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Sorrento House 1

Sorrento House 1, the latest coastal project from Vibe Design Group, is the Australian Beach house re-imagined. The building presents a modest, yet sinuous face to passersby. Timber battening twists to become shuttering for windows behind. A cast concrete wall articulates the point of entry. A low-slung, ocean grey angular roof constructed from 18m sheets of custom Colorbond is punctuated by a cast concrete chimney; stylish protection from any seaward weather.

If the exterior is uniquely Australian in vernacular, the interior might just as easily be Northern European or Japanese. The synthesis of timber, cast concrete and steel is sensitive and assertive in equal measure. Each material is given a role, an opportunity to shine solo, and contribute in concert. Silken timber renders concrete textural, and luxurious, in return.

Extended proportions define the living spaces, from the monolithic kitchen through to the integrated fireplace and hearth. The design language of Vibe has rarely found a clearer expression than in these spaces; expansive and spacious, yet human in scale.

The private, restrained entry to the building is balanced by a more expansive rear elevation, complete with deck and swimming pool. The game of geometry is played out in the roof from this aspect. It is strikingly resolved with flair and personality. This house sits naturally on the Mornington Peninsula, but might just as easily find itself in any of Australia's coastal regions. This house demonstrates that modesty and luxury can be reconciled simply through good design.

Vibe design group originated on the Mornington Peninsula in 2006 backed by it's founder Michael O'Sullivan. Over 15 years prior, Michael forged a reputation for high quality coastal design along with an extensive knowledge of construction. The team at Vibe Design Group embrace the challenges and opportunities that each unique site presents and the Mornington Peninsula remains one of their favoured design locations.

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