The 2 bedroom home provides an open plan with access to a generous private open space. All rooms has access to natural light through multiple windows and skylights. While bedrooms include balconies on each, providing little outdoor entertainment. The balconies are carefully oriented ensuring a view of the natural reserve. The design detail includes brick screening keeping the simplicity of the gable roof detail.

The project is carefully designed to provide a harmonious clash of lightweight and brick clad construction will compliment the style of the home in a modern fashion, yet not imitating nor undermining the heritage character of the existing dwelling.







Before



Under Construction





After

VIEWBANK HOUSE

VALUE: \$165 K COMPLETED: 2016



After



Before

Positioned on a hill overlooking the urban landscape in the quite suburbs of Viewbank, our family clients required a design that felt more open and harmoniously connected to nature and provide extended views of the well groomed urban landscape of their suburb that is part of their neighbourhood character. Our approach to the architectural design initiated through a sectional diagrammatic study of the site context, whilst answering the brief requirements such as where are the best views good natural light? The final design was tactically configured to provide an open cotemporary plan which nestled into the site slope creating a double storey level. The double storey extension now sits proudly forward clad in rich sandstone contrast to the old brown bricks with full floor to ceiling height corner windows inviting the breathtaking outdoor views

of trees and rooftops whilst inviting in natural light to spill through the open living plan. From within the open plan or on the deck beyond, oc-

cupants are visually connected throughout the new spaces. The architects were able to achieve the design within the client's minimum budget and breathing new life to this lovely family home for them to enjoy many years to come.







Before



After

MACARTHUR PLACE HOUSE

VALUE: \$80,770 COMPLETED: 2016

The project was for maintenance and repairs of the existing Victorian home. Keeping with the traditional facade, the design aspects is similar but with a new finish and new exterior colour to create more variation and interest, and to be distinctive in its setting and keeping the compliment with the surrounding neighbour.

Strict Heritage controls and Planning Permit Conditions had to be managed to achieve a successful outcome









Before













Under Construction



After

VALUE: \$222,000 COMPLETED: 2016

The existing single storey traditional weatherboard home is complimented by the double storey transition. The well fitted extension of the kitchen and living spaces helped to complete the home with additional spaces for a bigger family. The material is kept the same with the existing to create a well fitted extension.

New glass sliding door and corner windows, located on the eastern wall of the living area will take advantage of the garden views.

The proposal has been designed with privacy in mind, to capture the natural light and ventilation, to filter through the home and to provide good northern light for new living areas with the clerestory windows. This achieves good garden views and passive solar design, as well as limiting excessive solar gain from the northern clerestory windows in summer by using deep eave overhangs to give good cover from harsh sun.







Under Construction



TWO TOWNHOUSE AT MACLEOD

VALUE: \$680,100 COMPLETED: 2017

As the site is oriented north facing to rear, the plan was manipulated to provide the best orientation possible for the layout required. The plan allows good solar penetration while limiting excessive solar gain from the west in summer. This also allows good cross flow ventilation for summer cooling and access to northern sun to all living areas.

The design has a great variation and interest, and is very distinctive in it's setting, and compliments the streetscape.









After



Under Construction



After

NIDDRIE HOUSE

VALUE: \$141,000 COMPLETED: 2017

The existing single storey house is now transformed into a more comfortable home with additional first floor with a bedroom including built in robe, a bath and living space. The design includes new weatherboard exterior for contemporary look. A new open plan takes advantage of exceptional views both dining, family areas as well as rear south facing garden and deck. With new large double doors located on the rear wall will take advantage of the garden view and extend the entertainment are, out to the new deck.

The new home will compliment the original home. With good ventilation and access to natural light, this will provide good northern light to all living areas. This will also achieve passive solar design, as well as limiting unwanted solar gain from northern windows in summer.











NEW HOUSE AT BALWYN

VALUE: \$800,000

A multi-generational home with the ability to provide shared accommodation for the family and their grandparents under one roof. The private large rumpus and bedroom with ensuite on the ground floor allows comfort for those who might be less able bodied. Meanwhile the upper floor consists of multiple large bedrooms with walk in robes and bathrooms with access to a family area and balcony that values quietness and privacy. The large and spacious living areas located towards the back are designed to enable comfortable gathering without the feeling of crowdedness. This allows manoeuvring between spaces easily and freely. The living area and kitchen's large bi-fold doors steps into a fully equipped verandah and backyard which sits at the highest point of the naturally sloping land, with a view of the city skylines. The home is planned to maximise comfort, accessibility, privacy and entertainment at a luxurious level..











APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT THAT VALUES A HERITAGE SITE AT ELTHAM

VALUE: \$2 MILLION

In respect to the heritage of the existing building, the proposal considers maintaining the front facade of the commercial shop and only work on the existing opening of the shop front. This gives us room for two entrances for the proposal of two shops. The addition of the upper floor consist of 3, 2 bedroom apartment with wheelchair accessibility in mind. The apartment is designed to be partially elevated to accommodate parking which could potentially be converted into a gathering space. The newly renovated areas will integrate well with the existing, complimenting and complete the original building. This enhances the multi use development in its liveability and the retail shop, complementing the style of the original building in a modern fashion and accommodating the original character of the property. These areas provide for various living and entertaining areas, internally and externally appropriate for its multi use.



















BRUNSWICK TOWNHOUSE

VALUE: CONSTRUCTION VALUE \$2 MILLION

COMPLETED: 2018





Medium density multi unit development in popular Brunswick East overlooking the city skyline and the atmospheric day to day life presented in Brunswick.

The building's dark clinker bricks are an eco of the past and relevant features of Brunswick brought back to life that is unfortunately lost in today's demand for high rise apartments that populate our skyline that is now becoming miniature city in itself.













DOUBLE STOREY PRESTON HOUSE

VALUE: \$300,1000 COMPLETED: 2018

An extension and renovation project of a unique single storey modest Art-Deco home sees the addition of a double storey level for a growing family. The extension of this house with modern materials will never be truly authentic. The Art-Deco dominated the exterior and interior of the home therefore the architectural design process involved in continuing to match alike in detail and retaining the original character of the home whilst ensuring the new extension merged seamlessly as one with original. The newly renovated and extension of the home expands on the original dwelling's architectural language through the exterior and interior finishes, overachieving in recognizing our clients appreciation of the Art-Deco movement beginning in the 1920's.















RESERVOIR ART DECO HOUSE RENOVATION & EXTENSION

VALUE: \$400,000 COMPLETED: 2018

The dark double skin clinker bricks are an eco of the past, and relevant as an architectural feature of the original character of the home. The newly renovated extension of the home expands on the original dwelling's architectural language. The challenges of updating this historical 100 year old building to modern contemporary living standards was achieved by opening up the kitchen, dining and living spaces, including rich modern fixtures and finishes to provide the contemporary feel, fit for a modern family. The once dark and dingy interior is now filled with natural light and ventilation, providing good northern light to new living areas overlooking the garden views. The connections and disconnections are made between the old and new by stepping the angled wall sitting proudly forward to promote the evolving character of the home.



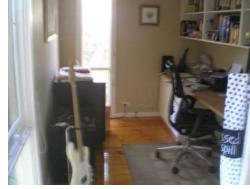






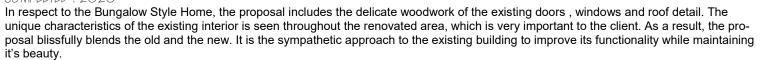


























BEFORE











RESERVOIR SUBDIVISION

COMPLETED: UNDER CONSTRUCTION VALUE: \$800,000

The design responds well to the historical significance of its neighbouring properties by mimicking the brick facade and gable roof style with elements of contemporary design. Like many other streets in Reservoir, it is lined with post war brick facades common to the suburbs of the era. The client has bought the property to be subdivided, where one is to be renovated to suite the grandparent's requirement for a comfortable living while the new home is to accommodate a family of 3 with space to grow. It is important for family to have a sense of space, both shared and private., which the proposal provides in generous proportions.









CONSTRUCTION PROGRES















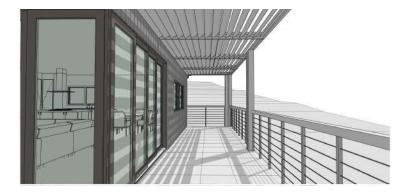


EXTENSION AT THORNBURY

COMPLETED: UNDER CONSTRUCTION VALUE: \$400,000

The existing house was in poor condition for a family of six to live in. In addition, The narrow site didn't leave a whole lot of space to work with. But this does not limit us from saving this family and designing a home for a family that can grow. The setback of the house makes the most of the limited space. The customised high light window not only offers northern light but it opens up the living areas making it feel larger, helping to visually extend the internal space. This adds to the home's charm and uniqueness. This home shows what you can achieve through a design that values the client's needs.













COUNTRY RESIDENCE AT AVENEL



VALUE: \$486,000 COMPLETED: UNCER CONSTRUCTION

Located 130km North of Melbourne. The proposal consist of 3 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, two and a half car park space, large entertainment area that opens up to a corner balcony and a 68 metre square cellar with bathroom. The house is fully equipped home that shares the client's interest in a sustainable home to live in and a place of entertainment. The proposal is carefully placed on the eight hectare site that marks the best view of Mount Bernard and the naturally vegetated area of the site. It simultaneously enjoys the view from the site through the large windows and doors giving panoramic view of the landscape, while sheltered from harsh weather from South West.









8 UNIT DEVELOPMENT

DESIGNED: 2019
VALUE: \$1.6 MILLION
STATUS: ON GOING

Located at the centre of Thomastown. This investment opportunity is a walkable distance from everyday amenities such as bus stop, train station, convenience store and schools. An excellent development for a well established neighbourhood. It is a unique design with a mixture of modern and contemporary design aesthetic. The units consist of 2 and 3 bedrooms providing an opportunity for diversity of household types. The plan has been strategically designed to provide comfortable size bedrooms and living areas with generous private open space. Privacy within units also play an important role in the design with overcoming overlooking issues through the use of deep window frames that seamlessly integrate this avoiding bulkiness from commonly used elements. With open plan and good northern and eastern orientation, and potentially establishing a community within future occupants, this will attract great interest from potential future purchasers.













FIT-OUT ASSESSMENT AND ADVICE FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL

DOCUMENTED: 2021

CMS Architects offered advice and inspection on the built structures for the approval of the fit out. The services aim to find solutions to achieve compliant building that is acceptable for the approval from building authority. These services includes, detailed drawings of exterior changes on the building pre fit out and requirement to comply with the building regulations.

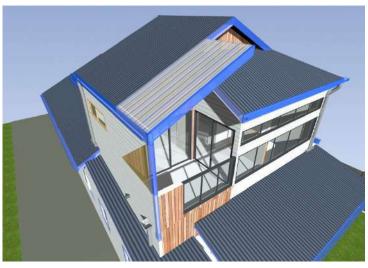


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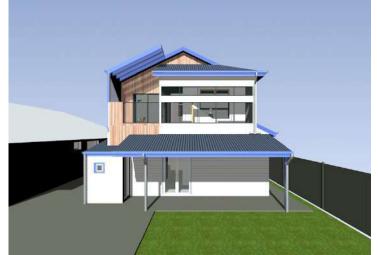






The extension includes, addition to upper floor to include generous size master bedroom and separate enclosed study room with double sliding doors as access and spacious ensuite to provide Japanese style plunge/soaking bath. The design introduces northern orientation outdoor terrace that is accessed both from the corridor and study connecting to private open space to take advantage of exceptional garden views and extend the entertainment area as a place of rest. The glass screen on the east is a dramatic yellow glass triangle, to emphasis the morning light colour of golden sun.

The proposal has been designed with privacy in mind, to capture the natural light and ventilation, to filter through the home and to provide good northern orientation to new areas. The exterior design choice retains a more conservative approach to the external treatment of the building by matching external weatherboard of existing house, vertical wood cladding and metal zinc roof















NEW HOILISE DEVELOPMENT AT MACLEOD

DESIGNED: 2022 STATUS: ON GOING

In our design concept we configured the plan that will provide great comfort to the home and provide good entertainment areas with access to natural light and harmoniously connecting these areas to the outdoor space with the intent of providing garden views to all communal areas whilst providing good surveillance for the home. We understand the importance of mature trees giving a sense of permanence and stability to a house and garden. That is why we have taken the opportunity to retain existing trees for the purposes of providing natural shading, to beautify the aesthetics and functional value of the home. All entertainment areas are designed to interconnect with one another providing the opportunity to expand entertainment zones to create larger gathering spaces to host events with family/friends.

SITE PHOTOS







PROPOSAL











LAND SUBDIVISION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2 UNITS

DESIGNED: 2021 STATUS: ON GOING

The project consist of subdivision of the land, keeping the existing dwelling at the front and leaving 300 square metres of space for the construction of 2 unit development. The proposal consist of open dining, kitchen and living plan with 2 bedrooms and single car space each. The modern aesthetic of the proposal doesn't take away the elegance and form of the existing building but instead complementing each other through their differences. The design successfully complied with Council's requirement with a heritage zone, that received no further amendments which speed up the process to building permit.











SUN ROOM EXTENSION AT ESSENDON

DESIGNED: 2022

The proposal includes an extension of the sun room to take advantage of the natural light and good garden view. An addition of bungalow for separation and privacy. A generous size bathroom with an open plan studio for simplicity and unobstructed view to the garden. A corner sitting window with large hinged window will provide a view from the inside as if you are sitting in the garden.





2 UNIT DEVELOPMENT WITH LHA SILVER STANDARD

DESIGNED: 20122 STATUS: ON GOING

Customised multi unit development with 1 designed to accommodate Liveable Housing Australia (LHA) silver standard to encourage new development to be inclusive to accommodate to those with disability. Both Units consist of 4 bedrooms with tandem parking. The design encourages above standard room sizes for comfort and accessibility. All entertainment areas are designed to interconnect with one another, providing the opportunity to expand entertainment zones to create larger gathering spaces to host events with family & friends. This will greatly enhance the liveability of the house, compliment and preserve the neighbourhood street character as part of planning assessment. The design provides appropriate use and functions for family use as well as for a larger family should they be interested in selling the property in future

CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

JANUARY 2022

Hi Chris

After 26 years at **- a home you redesigned and project managed for me ~1999-2000 - I have finally sold and moved to North Melbourne.

I will always be grateful for the way you helped me create a wonderful home, filled with many great memories, shared with friends and family, and my partner and I and our now 11 year old daughter, Sofie. We are now looking for our next place and maybe building/renovating, so you never know, I might be in touch about another CMS project in the next year or so.

Thanks for steering me through the process all those years ago.

Cheers

Andria

DECEMBER 2015

Thank you very much for all your time and effort in designing our beautiful new extension. It has changed our lifestyle and given our property a lot more value. Thank you for seeing our project through from start to finish and being very thorough. It has been such a journey seeing our extension develop from plans to physically enjoying it.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year regards.

Michael, Ingrid & girls Xoxo

APRIL 2014

Though my 1926 Bungalow home had been renovated in the late 1980's the renovations had not been completed. Some repairs were also required. The nature of the work was fiddly and detailed. I realized I needed professional advice and up-to-date plans to facilitate the completion of the renovation and repair of the property and also include the design of a back verandah and carport in keeping with the home. I did not have a recommended professional so I decided to approach CMS Architects since they worked locally.

I felt that appointing an architect would be a good investment in terms of achieving a better quality outcome and that the process would be much less stressful. This has proven to be the case. I am pleased with the result.

The architect, Chris Shields, was very professional and at the same time patient, helpful and empathetic. Chris understood my need to achieve a high quality outcome with this project. He was able to recommend 3 builders from whom quotes were received. The chosen builder was able to begin soon after and the work has been completed in a timely manner. Now that the project is finished I can really enjoy the home anew.

Many many thanks to all at CMS Architects and especially Chris for helping me to achieve such a good result. I am very happy to recommend Chris Shields and CMS Architects. Anne

SEPTMEBER 2014

We first contacted Chris after hearing that another family at the school had used his services and were happy with their result. They had found him through Archicentre (which was a service we had used a number of times before) but we contacted him directly. We found him to be easy going and a good communicator which put us at ease immediately.

Chris listened to our needs and ideas and we were very happy with his preliminary drawings. We were very budget conscious and while others found it difficult to design with this in mind Chris did a great job of keeping the design simple but very attractive and he provided us with what we needed within a manageable budget. During the design and development process he listened to and our feedback and incorporated our ideas. He was easy to contact and was happy to answer questions and queries no matter how trivial they seemed.

Our renovation involved opening up the back of our house to improve space and lighting- using our tall gum tree in the back yard as a focal point. His design was highly practical for our family and retained a good sized back yard which was important to us. His use of stained timber framed doors and windows give the home an warm, earthy look which we find warm and relaxing. We could not be happier with the final result.

Chris has been working in this area for many years and is widely known and respected by others in the industry. He was able to recommend local services and suppliers. Knowing we were Chris's clients made things easier for us in dealing with these services. He managed the tendering process and has good relationships with the people he works with. We used a builder on his recommendation and were very impressed with his efficiency and the quality of his work.

We were not looking forward to doing our renovation as neither of us had any expertise in the building industry and we had heard plenty of horror stories. The process from designing to building was very smooth for us and we have a home with which we are extremely happy. Using Chris throughout the whole process enabled up to achieve exactly what we wanted. We would be happy to recommend his services

Thanks Chris!!
Best Wishes.

Moomen and Louisa

MS ARCHITECTS

CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

SEPTEMBER 2012

Dear Chris,

Subject: Darebin Sustainable Living Expo

I would like to thank you for taking part in the first Darebin Sustainable Living Expo, held on Saturday 8 February.

The even provided to be very successful. The general feedback and visitor comments showed there is a great opportunity and interest in sustainability and sustainable businesses.

You may recall we had a photographer at the event. As a token of our appreciation enclosed is a photograph as a memento of the day.

Once again thank you and I hope you found the Expo rewarding and fun to participate in. We certainly enjoyed organising it and we look forward to achieving our sustainable goals together.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Minty

Business Development and Strategic Project at City of Darebin

SEPTMEBER 2012

Dear Chris,

Thank you for all of your help, advice and work on our house at Ryder Street. The house looks fantastic! And your management of the project certainly made it close to stress free/ issue free for us. Thanks Again!!

Justin, Simon & Elke

DECEMBER 2011

Dear Chris.

Thank you for the care and dedication you have shown in getting our renovation project off the ground and nearly to be finishing point. The new part of our home is now filled with light and we can also enjoy our ever changing garden!

Happy Christmas

FEBRUARY 2007

Dear Chris

We are really enjoying living in our new home and once again would like to thank you and Joana for all your hard work and suggestions that have enable our dream to come alive.

We were wondering if we could arrange a copy of all the photos you took of our house during the renovation. Looking back the changes are dramatic!

Regards,

Pam & Max Hunter

OCTOBER 1998

Dear Chris.

Well it hardly seems possible, but after 2 years it is all completed! Thank you for all your efforts and the 'creative juices' you poured into this project over that time. Both Mary and I are very happy with the outcome, it gives us great pleasure and we thank you for your contributions to that outcome. Aldo thank you for the photo album of the 'before', 'during' and 'after', it was a nice gesture and greatly appreciated.

All the best to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

Mike

PROJECT TEAM

CHRISTOPHER SHIELDS B. Arch , FRAIA, FAICD, MICGU

Christopher is both the Senior Architect and Director of the CMS Practice. Christopher has been involved in a range of community, residential and commercial projects throughout Melbourne and internationally.

His experience extends over 30 years and is involved in all aspects of the offices projects from Schematic Design through to Contract Administration.

Hussein Ali M.Arch. Tech

Hussein has worked with CMS Architects for over 10 year. His expertise ranges over all sectors of the practice, CAD drafting, with particular experience in Design and Permit Documentation.

With a considerable experience in Schematic Design and Planning Permit Documentation, he also specialises in 3D presentation.

Katrina Tongson M.Arch. Tech

Katrina has been with CMS Architects for over 5 years. Her knowledge of residential and community architecture is extensive.

With a great deal of experience in Schematic Design and Planning Permit Documentation, she also specialises in sustainable design.







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