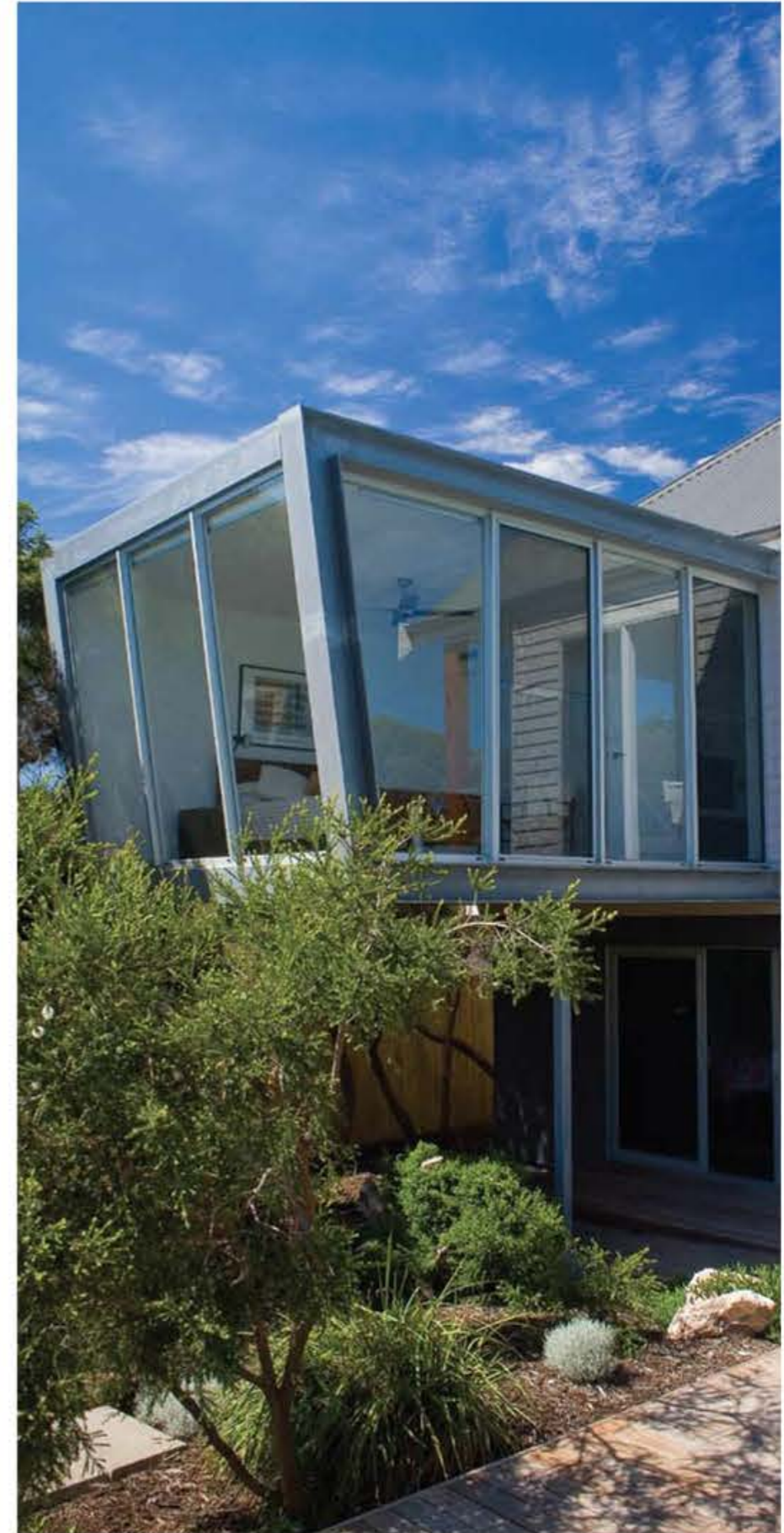


Designed by the award winning Vibe Design Group, this masterwork design on the Mornington Peninsula showcases all the hallmarks of innovative building practices.

MODERN CONTRAST





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Having purchased the adjoining allotment, the owners wished to expand their existing Mornington Peninsula beach house to include a swimming pool, tennis court and additional guest accommodation. The brief from the client was to utilise as much of the existing conditions as possible and that the alterations and additions were to complement the existing buildings.

The existing residence's master bedroom and living spaces have been re-oriented toward the introduced lap pool and tennis court in order to provide a focal point for the owners. The once 'industrial' side of the home has been extensively altered, with the new elements combining seamlessly with the

more traditional features of the original home, such as the gables and pergolas. The detached sculptural guest building, emulating the 'beach house' at its core, has the appearance of being pierced by a contemporary spear of steel and glass. These innovative design elements set this home in a league of its own. In addition, the modern features bring timeless quality to the design. The new concept does not subtract from the traditional style of the original house because of its contrast.

The inception of the detached building provided an opportunity to create an artistic model, standing as a sculptural artwork when viewed from the main body of the house. Both new and existing living areas and bedrooms are thoughtfully planned to give appreciation to the introduced ancillary structures, whilst offering ultimate privacy.





The outbuilding concludes an amazing transformation from an old brick garage to an inviting guesthouse, complete with views across the pool and tennis court areas.

Steel was the material of choice for this application, given its inherent strength despite its limited size. Combined with the glass infill, the bedrooms within are provided an uninhibited view.

The Tasman Project recently won the award for Most Effective Use of Steel at the Building Designers Association of Victoria Awards. An excellent result has been achieved by providing a design that utilises steel portals to create angled, floating second storey wings, reminiscent of the 1960s' 'modern' trend. Only steel could allow such strong cantilevers without the use of heavy beams and supporting posts.

The steel is also cleverly used and integrated as part of the façade, providing both structural integrity and unique form, and reminding us that steel can not only be used as a structural element, but can also add another dimension to the aesthetics of a building.

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