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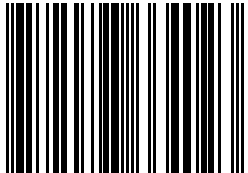
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Life in Stereo



The toughest decision to make in this relaxed Australian home must be who gets to choose the soundtrack each day.



Project: Kew House 3
Location: Melbourne, Australia
Architect: Vibe Design Group
vibedesigngroup.com.au

When Michael O’Sullivan, owner of Vibe Design Group, was given free rein to design this single family residence, he decided to draw inspiration from an icon of 1960s style: the wooden stereo cabinet. The house features a front facade made of slatted timber and angled steel support poles, both of which cleverly evoke the look

of a vintage speaker cabinet while maintaining a sense of Modernist elegance. Inside, the house contains several surprising elements, such as a door hidden behind wood panelling, which is held in place by the kind of push-release magnets used in stereo cabinets. Extensive use of glass walls throughout and the house’s orientation on top of a hill give it a feeling of transparency and seclusion at the same time. The cantilevered volumes and positioning on support poles (again, designed to evoke the stereo cabinet) idea make the house seem light despite the monolithic facades.—*Anand Mathai*



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