

# A 20 Year Journey.

Creating Modern Homes  
For Modern Families  
Since 1999



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"Home is your haven. It's where you come back after a busy day at work. It's where your family are. It's where you smell dinner cooking and you're familiar with the surroundings. You can go wherever you like around the world (and I travel quite a bit) but you know when you're coming home because you start to feel excited about coming back to your sanctuary."

- Brett, Palmerston House

# 20 years of creating innovative living spaces.

Led by Directors Jock Merrigan and Josh Semmler, we are a team that has a passion for architectural design and construction. Over the 20 years we have worked to design and build homes that grow, just as we do. It is an honour to design and build a client's dream home and it is a responsibility we never take for granted.

"Everything we do is considered and treated with design sensitivity - every angle, every joint, every surface and every finish."

- Jock Merrigan, Urban Habitats Managing Director

We feel fortunate to have had 20 years in the industry and we believe that our longevity is due to the strong communication with our project partners, collaboration with clients and a genuine enjoyment of the work we do.

The following pages are a celebration of our consistent and quality work and the people we work with. We hope that you enjoy looking at our inspiring homes and the journey of Urban Habitats.

We would sincerely like to thank everyone involved in our 20 year journey.



"Honesty, integrity and focus on detail all combined to ensure every detail of the build process was managed in a timely way. Jock, Josh and the team at Urban Habitats made the building process an exciting event and you could trust the outcome of the project."

- UH Client, College Park

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## Design. Build. Develop.

At the heart of our homes is an intelligent and innovative design concept that is at one with our client's tastes and in harmony with their environment and flow of life.

The homes we create with our clients are inspired by their desired lifestyle. There are no prescribed styles or materials. From the broad intent of the design to the finest architectural detail; we ensure quality is religiously maintained.

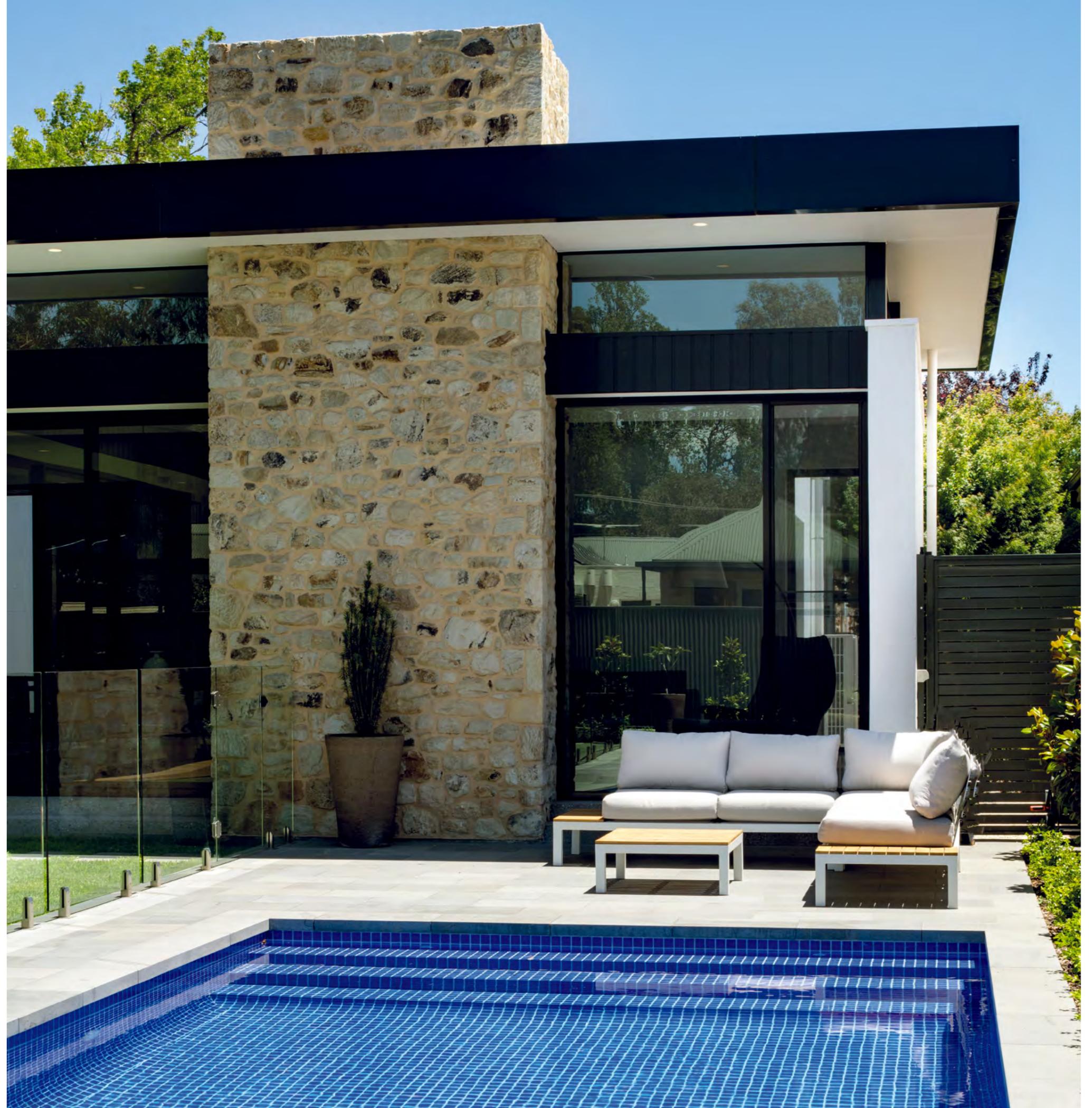


# Denning St.

We worked closely with our Denning St clients to create a home that is in harmony with their requirements.

The effort and attention to detail taken by everyone involved, inclusive of trades, contractors and suppliers as well as the broader collaborative team has led to a home that is of great pride.

An Urban Habitats Collaboration with Sofiala Interior Design.



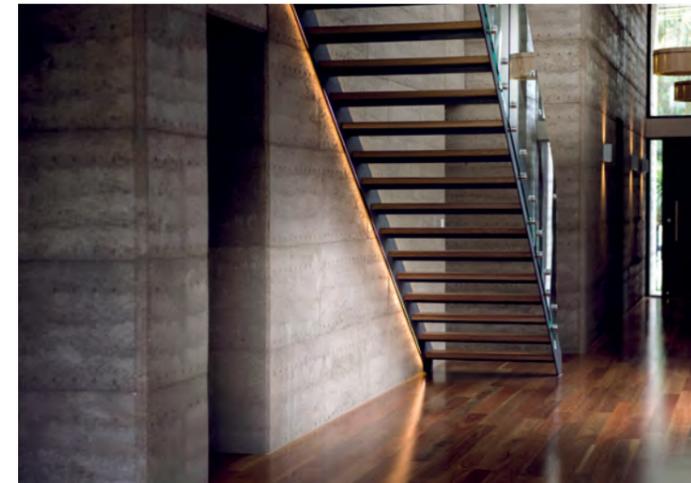


"We really connected with Jock and Josh and felt very much that the culture of their business and the culture of our family were very similar."

- UH Client, Denning St



# The Leabrook House.



"After meeting with a few other design and build teams we were instantly impressed with Jock and the team at Urban Habitats. Not only was the build quality important, but the development of a trusting relationship based on open and honest communication was equally as important. This was very easy to foster with the Urban team.

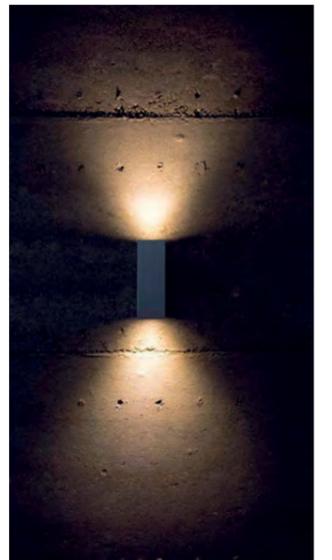
It's not infrequent for us to come home and have people peering over the front fence or taking photos and complimenting us on how amazing the place looks. The house does look amazing, it functions perfectly and is now everything we dreamed our home would be."

- UH Client, The Leabrook House



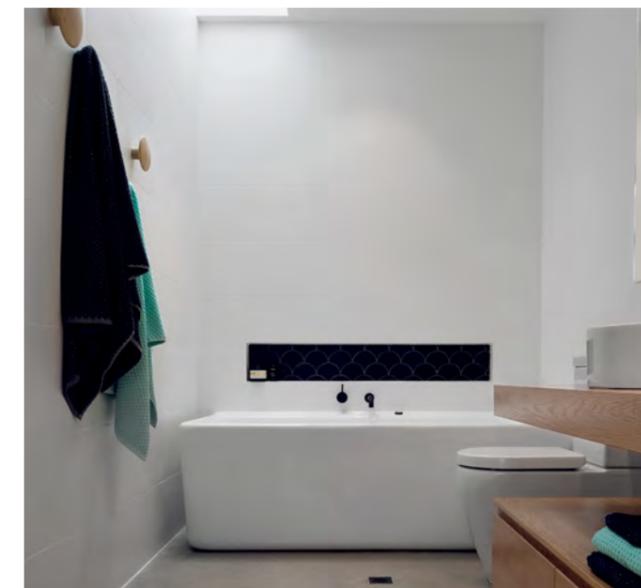
Our philosophy is to create spaces that enable our clients to enjoy the simplicities of everyday living - and that is what we have achieved with this project. The stunning façade and natural finish grey rammed-earth wall creates a wonderful statement from the street front.

This project acknowledges Sofiaa Design.





# The Crafers House.



**Celebrating form - this is a lively home for a modern family.**

Our Crafers home takes you on a journey. Constructed with a mix of materials, you are welcomed with a rich, dark exterior and spaces within that are noticeably lighter and effortless. Our clients were attracted to this particular site in the Adelaide Hills - it has a very special feel to it.

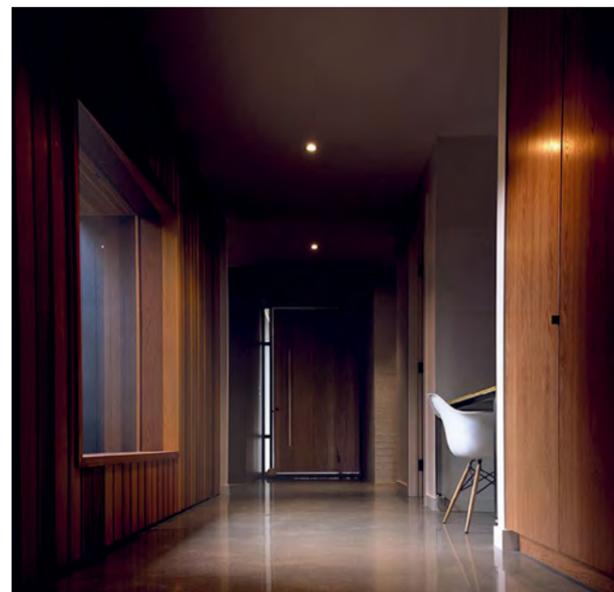
The site had a southern aspect, limited solar access and serious level complications. To address this – our focus was to design a home that maximised solar access, thermal performance and best used the stunning landscape. The outcome is a grouping of three gable roofed pods which are joined by a flat roof hallway. This home responds perfectly to the site's complications and client's desires.

An Urban Habitats Collaboration with Proske Architects.



"We are so pleased with the result of our Urban Habitats home, it provides for the way we want to live and engages with the location perfectly."

- C & J, The Crafers House



"Watching people come and go on site - it was quite an experience for me. The carpenters and trades in general were just simply amazing people. Whether it was a bricky that ate raw onions or a young carpenter who was so proud of the work that he had done that he actually brought his parents through the house upon completion. Everyone took pride in what it was that they were doing."

- UH Client, Palmerston House



# On Site.



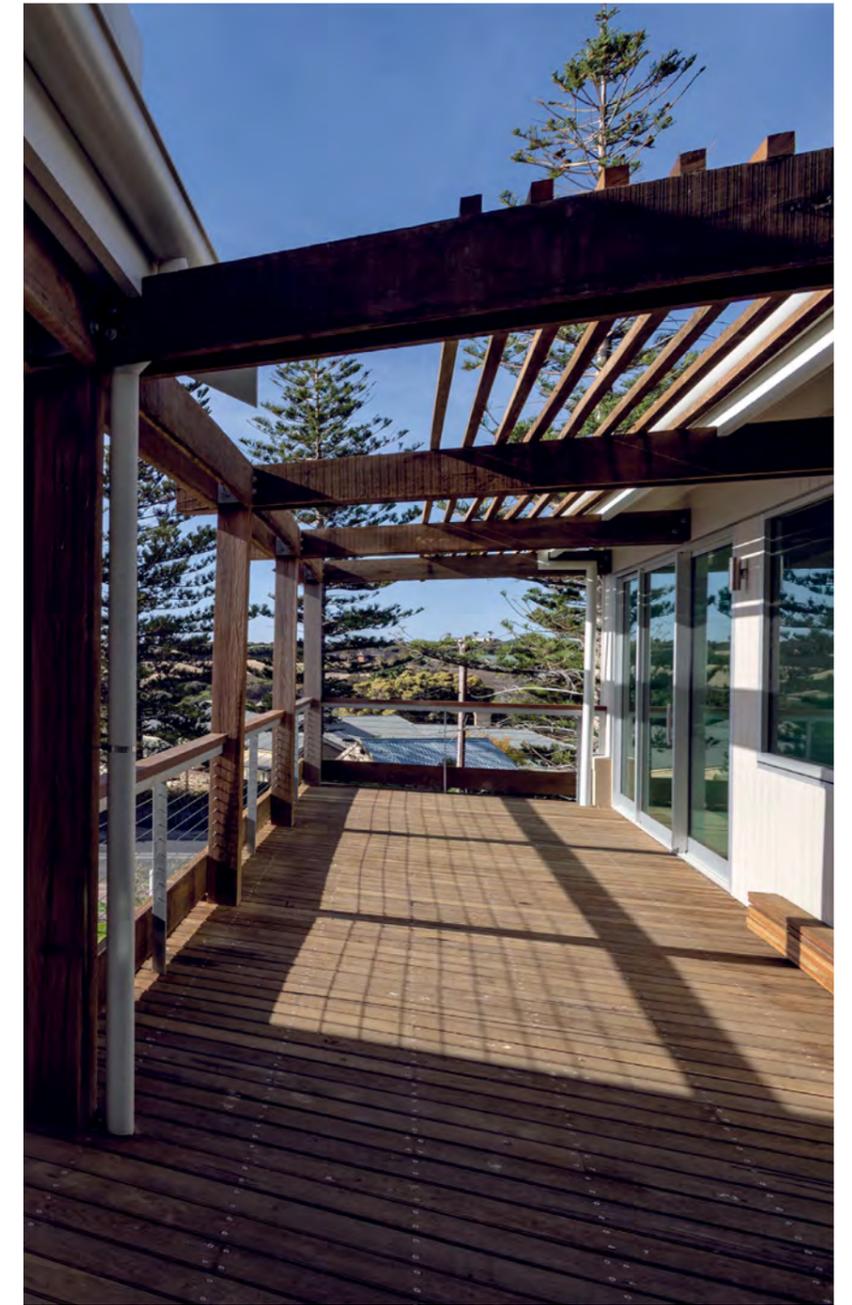


“Our contractors are truly an extension of our Urban Habitats family and in many cases have led and fostered the development of our staff along the way. We are proud of the work our trades do with us to manifest the homes we have designed. Our business has always been supported by a great core of trades and suppliers who help our staff and clients along the way on the design and construction phases of our projects, their knowledge and skill ensuring the best possible outcomes. Similarly, we have been able to entrust our clients to their care for the selection process knowing an understood level of service and integrity expected by Urban Habitats will be met. Our suppliers provide a great complementary service to our business and we are proud to stand next to them 20 years later.”

- Josh Semmler, Urban Habitats Director Construction & Development

Port Willunga  
Beach House.





## A new landmark.

Port Willunga House is a new home that is prominent and contemporary. This two storey-home maximises the panoramic vista views, it is specifically designed for our clients to entertain both internally and externally.

This home is now a stunning landmark of Port Willunga, and we thoroughly enjoyed building it alongside Tim Evans Architecture and Enoki Design.

This project acknowledges Tim Evans Architecture and Enoki Design.



# Aldgate House.





The unique nature of the project is consistent from concept to the finest detail, with every part of the home custom designed as part of the greater whole.

The set out of the home involving high curved parapet walls, with natural plaster as well as timber battens, both internally and externally, encapsulate internal living spaces that are both impressive and inviting.

A strong emphasis on natural products and finishes is constant throughout and the striking colour scheme and interior design are befitting a project with numerous technical challenges such as a very complex site set out, extensive requirement for crane access, deep excavated cellar and rumpus space and cantilevered off-form slab.



This project acknowledges Roger Wood, Wood Marsh Architects.

"I have worked closely with Urban Habitats to realise the construction of a house deigned by our Practice for the Adelaide Hills. An empathetic relationship was established from the outcome with the common goal to deliver this bespoke building for our mutual clients at the highest level. The management and communication of Urban Habitats and their skill in building achieved the most impressive outcome and I look forward to any opportunity in the future to continue this relationship."

- Roger Wood, Architect





## Jock & Josh.

We're passionate about design and we're passionate about building - but above all, we're passionate about personal engagements and helping our clients achieve their visions.

Over the past two decades we have worked with so many great clients, suppliers and consultants and those relationships are key to delivering beautiful homes that meet the needs of modern families. It's an honour and privilege to design and build a client's dream home and it's a responsibility we never take for granted.



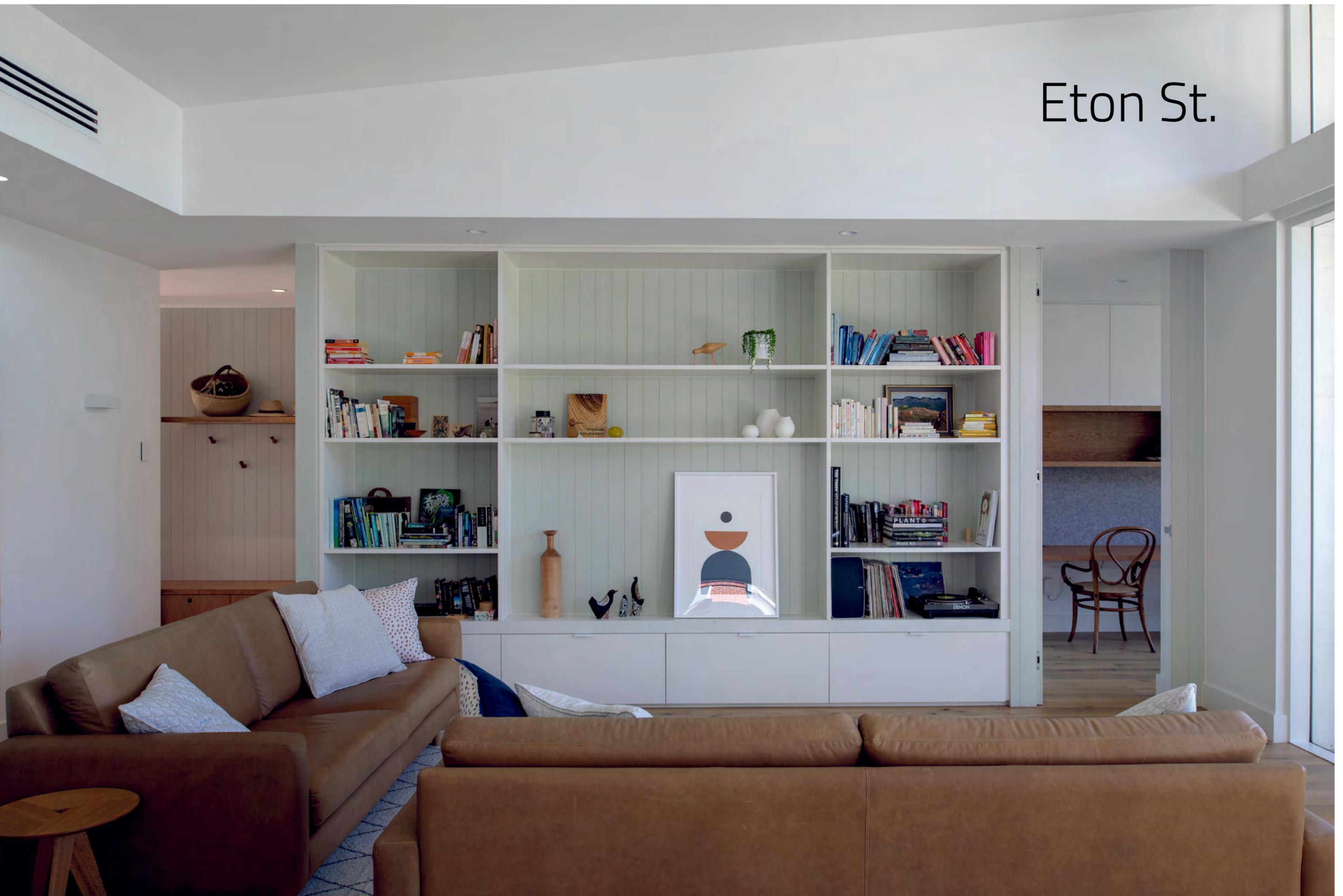
# Creative Collaborations.



Our numerous consultants - from architecture and interior designers to engineers - all play an important part in our success. Their knowledge, professionalism and friendship has helped us to complete some landmark and truly unique projects over the years.

We take great pride in the association of our brand with those who have similar drive and passion for quality design and planning.

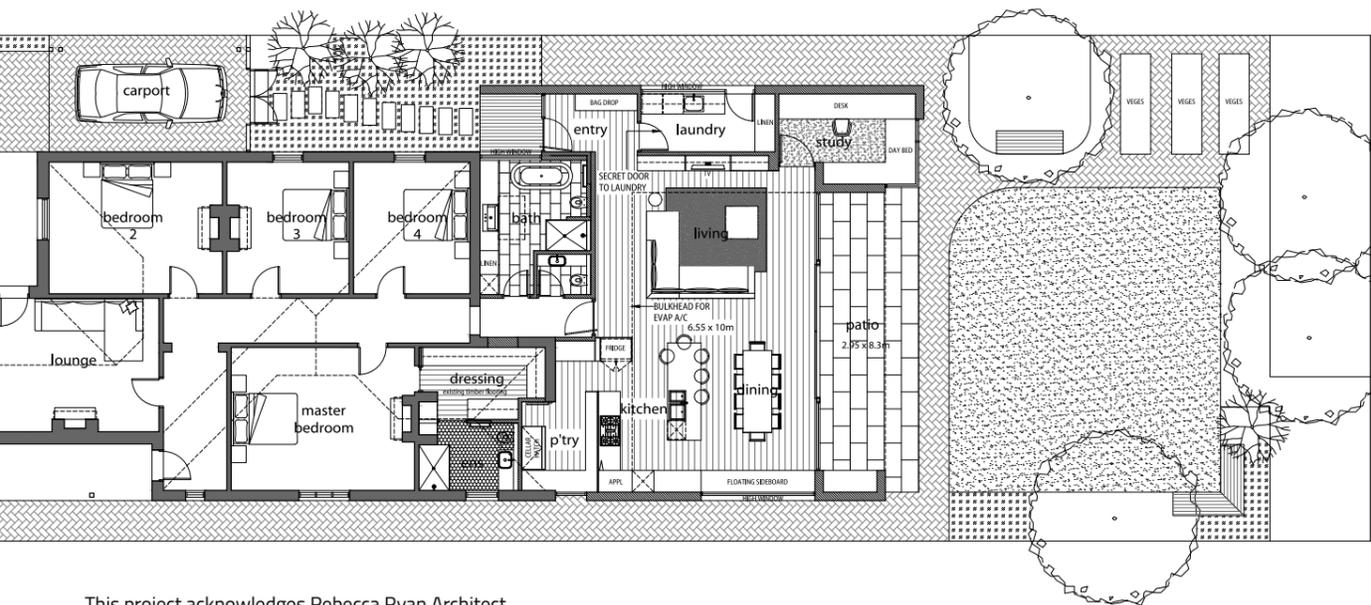
# Eton St.





Our Malvern renovation creates a seamless connection between the interior and the outdoors.

This successful design celebrates architecture, interior design and landscape. A wonderful collaboration with Architect Rebecca Ryan.



This project acknowledges Rebecca Ryan Architect.



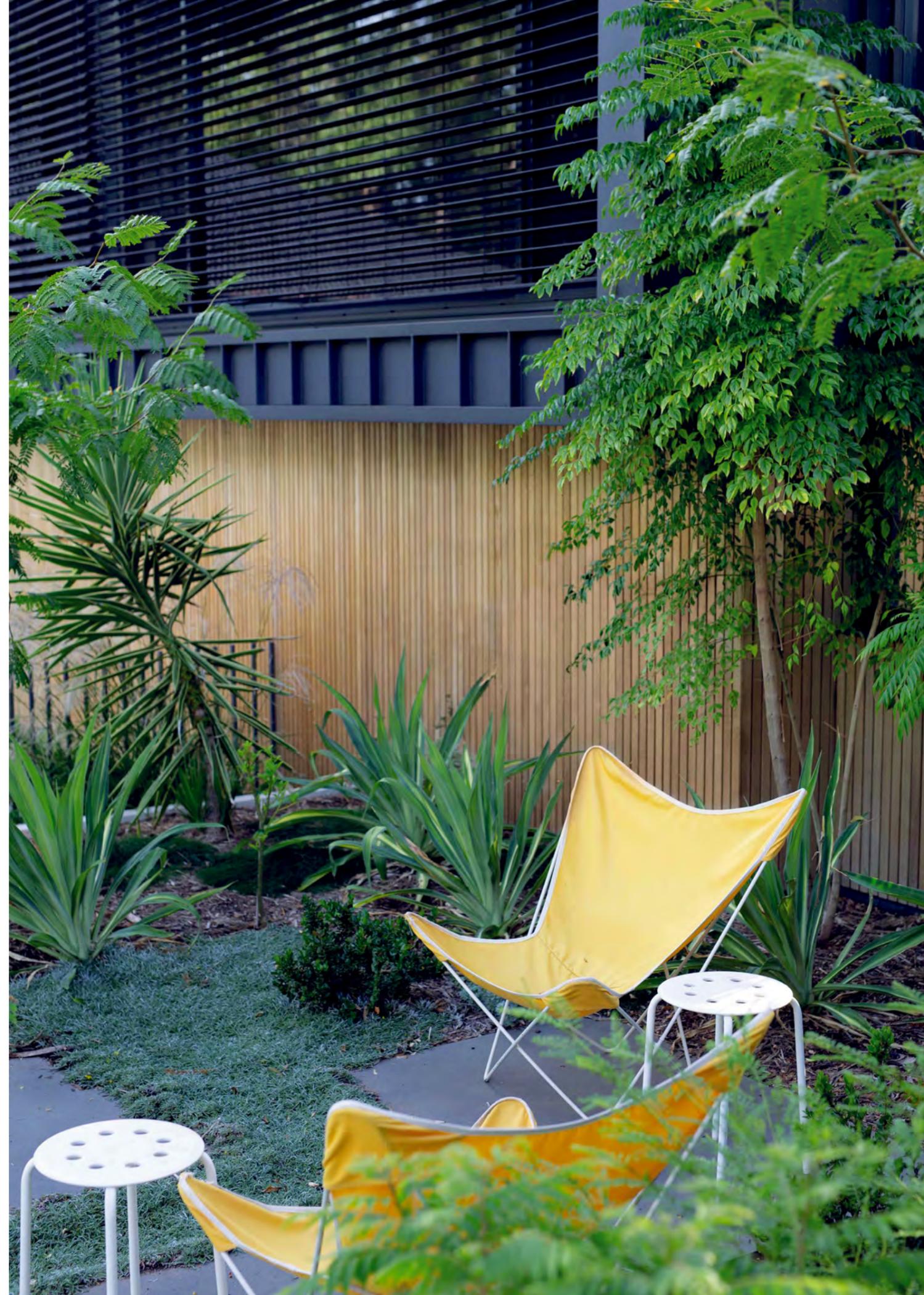
***“Why does modernist design appeal to people? Why has it stood the test of time?”***

“Modernist architecture celebrates exceptional attention to detail and thorough resolution of issues and outcomes (form should follow function).

Today’s lifestyles resonate with that of modernist design philosophy and building materials, notably; glass, steel, reinforced off form concrete, stone etc with specific reference to minimalist detailing.

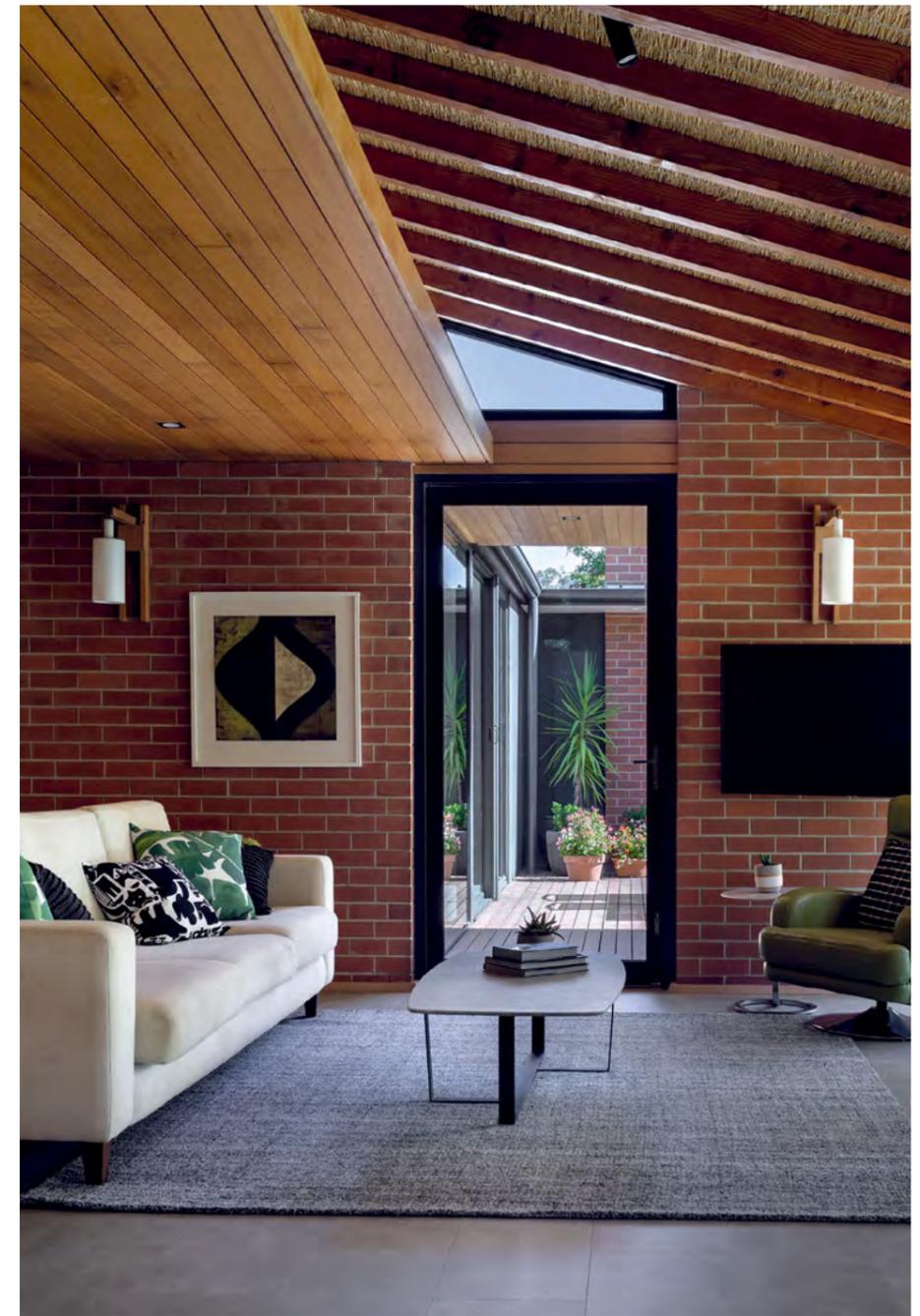
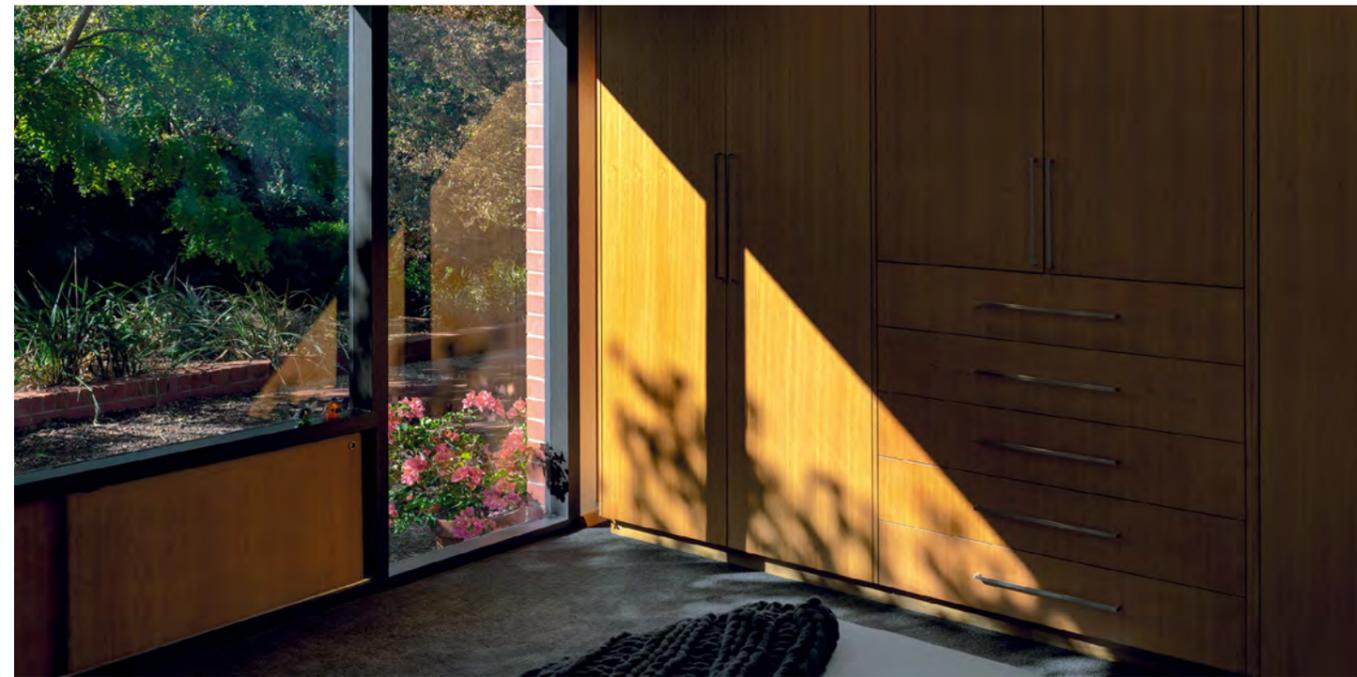
People seem drawn to the refined details and warmth of many of these materials. Sometimes landing on the most refined outcome is like finding what might be hiding in plain sight, it seems simple in hindsight but takes a lot of skill and effort to achieve.”

- Jock Merrigan, Urban Habitats  
Managing Director



A modern house with large glass windows and a wooden deck, surrounded by trees and landscaping. The house features a prominent silver chimney and a dark roofline. The interior is visible through the glass, showing a living area with a sofa and a dining table with chairs. The exterior has a wooden deck and is surrounded by lush greenery and trees. The text "Torrens Park Renovation." is overlaid on the image.

# Torrens Park Renovation.



## A sympathetic renovation to a 70's mid-century inspired home.

We felt honoured to have been engaged by our Torrens Park client – she has a passion for and understanding of mid-century architecture and we felt fortunate to have an opportunity to showcase our traditional craftsmanship techniques. The home interacts seamlessly between inside and out. We created new spaces that were consistent with the existing.

An outstanding outcome - and we specifically love the cabinetry, timber ceilings and wet areas.

This project acknowledges Architect Douglas Gardiner & Mary Ash Interior Design Services.



# Glenelg South.

The Glenelg project is a classic 1920's sandstone villa which underwent minor demolition and modernising to the existing footprint with a dramatic western facing extension to the rear of the property. The outcome is a spectacular and cohesive blend of the old and the new.

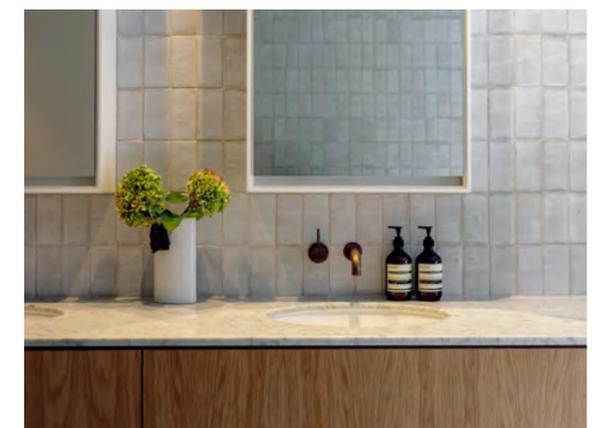
This project acknowledges Colindale Design.



“Having built with Urban Habitats before I knew a high-quality outcome was achievable.”

- T & C, Glenelg South

# Unley House.





## The perfect balance between old and new.

Our Unley House began as a villa that underwent a full renovation and an additional two new wings.

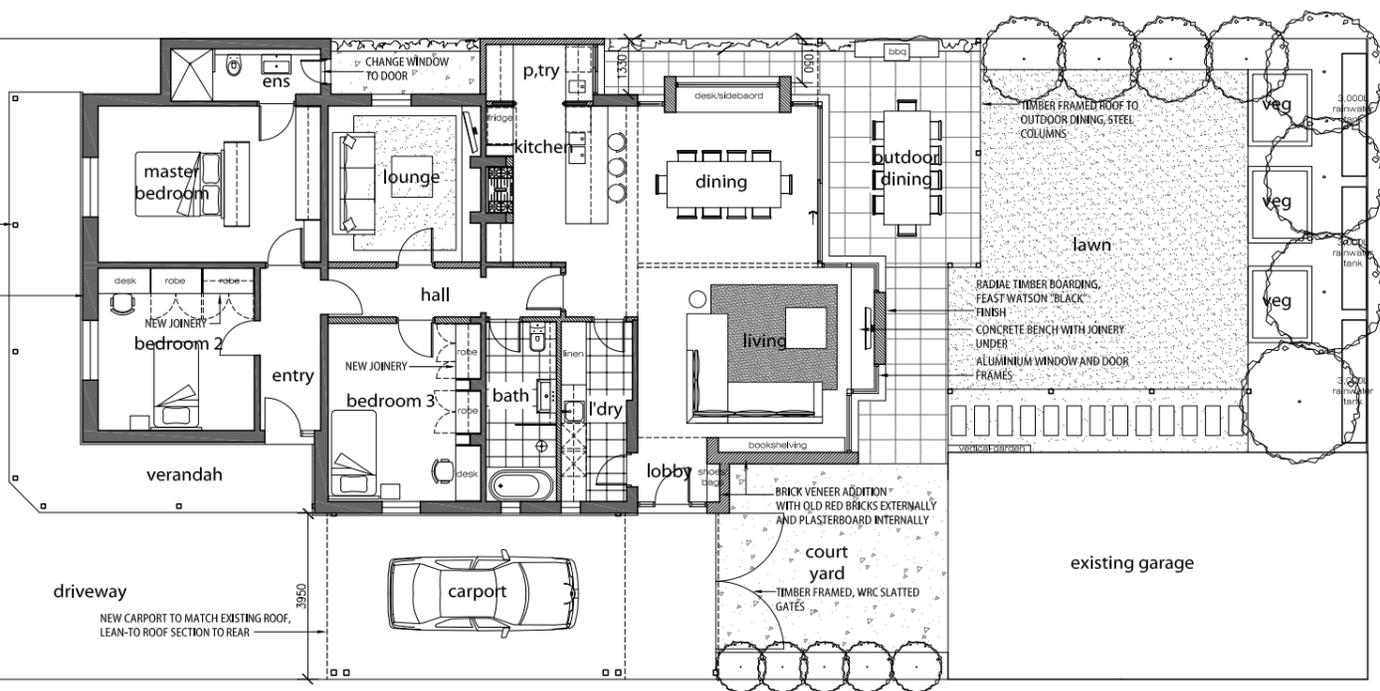
The additions to this villa were specifically designed for the clients - a wonderful family of five. When designing this home, it was important for us to keep in mind how the home was going to be used day to day; and how we could create peace and harmony during this young family's busy day to day lives. The end result is a stunning and stable family home that is comprised of neutral tones and classic details.

# The Evandale House.





This project provided for some 'outside of the box' detailing which was executed perfectly through our collaboration with the clients and Architect Rebecca Ryan.



"The Evandale house is a sophisticated, but modest space requiring a comprehensive understanding of architectural construction and great attention to detail.

The Urban Habitats team were able to deliver on both these aspects of the design, bringing the dream of the client and the architect into reality and being rewarded with a Master Builders award, which says it all really.

Congratulations on an incredibly successful project."

- Rebecca Ryan, Architect

This project acknowledge Rebecca Ryan Architect.

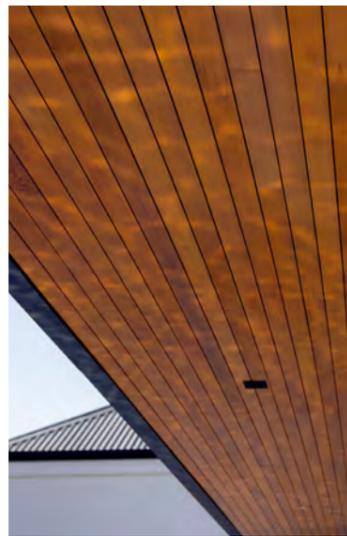




# Palmerston House.

"The building experience and overall home surpassed our expectations."

- Brett, Palmerston House



This charming home was fully restored and modernised with contemporary additions to the rear. An amazing collaboration with Sofiia Design.

“My favourite place in the house is by the pool and the outside fire place. I am a country boy at heart (having grown up in Renmark). For me, sitting out there and smelling the fire burning and watching the rippling light on the water - it’s very peaceful.”

- Brett, Palmerston House

This project acknowledges Sofiia Design.





Thomas St.



***What is your favourite space within your home?***

“Definitely the open plan space. The kitchen and living area has an indoor/outdoor feel. With two young boys it’s fantastic and easy to maintain. We get so many compliments when people come over. There’s something about this space. I can’t really put my finger on it. It’s a real wow factor.

Urban Habitats were great to deal with and helped us to produce a very special home which we will enjoy for many years to come.”

- Kate, Thomas St

This project acknowledges Sofiaa Design.





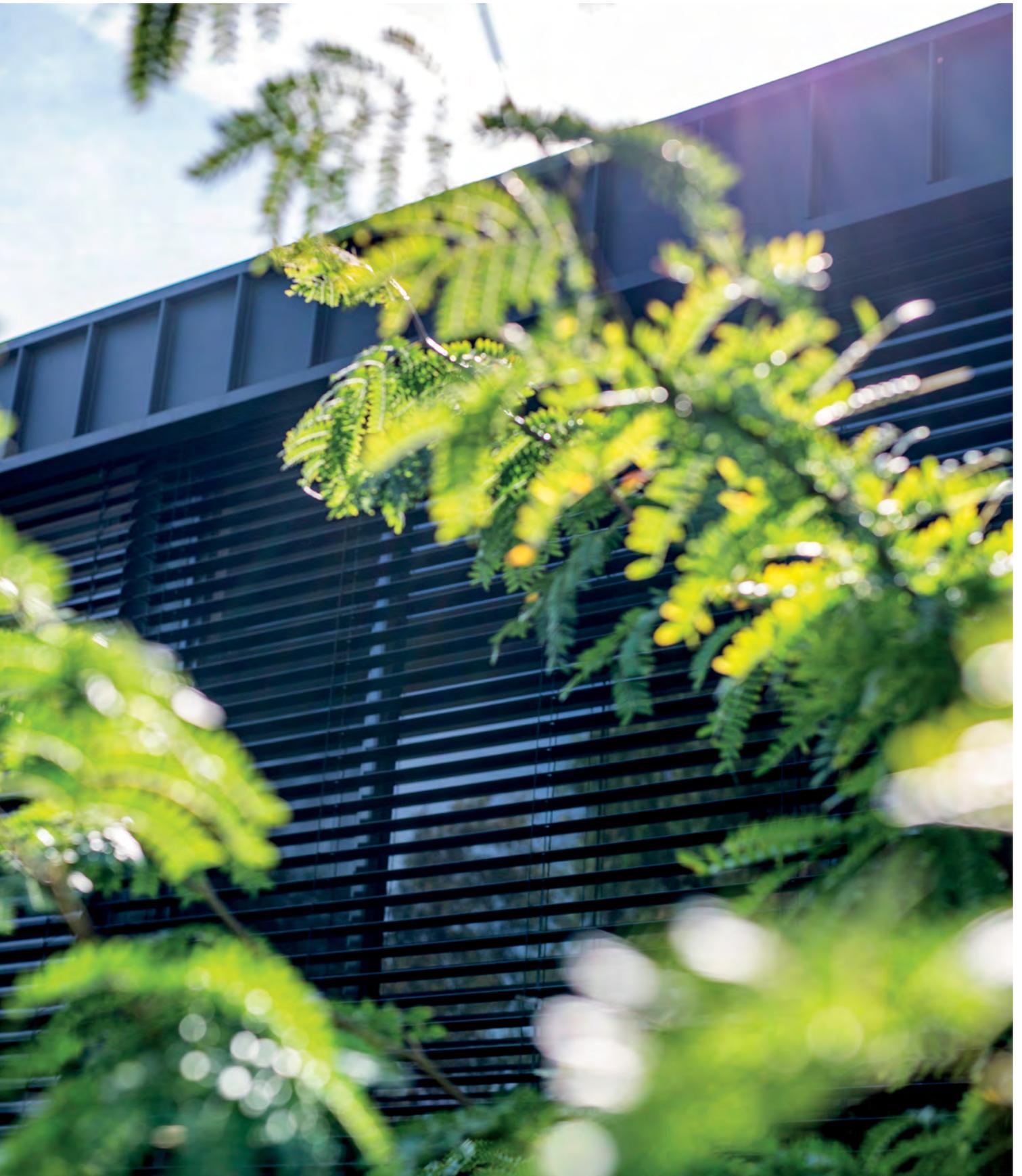
"It is most rewarding seeing the growth of our business and those within it, reflecting on where we have come from and excited about where we are going."

- JS & JM



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