



new residential houses

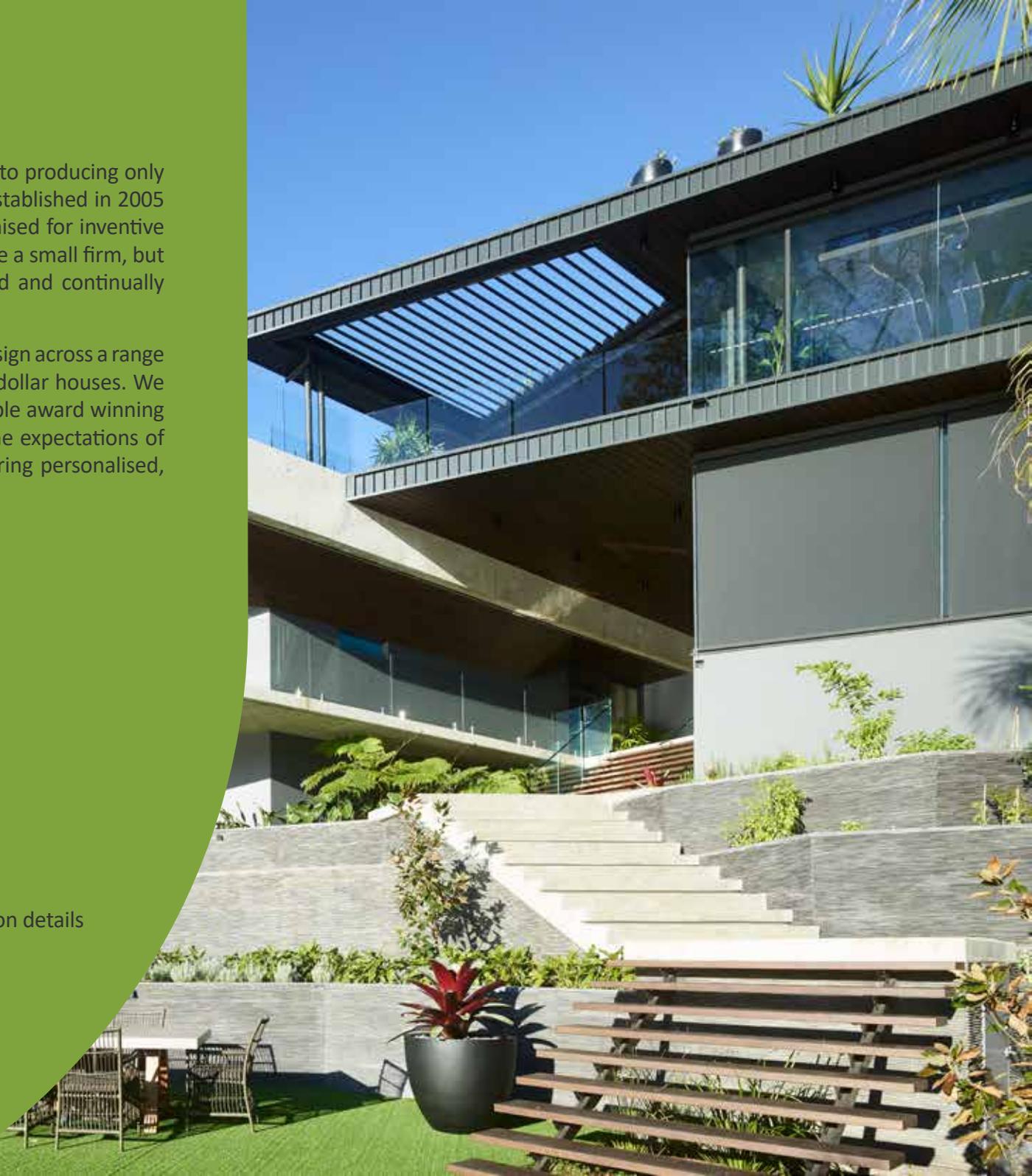
about base

Base is a boutique, multi award winning firm committed to producing only the highest quality of architecture and interiors. It was established in 2005 and is headed by director Shawn Godwin. **Base** is recognised for inventive thinking, creative flair and outstanding service. We may be a small firm, but we are a design powerhouse. Our capabilities are broad and continually evolving.

Base has a highly expert team specialising in residential design across a range of scales from small scale inner city lots, to multimillion dollar houses. We have a proven record spanning over a decade with multiple award winning houses, and more importantly, we continue to exceed the expectations of owners and their families. We pride ourselves on delivering personalised, site responsive, and efficient homes.

our services

- Understanding your family
- Investigation of the site
- Spatial analysis
- Design research
- Overall conceptual design
- Detailed design to meet approval requirements
- Organise preliminary prices from reputable builders
- Recommend and oversee consultants
- Specify finishes and fixtures, materials and construction details
- Complete coordination and documentation
- Recommend builders and organise tenders
- Contract administration on site



OUR VIEW ON NEW HOUSES

Understanding your family:

At Base, we understand every family is different. We recognise how each family occupies their home is continually changing throughout the day, month and the years to come.

We aim to understand as much as we can about how your family will use the spaces, and craft them to your bespoke needs to achieve the best possible solution, always with the considerations of site and budget in mind. We will ask you lots of questions about how every member of your family prefer to eat, sleep, work and relax, so that we can make sure everyone will love living in your new home for many years to come.

Understanding your site:

A large part of how you experience your home is its location and surroundings. From maximising breezes and natural light, to accessing the views and vistas across the suburb or city, we pride ourselves on understanding the details and nuances of every site we work on. For new homes, often you won't have lived on the site before, so this in-depth investigation allows us to shape your home to respond to all conditions throughout the day and year, ensuring we capture the best your site has to offer.

The design asset:

We believe in the value that good design brings to our clients. We focus on designing high quality, functional spaces that enhance your experience of being at home. We prioritise quality spaces over size, making sure that the home is practical, comfortable and efficient.

We may challenge some initial ideas of what you want, but this is all part of the process of making sure we get the best possible outcome for you and your family.

Cost effective and sustainable:

We believe that cost-effective building is the key to modern architecture for every family and that this can be achieved through sustainable design. By favouring timeless designs that are flexible enough to grow with your family, Base will accommodate your needs now, and the needs of your family as they change in the future. We design with flexibility in mind, creating multifunctional spaces that allow for functional changes without the need for structural change in the future.



case study: rocky passage

snapshot

Completion 2016 **Area** 542m²

project description

Rocky represents the owner's appreciation for clean simple designs, mid-century modernist architecture, and a close connection to the landscape. Concrete cantilevers soar past a refined glass and timber enclosure, commanding a hillside position protecting a northern courtyard to one side, with expansive views to the other.

Natural materials of quarried bluestone, cararra marble and rosewood represent a minimal palette that unifies all spaces throughout the house, providing a backdrop for unique experiences throughout the design. Rocky delivers a grand arrival space; living spaces expanding out to the landscape; reflective lounging area; functionality of a rumpus/home school area; and a retreat to the luxurious master bed suite.

The client's ambitious vision for all aspects of the house to feel appropriately considered is evident through the meticulous detailing across the design.





case study: christian street

snapshot

Completion 2015 **Area** 705m²

project description

On the Eastern side of a rolling hill with views to Hamilton and the river beyond, the house is fortunate to command a wider than normal frontage, enabling not only varied forms and volumes but a much more generous plan than most inner-city houses. The house takes on elements of both lightweight timber Queenslanders and the more solid Clayfield homes adjacent: lightweight metal, timber and plywood cladding contrasted with solid rendered block, concrete pool structures and heavy based elements.

The three-level void orientates circulation – lower-level guest and ancillary spaces, mid-level entertaining and upper-level bedrooms. The wrapping patterned stair balustrade unites the levels and adds an artistic element to the otherwise raw textures of the buildings dark polished concrete floors and warm timber clad walls. Operable walls open to the North and East, maximizing light and ventilation into open plan living spaces. With the generous floor plan that makes the most out of the site opportunities, this will be a family home for many years to come.



we connect the dots

case study: yerranya

snapshot

Completion 2016 **Area** 395m²

project description

Faced with providing an exciting five bedroom family home situated on an awkward shaped sloping block, Yerranya responds by fanning out in a dynamic angular plan with uplifting moments in all corners of the dwelling. The client's pursuit to capture ocean breezes and views out and over the dunes saw the creation of a house that steps up from the street but nestles into the dunal landscape as sensitively as possible.

The success of this project hinged upon spatial planning efficiencies, simplicity of construction and careful consideration of the functional and spatial relationships which arise out of the changing lifestyle of the clients and their growing family.

Multipurpose spaces were incorporated along with the use of concealed sliding doors between rooms, allowing for privacy and separation when needed. Providing this flexibility over time maximizes its long-term functionality for the current owners and potential future buyers. Large openings and operable windows allow for ample natural light and ventilation throughout the home, reducing the need for air-conditioning and artificial lighting.





case study: molonga terrace

snapshot

Completion 2016 **Area** 628m²

project description

The Molonga house is unassuming in its street presence, its dark timber and metal cladding forms a backdrop to the majestic tree at the front. Designed as an entertainer's home, it also houses a family, requiring distinct separation between different areas of the home so that all can be occupied concurrently.

From the outset, raw concrete platforms defined each of the levels, allowing sharp angles and cantilevered forms to create a distinctive form, allowing one to occupy the edge as close to the river as possible. Dark metal cladding then wraps the more private spaces, while large glass walls and operable panels, open up the public spaces, maximising the relationship with the outdoors.

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matingara: paul and kathy mcgraw

“Thank you for such a beautiful new house! We absolutely love it and are so pleased with the end product. You achieved everything we wanted- the garden outlook from every room, the NE breezes blowing through the house, the feeling of spaciousness with the open living areas and high ceilings and the practicality of it all.

We did have the whole family for Easter and the 4 children loved it! I think they were surprised at our modern contemporary style and gave us lots of tips on how not to overfill it!!! Thank you Julie, for making it such a rewarding process. Our meetings with you were always so encouraging and inspirational, especially as first time owner builders and, yes, we did really enjoy the process.”

robe: anne-louise meeking

“Just wanted to tell you how much we are enjoying winter in our house. The northern sun streams in and makes it lovely during the day! So warm and light ... kind of like we planned it that way!”

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