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About Us

SON Architects is a Victoria-based architecture and design practice that focuses on creating functional, sustainable, and inspiring environments. Founded by Son, a registered architect with the Architects Registration Board of Victoria, the firm provides thoughtful design solutions for a wide range of projects, including residential, commercial, and education.

Son Architects emphasises a collaborative and transparent approach, guiding clients through each stage of the design and building process. The practice is known for combining artistic vision with technical expertise to deliver projects that are both practical and visually striking, ranging from contemporary suburban homes to multi-purpose commercial spaces.



Meet The Team



SON NGUYEN

Managing Director & Project Architects

Before establishing SON Architects, Son spent years delivering diverse commercial and residential projects across Victoria. Combining artistic vision with technical expertise, he focuses on creating functional, sustainable, and refined spaces. Driven by a commitment to people, place, and purpose, his practice balances design integrity with practical buildability to enhance everyday living and the built environment.



THAO TRUONG

Senior Draftsperson

With over 15 years of dedicated expertise in high-end architectural drafting and design development, Thao brings a master-level command of industry-standard software to every project. She specialise in transforming complex architectural concepts into comprehensive, buildable sets of drawings. Her approach balances aesthetic intent with rigorous technical accuracy and ensuring projects stay on schedule and within budget.



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Project Architect

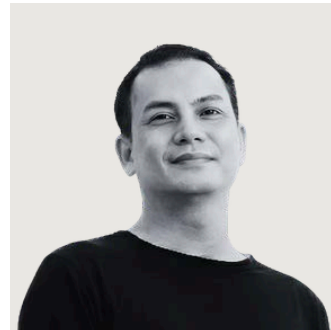
With more than years of experience across architectural firms, An has led the design development and delivery of multidisciplinary projects ranging from residential to commercial across Melbourne and regional Victoria. An's work reflects a balanced approach to context, functionality, and material expression, delivering thoughtful architectural outcomes aligned with client vision and project objectives.



TUONG NGUYEN

Draftsperson

Tuong is a meticulous architectural draftsperson dedicated to transforming conceptual visions into precise, buildable realities. With a keen eye for technical detail and a deep understanding of structural integrity, Tuong specializes in producing comprehensive 2D blueprints and 3D models that bridge the gap between design and construction.



DAT LA

BIM Manager

With more than 15 years of experience in drafting and architectural design, Dat has contributed to a wide range of project types across of Melbourne. His role focuses on producing accurate, well-coordinated documentation and supporting design development through all project stages.



SANG NGUYEN

Admin and Marketing Assistant

At SON Architects, Sang supports the practice through office administration and coordinated marketing efforts. Sang's role includes client communication nand maintaining brand presence across digital platforms, helping ensure smooth day-to-day operations and consistent, professional engagement with clients and collaborators

Sectors



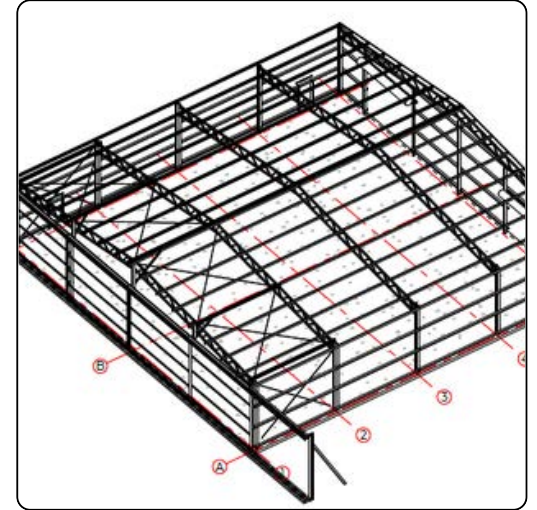
Residential



Education



Hospitality



Industrial

Key Services

Architectural Consultations

We provide comprehensive initial consultations focused on understanding your vision, functional requirements, budget, and long-term aspirations. Through detailed discussions, we explore site opportunities, planning constraints, design possibilities, and project feasibility. This collaborative process establishes a clear and informed brief, ensuring each architectural project is strategically grounded, responsive, and aligned with your goals from the outset.

Subdivision

We deliver considered and innovative subdivision solutions that unlock the full potential of your land while maximising long-term investment value. Our approach integrates site analysis, planning controls, market awareness, and efficient design strategies to achieve compliant, buildable, and commercially viable outcomes. From small-scale infill projects to multi-lot developments, we guide clients through the complexities of subdivision with clarity, ensuring balanced results across design quality, feasibility, and return on investment.

Planning and Building Permit

We guide clients through the complex landscape of local council requirements and regulatory approvals, ensuring your project meets all planning and building standards. Our team prepares and lodges comprehensive permit applications, coordinates with relevant authorities, and manages compliance documentation. By handling the intricacies of planning and building approvals, we streamline the process, reduce delays, and give you confidence that your project is fully compliant from concept to construction.

Design and Drafting

We provide end-to-end architectural design and drafting solutions, transforming concepts into detailed, build-ready documentation. From initial sketches and conceptual design through to final construction drawings, our process ensures clarity, accuracy, and practical buildability. Every design is carefully developed to meet client objectives, comply with regulatory requirements, and optimise functionality, aesthetics, and sustainability, providing a seamless transition from vision to construction.

Project Management

Our team provides a single point of accountability, meticulously overseeing budgets, timelines, and contractor procurement to ensure your investment is protected. By managing the complexities of on-site coordination and quality control, we maintain the integrity of the design intent from groundbreaking to handover. We act as your dedicated advocate, streamlining communication between consultants and authorities to transform a complex construction process into a seamless, transparent experience that delivers excellence on time and within budget.

Certifications

SON Architects is committed to upholding the highest professional, ethical, and regulatory standards within the architectural and construction industry. The practice is led by a registered architect and maintains active membership and accreditation with key governing and professional bodies in Victoria and Australia, reinforcing our dedication to quality, accountability, and excellence in design.



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VICTORIAN
BUILDING
AUTHORITY

Our Values



HIGH QUALITY DESIGNS

We ensure every project meets the highest standards of safety, functionality, and regulatory compliance, providing peace of mind throughout the design and construction process.

HIGH EXPERTISE

With extensive experience across residential, commercial, and multi-dwelling developments, our team brings innovative design solutions tailored to your project goals.

COMPETITIVE PRICING

We deliver outstanding value by balancing practical budgets with exceptional design, ensuring projects are both cost-effective and of the highest quality

EXPERT COMPLIANCE

We are well-versed in navigating local planning requirements and council processes, ensuring approvals are handled efficiently and effectively.

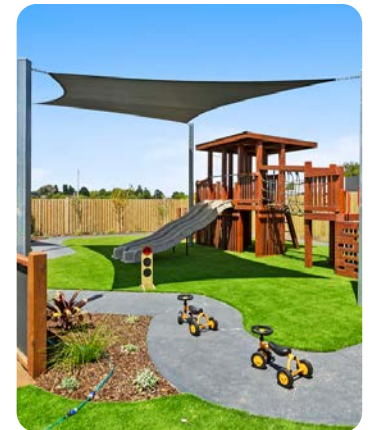
ESTABLISHED NETWORK

Our strong relationships with trusted engineers, consultants, and building professionals help streamline project delivery and optimise outcomes.

COMMUNICATION

We prioritise clear, transparent, and responsive communication at every stage, keeping you informed and confident from concept through to completion.

Our Projects



Burnbank Street

In one of Ballarat's most cherished enclaves, just a stone's throw from the tranquil shores of Lake Wendouree, sits a home that redefines contemporary luxury living.

Burnbank Street, project isn't just a home—it's a story of light, craft and seamless connection between indoor and outdoor spaces

Approaching the house, you're greeted by a façade that balances bold geometry with a warm, layered material palette. Charcoal-toned brick meets crisp black-framed glazing, punctuated by accents of natural timber. From here, a sweeping pathway leads you under a generous cantilevered canopy—an elegant prelude to what lies within.

The heart of the house is an open-plan living, dining and kitchen pavilion framed by full-height sliding doors. On summer days, these fold away completely, beckoning the outdoors in. Imagine lazy afternoons by the in-ground, heated pool, while a nearby BBQ area invites spontaneous gatherings under the pergola. Lush, low-maintenance planting brings the garden to life without stealing the show from the architecture.

Tucked beside the pool, a clever pool-house retreat features its own kitchenette, living area, bedroom and bathroom—perfect for out-of-town guests, teenage hideaways or a private studio. It's an invitation to linger, to escape, and to experience the property from a different vantage point

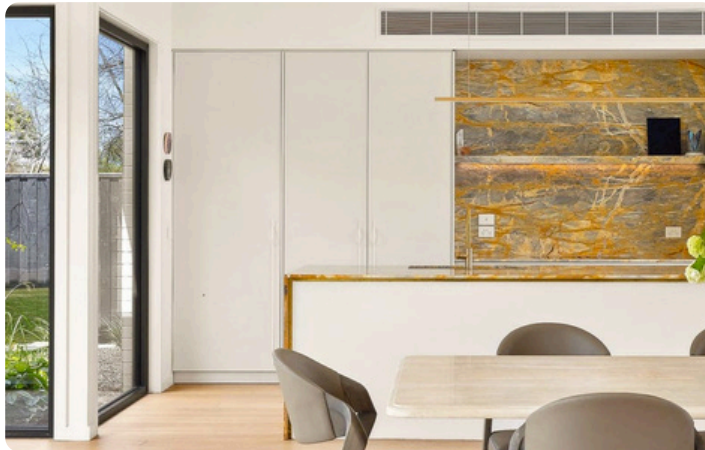
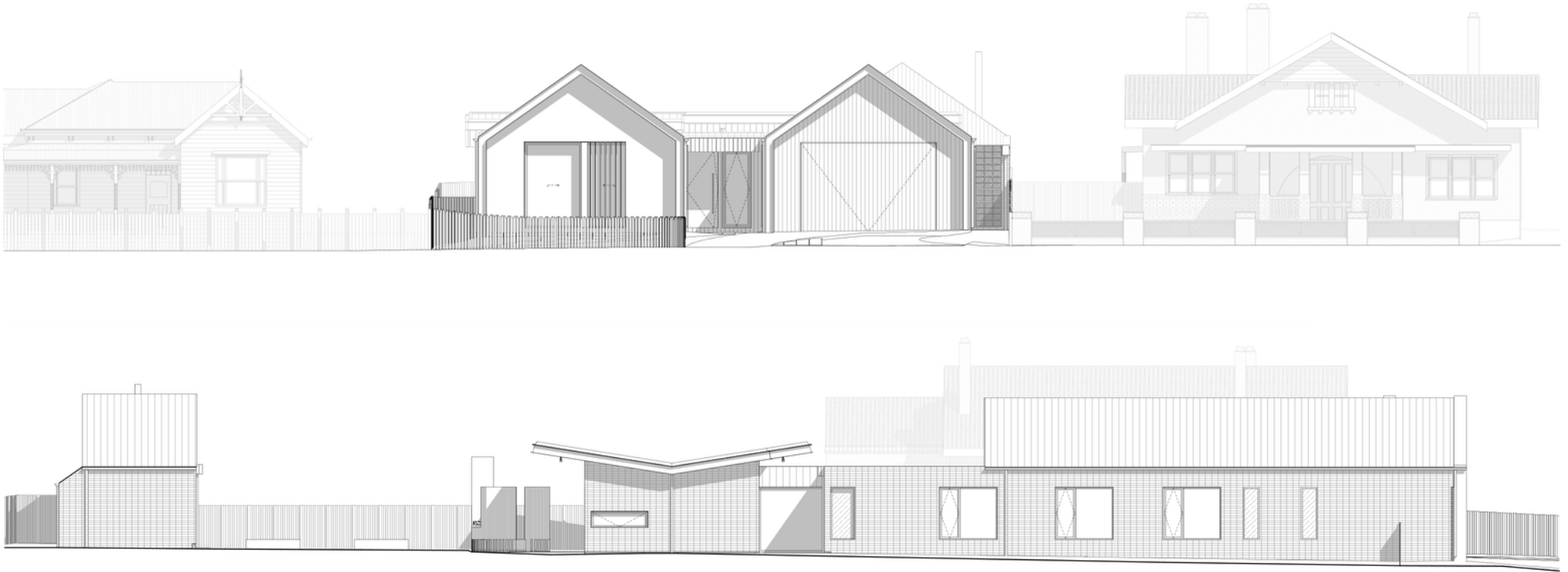
Five generously proportioned bedrooms and four luxe bathrooms spread over 322m² of thoughtfully zoned living. Wake up to filtered light in the north-facing master suite, slip into the spa-like ensuite, then drift down the hall to the study nook that overlooks the garden—every day feels like a retreat.



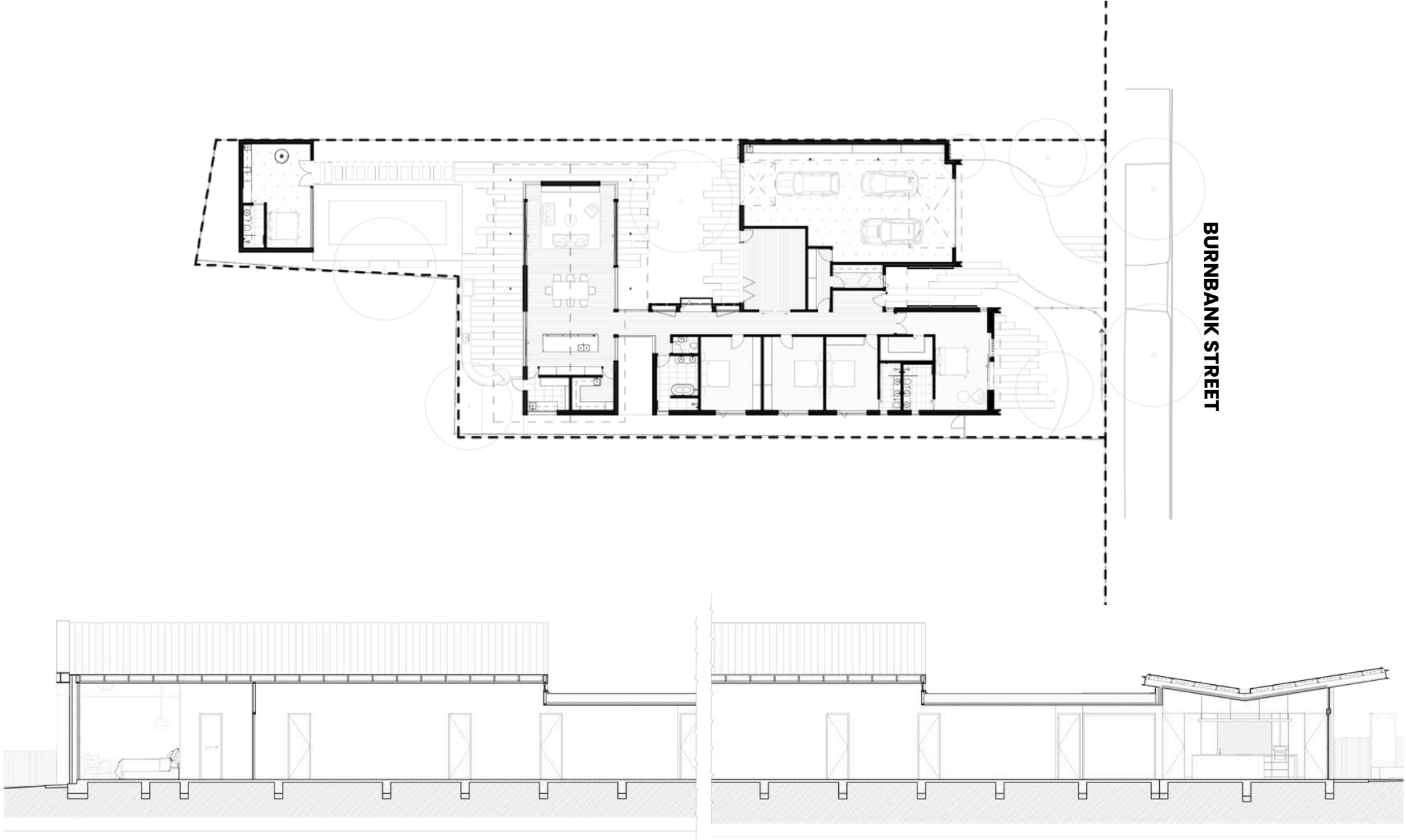
*New Build
Completed in 2025*



Burnbank Street



Burnbank Street



The Court

This contemporary residence represents a sophisticated intersection of bold geometry and organic textures.

Designed to maximize both privacy and light, the home stands as a landmark of modern architecture in one of Ballarat's most sought-after pockets.

The facade is astonishing modern layering, where crisp white cantilevered forms contrast against deep charcoal accents and warm vertical timber battening. This material palette not only provides a striking street presence but also anchors the home within its context, balancing industrial precision with natural warmth.

Inside, the home unfolds into an expansive, light-filled sanctuary designed for both grand entertaining and intimate family life. Polished concrete floors provide a seamless, tactile foundation throughout the ground floor, leading to a gourmet kitchen characterized by a monolithic stone island and minimalist matte cabinetry. The design utilizes double-height glazing and mirrored splashbacks to dissolve the boundaries between the interior and the landscape, ensuring that the lush greenery of the garden is a constant presence within the living spaces.

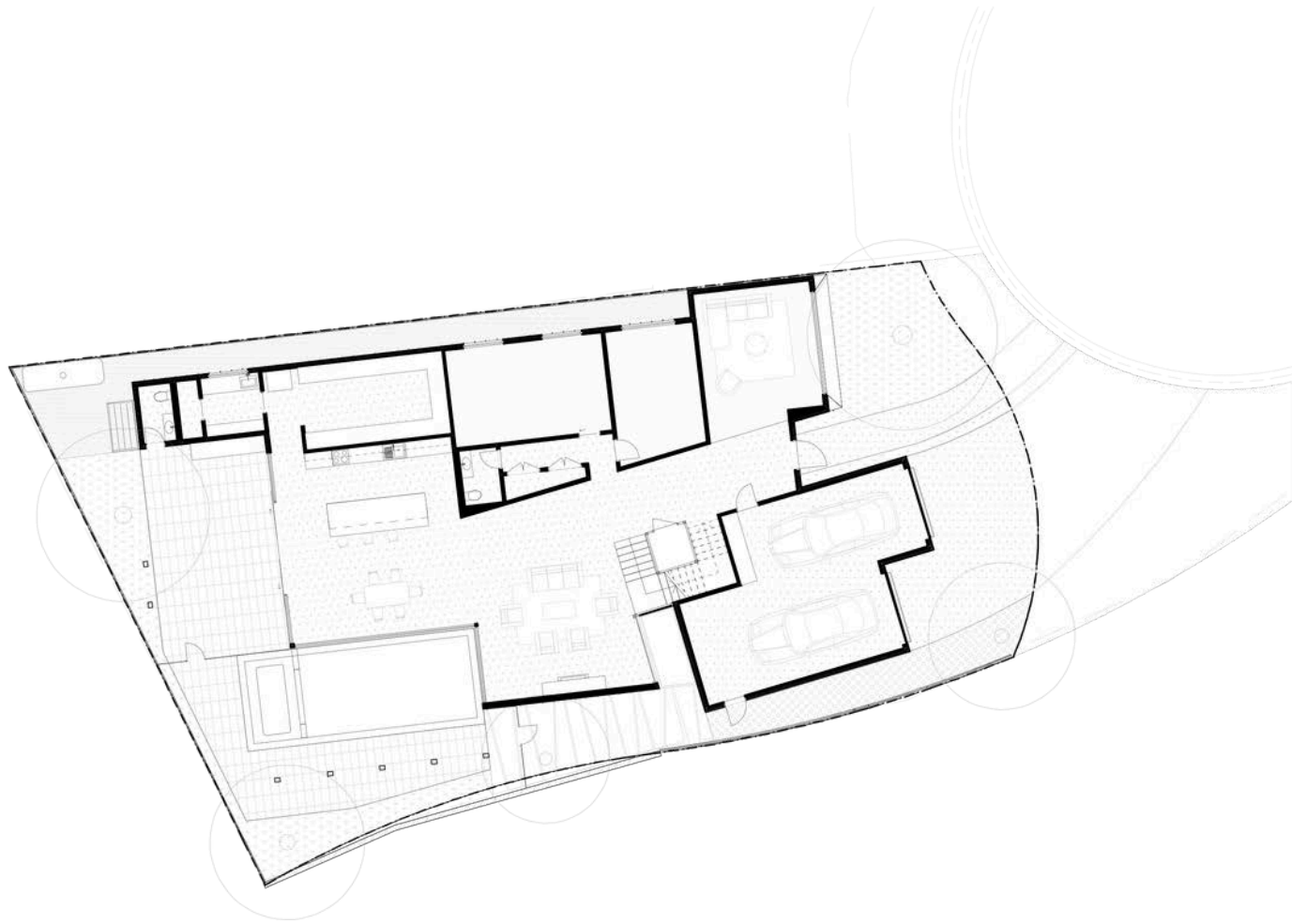
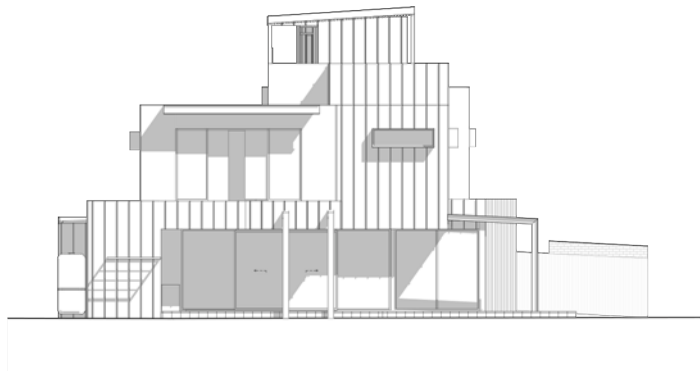
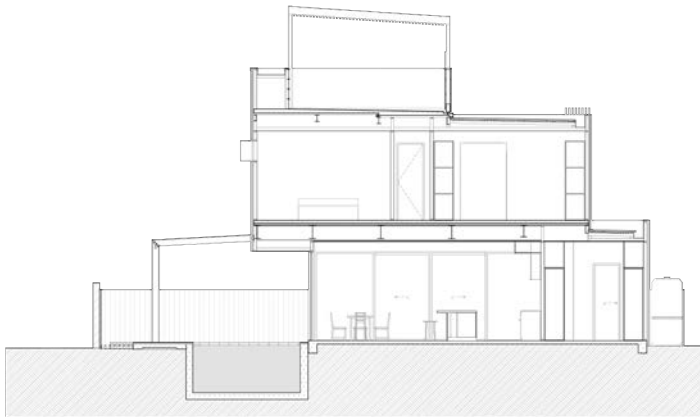
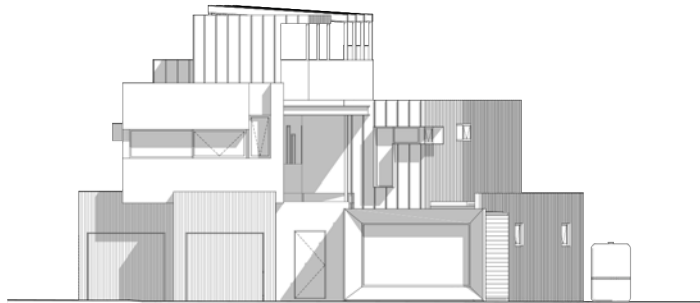
The transition to the outdoors is centered around a stunning lap pool, framed by dark stone tiling and a custom-engineered black steel pergola. This architectural canopy creates a rhythmic play of light and shadow across the poolside lounge, offering a refined space for relaxation. Surrounded by mature bamboo screening for absolute privacy, the rear of the property serves as a secluded urban oasis. From the dramatic halo lighting to the meticulously framed views of the Ballarat sky, every detail at 6 The Court has been curated to offer a lifestyle of unparalleled modern luxury just moments from the lake's edge.



*New Build
Completed in 2024*



The Court



Lyons Street

Lyons Street stands as a sophisticated dialogue between Ballarat's rich heritage and contemporary residential design.

This unique project focuses on a seamless transition from the intricate, ornate details of the original Victorian era to a bold, modern rear extension that prioritises light, volume, and industrial materiality.

The interior of the original residence has been meticulously restored to honor its historical significance. Deep cornices, ornate ceiling roses, and traditional stained-glass windows are complemented by a curated selection of period-appropriate yet modern furnishings. The use of classic timber flooring and reclaimed brickwork throughout the home provides a grounded, textural warmth that bridges the gap between the old world and the new. In the bedrooms and formal living areas, the integration of original fireplaces alongside custom joinery demonstrates a commitment to functional design that doesn't compromise on character.

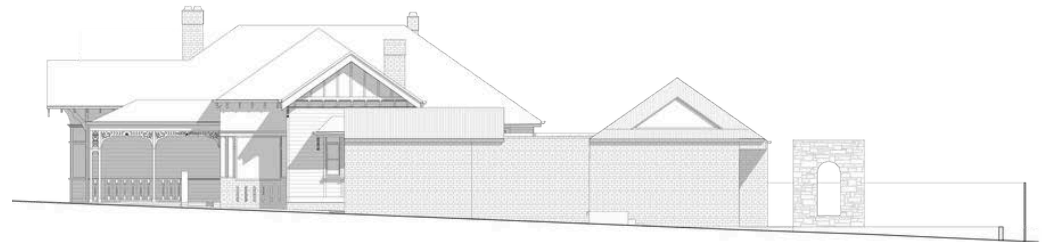
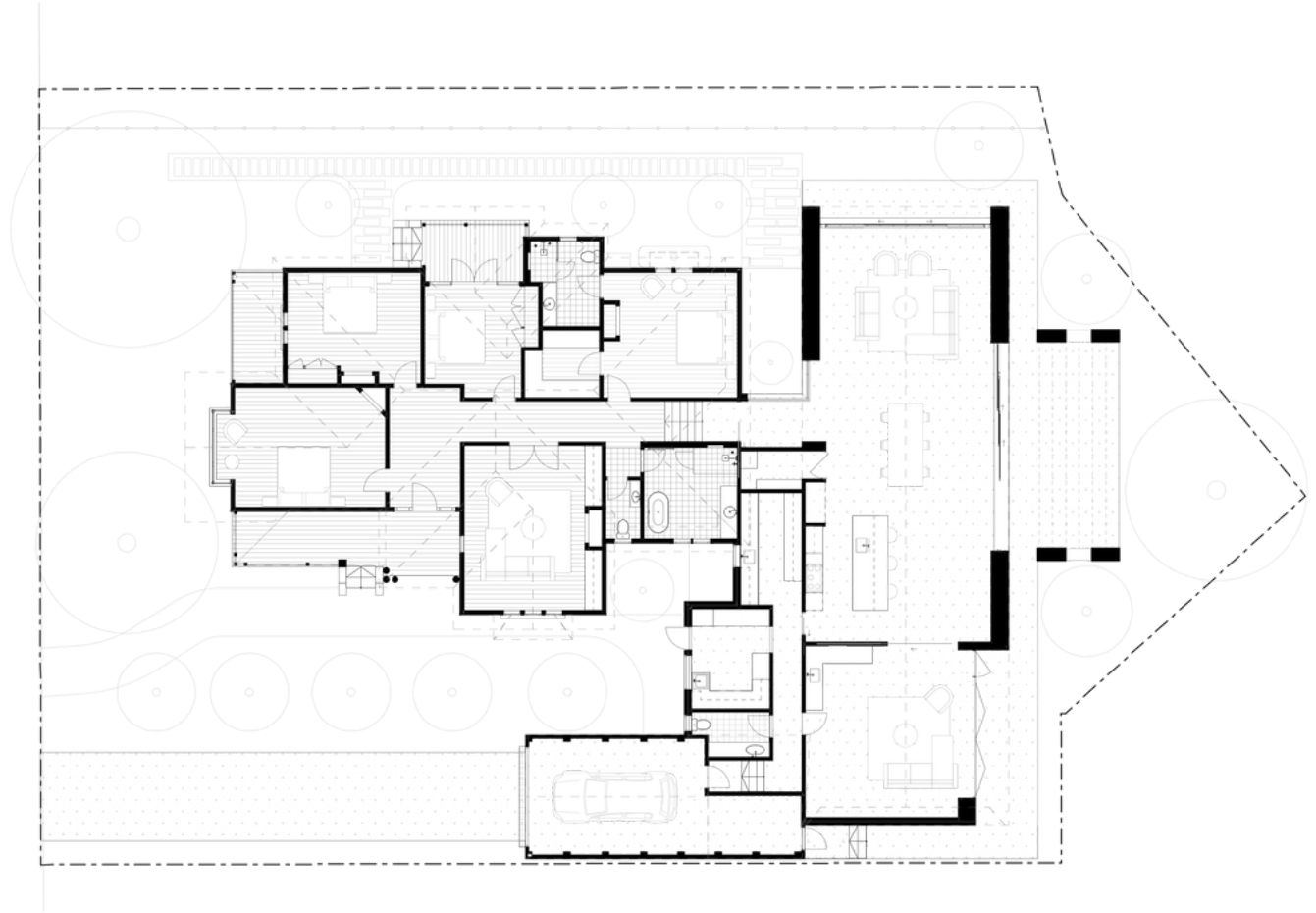
Moving toward the rear, the home opens into a striking open-plan kitchen and dining pavilion defined by a dramatic pitched ceiling and a monochrome palette. The kitchen is a symbol of modern minimalism, featuring matte black cabinetry that stretches to the ceiling, contrasted by a sprawling marble-veined island bench. This space is flooded with natural light through high-level triangular glazing and large-format bifold that erase the boundary between the interior and the outdoor entertaining area.



*Home Extension
Completed in 2024*



Lyons Street



Cowley Court

The project consists of a series of contemporary townhouses characterised by a rhythmic, modular facade that utilizes bold geometric cut-outs and deep recessed balconies.

A striking material palette defines the exterior, where the industrial sharpness of off-white concrete-look renders and black vertical cladding is grounded by the warmth of red brickwork and natural timber fencing. This thoughtful layering of textures ensures that while the development maximises the use of the site, it maintains a premium, custom-designed feel that appeals to the modern tenant or homeowner.

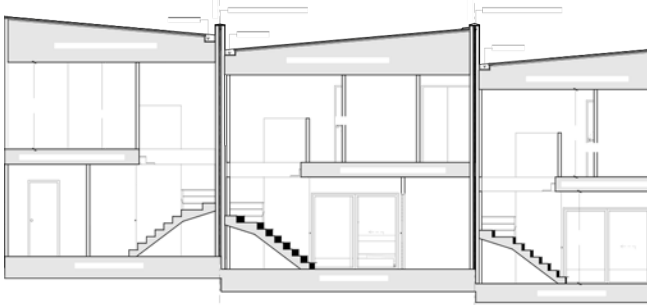
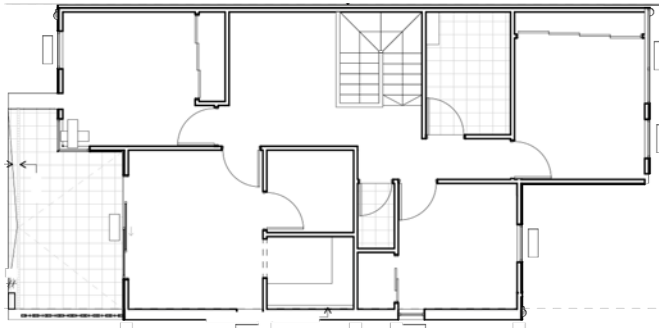
Strategic design extends to the site's layout and landscaping, where a commitment to low-maintenance luxury is evident. Each unit features a private ground-floor courtyard and an elevated glass-balustrade balcony, offering dual outdoor living options that maximize natural light. The common areas are meticulously finished with drought-tolerant plantings, light-toned gravel, and large basalt feature rocks, providing a clean, "lock-up-and-leave" aesthetic.

Set against a backdrop of Ballarat's natural landscape, the project successfully balances urban density with environmental connection. The units are oriented to overlook landscaped swales and green corridors, providing a sense of openness often missing in suburban subdivisions. Inside, the attention to detail remains consistent, featuring high-clearance glazing, sleek black window frames, and glass-encased stairwells that flood the interiors with light. This project serves as a premier example of how architectural design can elevate a suburban investment into a landmark residential community.

*Subdivision
Construction in Progress*



Cowley Court



Vue Court

Vue Court represents a sophisticated approach to residential design on a sloping site, where bold geometric forms are harmonized with organic textures.

The architectural identity is defined by striking asymmetrical rooflines and a clean, monochromatic palette.

Clad in white vertical standing-seam panels, the structure achieves a sense of rhythmic height, grounded by robust fieldstone retaining walls. These natural stone elements create a tiered landscape that allows the building to feel embedded in its environment, while native plantings and a signature palm soften the transition between the crisp architecture and the earth.

The rear of the residence serves as a private sanctuary, designed to dissolve the boundaries between the interior and the landscape. A massive, thin-profile cantilevered roof extends over the primary outdoor living zone, providing solar protection while framing views of the surrounding canopy. The expansive timber deck follows the natural topography of the land, incorporating a sleek plunge pool and a glass-balustrade viewing platform. Floor-to-ceiling glazing ensures that the transition from the alfresco dining area to the interior remains seamless, capturing the shifting light throughout the day.

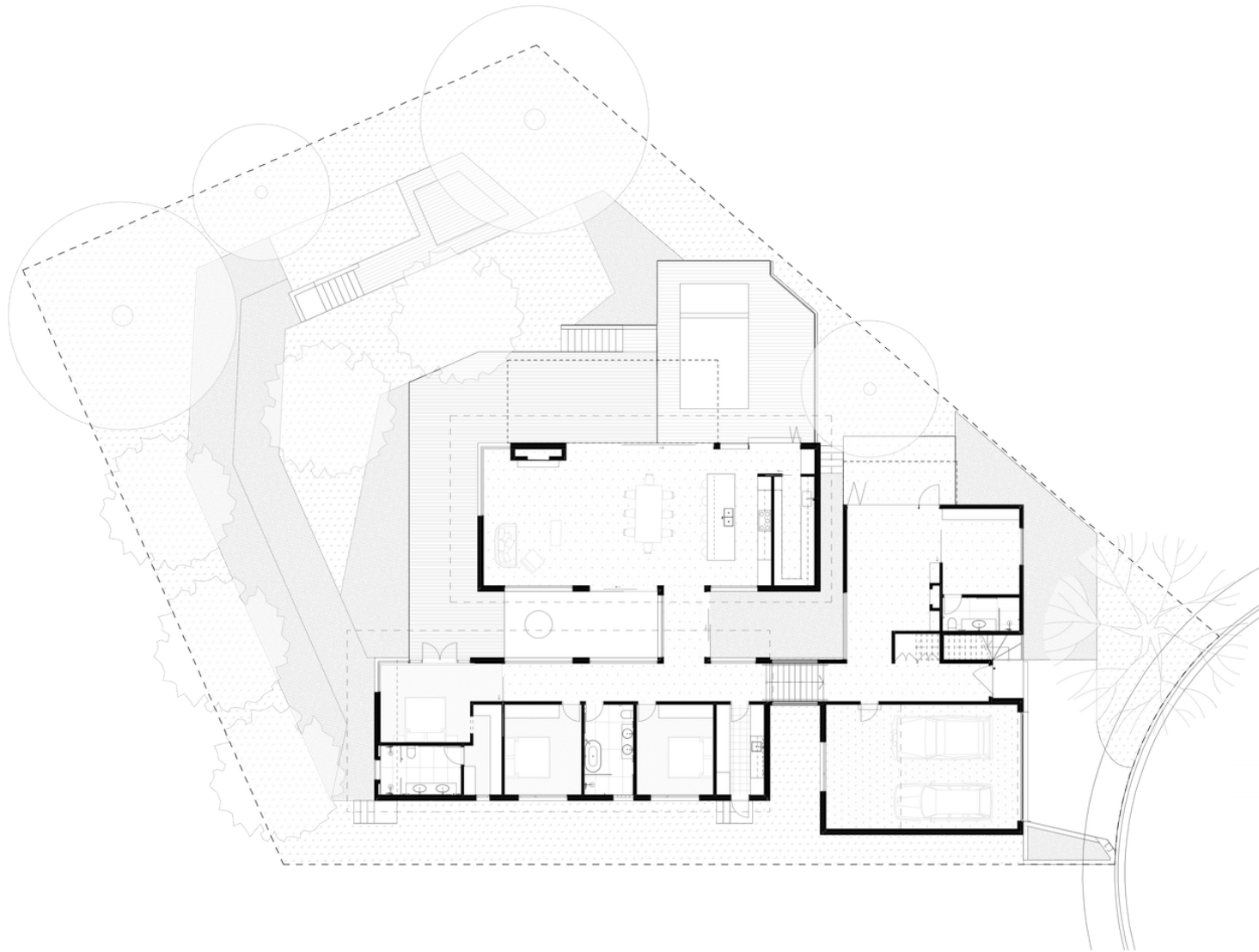
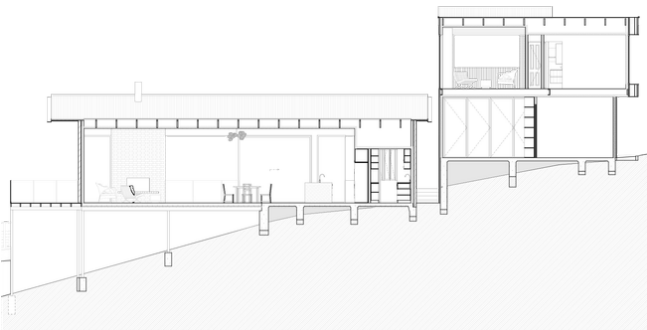
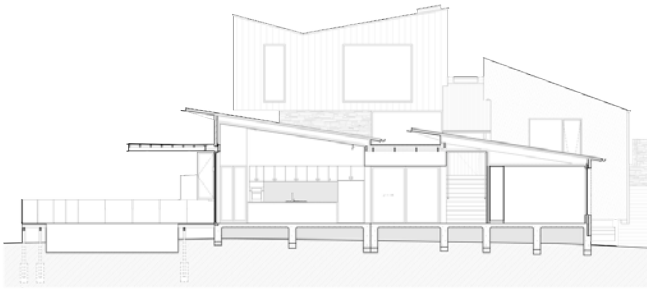
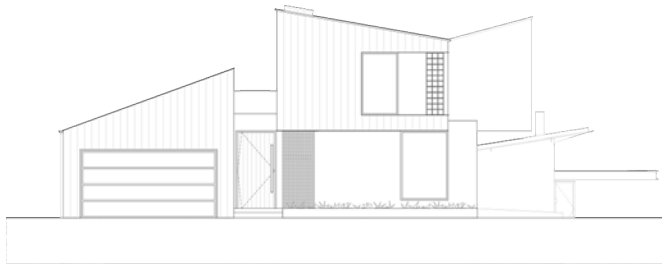
Inside, the home shifts toward a warm material palette that emphasizes craftsmanship and tactile luxury. A continuous timber-slat ceiling draws the eye through the open-plan layout, adding acoustic softness and visual continuity. The living space is anchored by a floor-to-ceiling brick fireplace in a stacked-bond pattern, providing a structural focal point that balances the modern kitchen's minimalist black cabinetry and timber-topped island. Vue Court is a cohesive, light-filled residence that successfully balances grand architectural ambition with the intimate comforts of a family home.



*New Build
Construction in Progress*



Vue Court



Venice Street

Venice Street's architectural identity is characterised by a "sculptural minimalism," utilizing fluid, organic forms and a tactile material palette to create a landmark residential precinct.

The residences are defined by sweeping, curvilinear white concrete forms and rounded corner details, offering a soft yet bold silhouette that stands out within the suburban streetscape.

The facade design balances smooth, monochromatic renders with the rugged, natural texture of light-toned fieldstone feature walls. Distinctive nautical accents, such as circular "porthole" windows on the upper levels, provide a unique coastal nod while ensuring privacy for the occupants. These elements are complemented by warm timber-batten cladding and soffits under cantilevered eaves, which add a layer of luxury and material warmth to the exterior.

Designed with a focus on site density and individual privacy, Venice Street features a layered streetscape. A combination of white masonry walls and vertical timber-slat fencing creates a sense of security, while winding gravel pathways and native coastal plantings—including signature palms—frame the architectural forms. This cohesive design language ensures that while each dwelling maintains its own presence, the shared "wave-like" geometry creates a premium, unified aesthetic across the entire development.

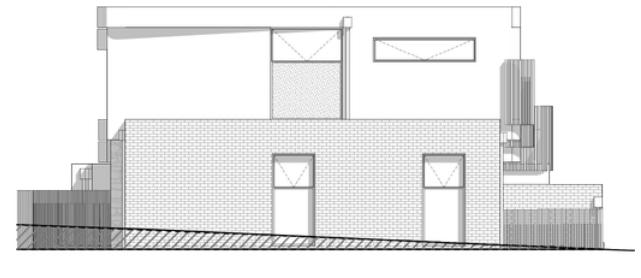
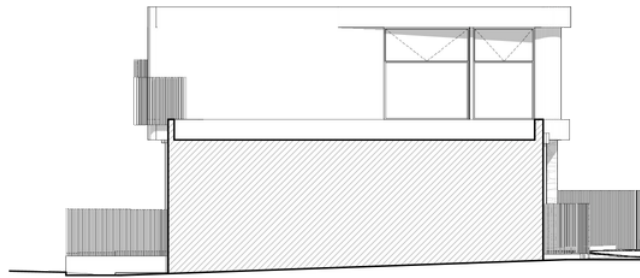
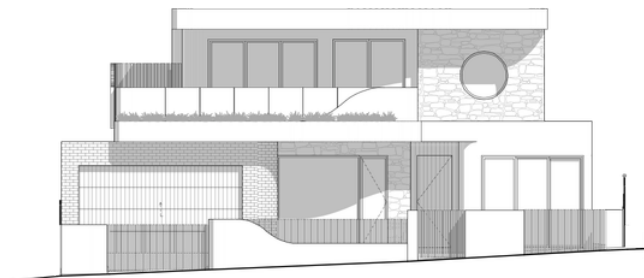
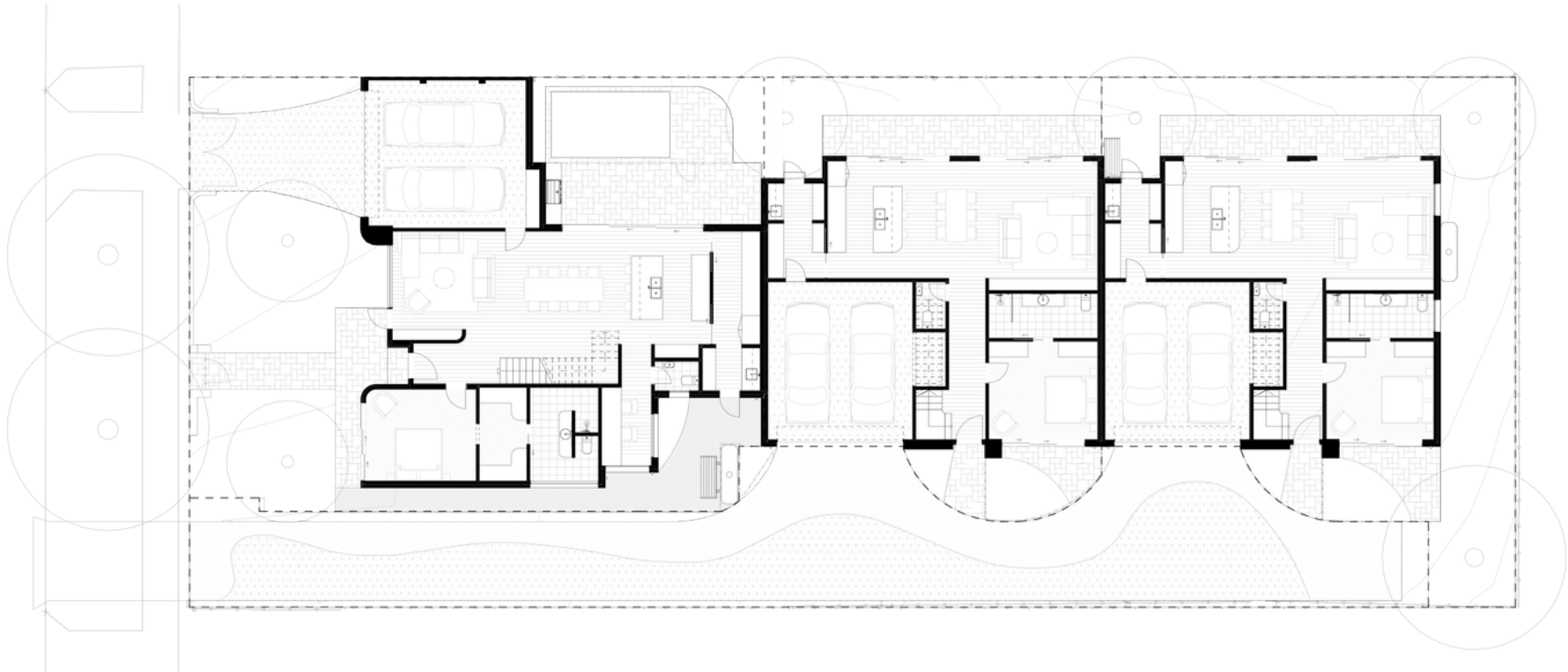
The rear elevations emphasize the indoor-outdoor connectivity essential to modern Victorian lifestyles. Expansive floor-to-ceiling glazing on the lower levels invites natural light into the open-plan living spaces, while upper-level balconies feature timber-battened balustrades with curved cut-outs. These private retreats offer framed views of the surrounding canopy, successfully blending grand architectural ambition with the intimate comforts of a high-end home.



*Subdivision
Construction in Progress*



Venice Street



Ballarat Early Learning Centre

The project's identity is defined by a "journey" of discovery, utilising a curated blend of industrial textures, natural materials, and playful geometric forms.

The exterior facade presents a striking juxtaposition; the preserved masonry provides a sense of historical permanence, while modern additions feature curvilinear white concrete forms and rounded corner details that create a soft, sculptural silhouette.

The interior learning environments are designed to be light-filled and domestic in scale, fostering a sense of security and curiosity for early childhood education. Exposed brick internal arches serve as dramatic focal points, physically bridging the building's history with its new purpose.

High vaulted ceilings and a neutral palette of timber flooring and white walls create a calm, gallery-like backdrop for exploration. These open-plan spaces are thoughtfully zoned into specialized discovery areas using modular timber furniture and soft textiles, encouraging independent play within a cohesive architectural framework.

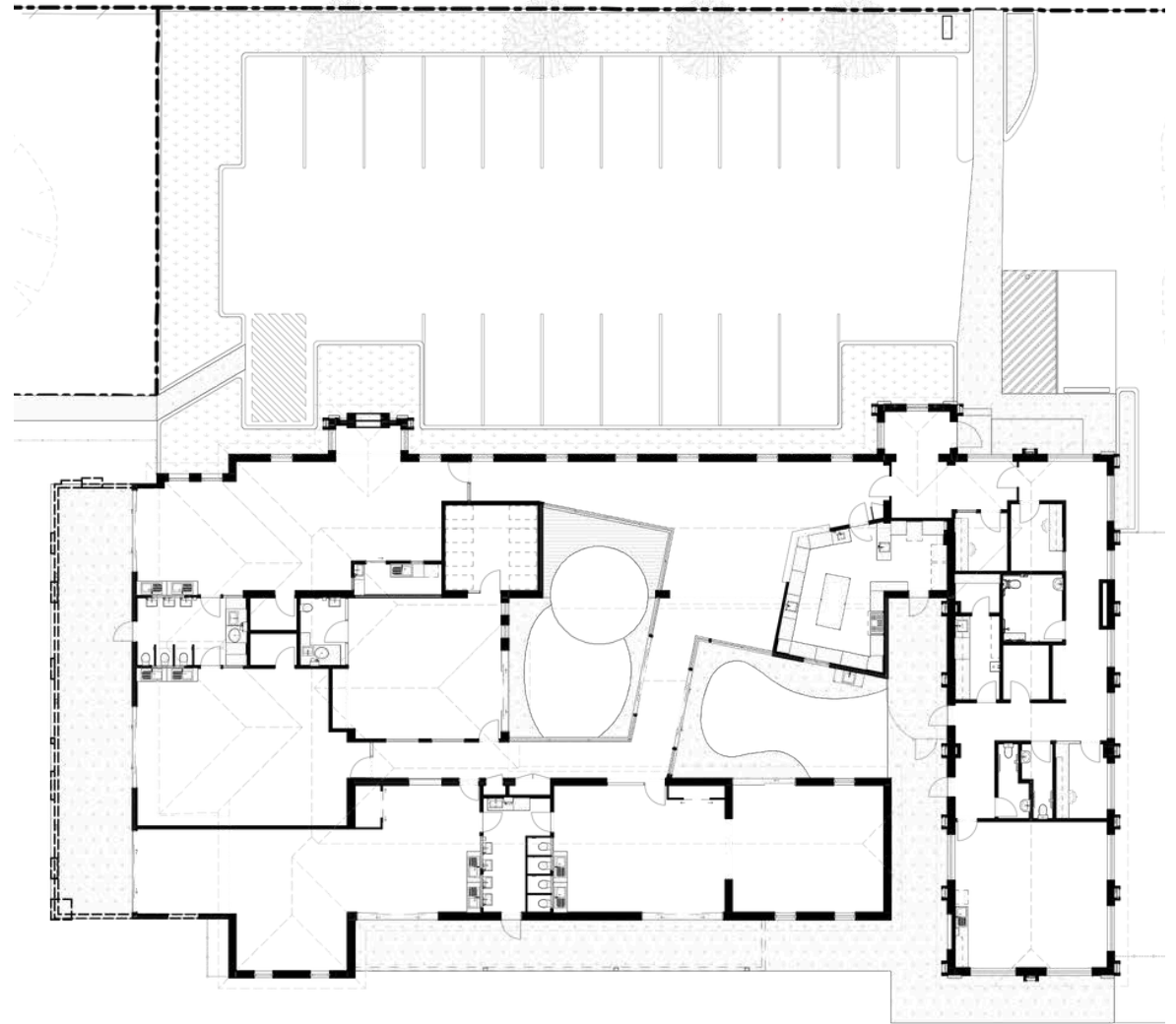
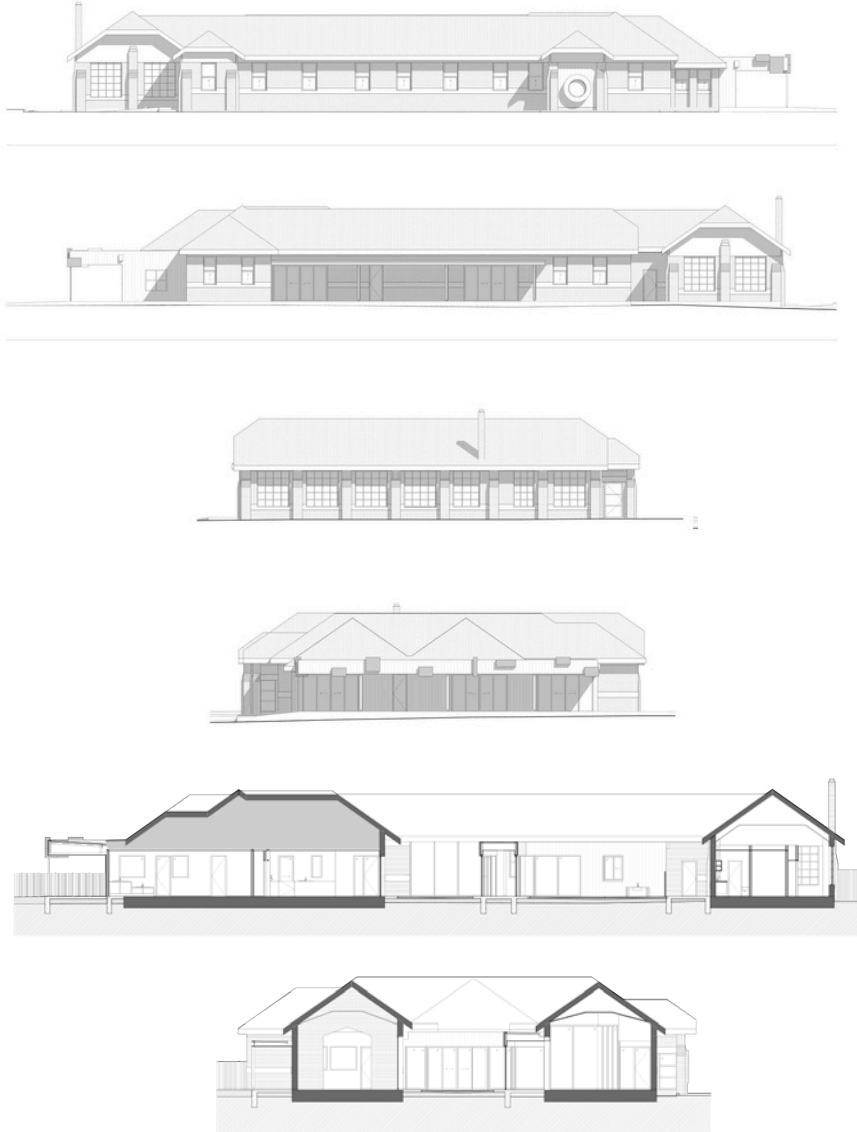
The landscape at Ballarat East serves as a vital extension of the classroom, offering a sensory-rich outdoor experience. Custom-designed timber play structures, including multi-level climbing forts and sandpits, are integrated into a master-planned environment of synthetic turf and native plantings.

Large-scale sail structures provide essential solar protection over a dedicated mini-sports field, ensuring the outdoor precincts remain functional year-round. From the winding stone pathways to the signature "porthole" windows that frame views of the surrounding canopy, every element of the design reinforces a commitment to creating a vibrant, modern sanctuary for the next generation.

*Commercial - Early Learning Centre
Completed in 2023*



Ballarat Early Learning Centre



The North Star Hotel

The North Star is a heritage redevelopment in Victoria, where the historic fabric of a prominent brick building has been transformed into a vibrant, multi-level hospitality destination.

The project's architectural identity is defined by a deep respect for the site's industrial and commercial lineage, paired with bold, contemporary interventions.

The exterior presents a striking dialogue between eras; the original red-brick masonry—with its weathered patina and traditional arched windows—remains the anchor, while sharp, modern additions in dark standing-seam cladding create a sophisticated silhouette against the streetscape.

The interior experience is designed with a dramatic, double-height light well that brings natural illumination deep into the core of the building. A mature indoor tree serves as the focal point of this central atrium, surrounded by original brick walls and exposed timber beams that speak to the building's structural history. This lush, green anchor is complemented by modern architectural elements, including sleek glass-and-steel balustrades and custom lighting that creates an atmosphere of warmth and discovery.

The transition between levels is celebrated through a series of carefully detailed staircases, featuring rich timber paneling and integrated LED handrails that guide patrons through the varied dining and social zones.

Materiality plays a crucial role in defining the character of The North Star, blending heritage charm with contemporary luxury. Traditional checkered marble flooring in the bar areas is juxtaposed against custom-embossed metal counter fronts and minimalist white tiling.

In the more intimate dining nooks, the original brickwork is left exposed, accented by refined timber ceilings and modern black track lighting. This curated palette extends to the outdoor areas, where heritage wrought-iron lacework on the balconies overlooks the urban context, successfully bridging the gap between a celebrated past and a vibrant future. The result is a light-filled, cohesive venue that balances grand historical ambition with intimate, modern tactile details.

*Commercial – F&B Renovation
Completed in 2023*



The North Star
Hotel

