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light angles

Bent Architecture had some fun bending the rules when they designed this highly angular ensuite and robe addition to a home in Melbourne's eastern suburbs. Now their adventurous clients can bathe in sunshine every day.

WHEN AN ENSUITE AND WALK-IN ROBE is given an intriguing name by its architects – in this case, Bent Robe by Bent Architecture – you can be fairly sure that it will err on the side of the unique. And when you learn that the house to which the space is newly attached has a history of evolution and embracing change, you can be quite certain about it.

Bent Robe, and the adjacent bedroom, crash-landed in Doncaster, Melbourne, with an explosion of angles. Grafted simultaneously to the existing house and the surrounding landscape, it is indeed an atypically configured space, and one seemingly at odds with its suburban context.

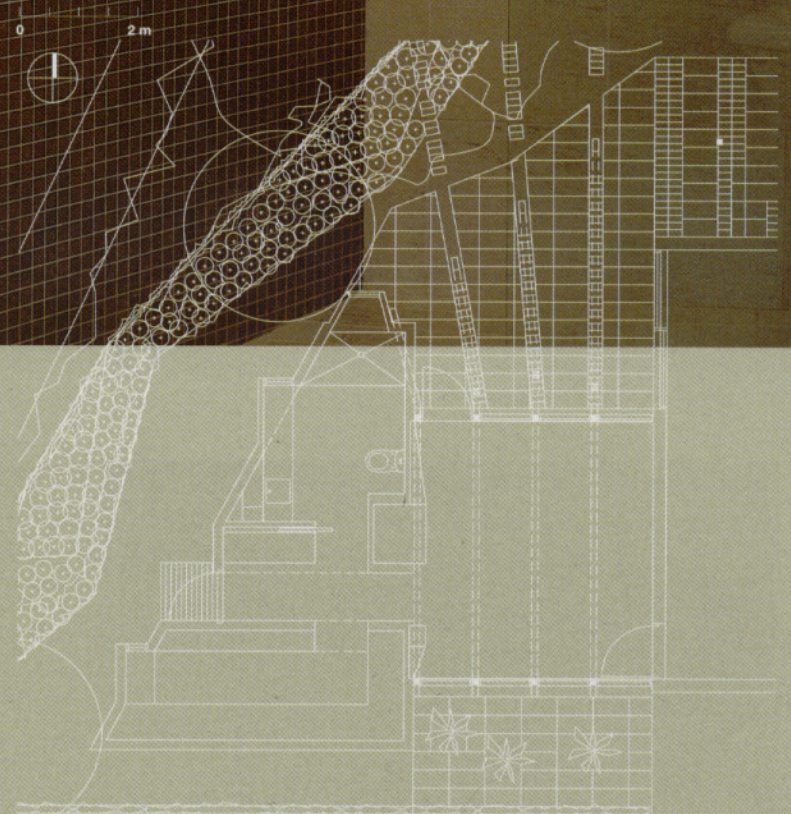
Fittingly, however, its occupants – described by the architects as “two travel-mad soon-to-be-retirees with compulsive shopping habits and a rapidly expanding wardrobe” – are also apparently at odds with the prevailing stereotype of those reaching their golden years. Along with a request that the interior be wheelchair friendly, the clients desired light-filled, open spaces integrated with the surrounding landscape.

The architects took the chance to investigate the spatial potential of these private areas of the home by establishing a variety of visual linkages with the surroundings. The new structure practically consumes the landscape with projecting angular walls and equally protrusive windows. Views of the sky and vegetation are framed by skylights and projecting windows of clear glass. As these openings pierce angular bulkheads and dramatized wall thicknesses, they become funnels for natural light and lenses for garden views, but have been carefully positioned to ensure privacy is preserved.

The admitted daylight is rebounded by pale and reflective materials such as an off-white concrete benchtop, sandstone-look porcelain tiles and expansive mirrors. While these elements enhance the sense of volume in the ensuite, the contrasting surfaces of chocolate mosaic tiles and similarly toned laminated joinery sweep towards the projecting north-facing windows and take the gaze along for the ride. **NARELLE YABUKA**

RIGHT: Windows and skylights act as funnels for natural light and lenses for neatly framed garden views. When under the shower, the owners have a lovely view of the neighbours' conifer.

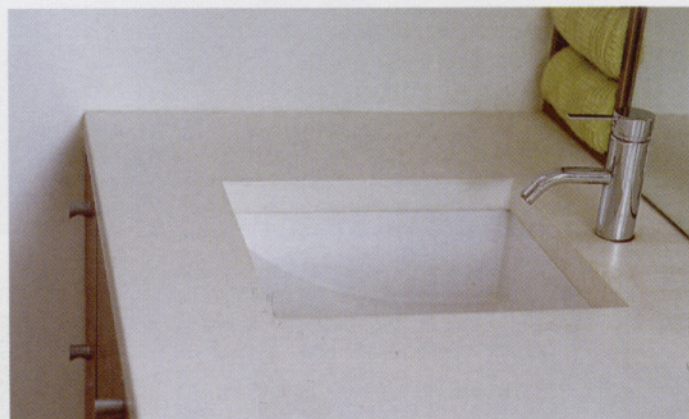




Floor plan



Ensuite section



ABOVE: The contrasting tones of pale porcelain tiles, dark mosaic tiles and white painted plasterboard fuel a sense of drama in the room. LEFT: A recessed basin and chrome mixer are positioned discreetly at one end of the concrete benchtop.

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JOINER
 Valley Cabinets

CONSULTANTS
Engineer The O'Neill Group
Interiors and lighting
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TIME SCHEDULE
Design, documentation
 8 months
Construction 12 months

PROJECT COST
Total extension \$120,000
 (including landscaping)
Bathroom \$10,000 (fitout)

PHOTOGRAPHY
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PRODUCTS BATHROOM

Internal walls and ceiling Dulux 'Cotton Touch' on plasterboard by Concept Plastering. Doral 300 mm x 600 mm fully vitrified porcelain sandstone-look floor tiles from Signorino Tile Gallery. Cinca 25 mm x 25 mm fully vitrified porcelain unglazed mosaic tiles in 'Bronze Granite' from Signorino Tile Gallery.

Flooring Doral 300 mm x 600 mm fully vitrified porcelain sandstone-look floor tiles from Signorino Tile Gallery.

Joinery Off-white concrete benchtop by Rutso Concreting. Laminex Lamiwood in 'Amari Oak'. Conquest hardware from Industrial Expression.

Lighting Brushed-aluminium-faced recessed downlights and Pell T4 mirror light by Beacon Lighting.

Tapware and fittings Caroma Liano tapware from Tradelink Plumbing Supplies.

Sanitaryware Caroma Liano sanitaryware from Bathe and Launder.

Doors and windows Concealed sliding door uses Laminex Lamiwood in 'Amari Oak'. Anodized-aluminium-framed fixed glass panels by Alpha Glass.