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With captivating views of Westport Bay across the undulating rural landscape, this home is the ultimate retirement retreat

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ABOVE
This well-designed home is the ultimate retirement retreat

RIGHT
The interior spaces are well appointed, with plenty of windows to welcome in light and cooling breezes

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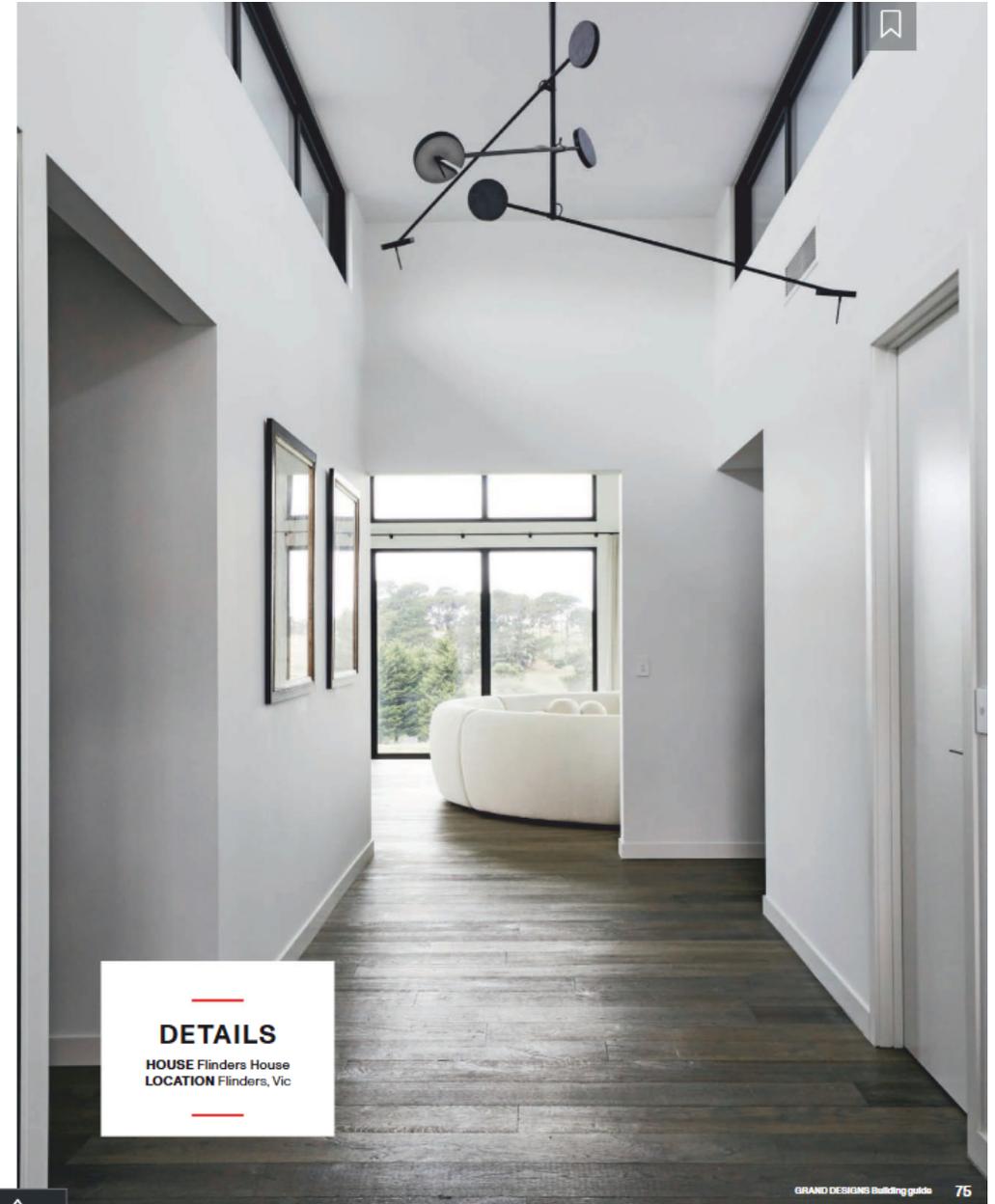
The use of high-performance glazing and extended roof lines to the east to offer protection and maximise sight lines

This contemporary home is perfect for the homeowners to put their feet up and relax in their golden years. It also caters well for entertaining. The single-storey fibro-cement house that once perched on the site is no more. In its place is a comfortable and modern four-bedroom home with a study, two living areas, outdoor living space and a swimming pool.

The clients' brief for the project centred on three main concepts: balance, protection and comfort. Joel Dempsey, director of Montique Construction, says they wanted to maximise the views, but this needed to balance with good solar orientation. "We also needed to protect indoor and outdoor living areas from prevailing local winds, along with traffic noise created from the main rural road," he explains.

The homeowners were after a dwelling that was comfortable, with zoned spaces to cater for them as well as extended family and friends. With views to die for, this residence is a showstopper. Endless vistas of rolling hills and grassy landscapes that meet the rugged peninsula's edge are captured from almost everywhere. It's a slice of rural paradise. From the sparkling swimming pool to the rear outdoor spaces, the owners, their family and friends can immerse themselves in the laid-back luxury of the home's surrounds, as well as enjoy its beautiful interior.

High-performance glazing along with extended rooflines were used in the build. Ben Mulholland, director of Little Brick Studio, says protecting the internal and external living areas from winds and noise was crucial. "This was achieved through the use of stone blade walls to the south to provide both an acoustic and thermal barrier," notes Ben.



DETAILS

HOUSE Flinders House
LOCATION Flinders, Vic

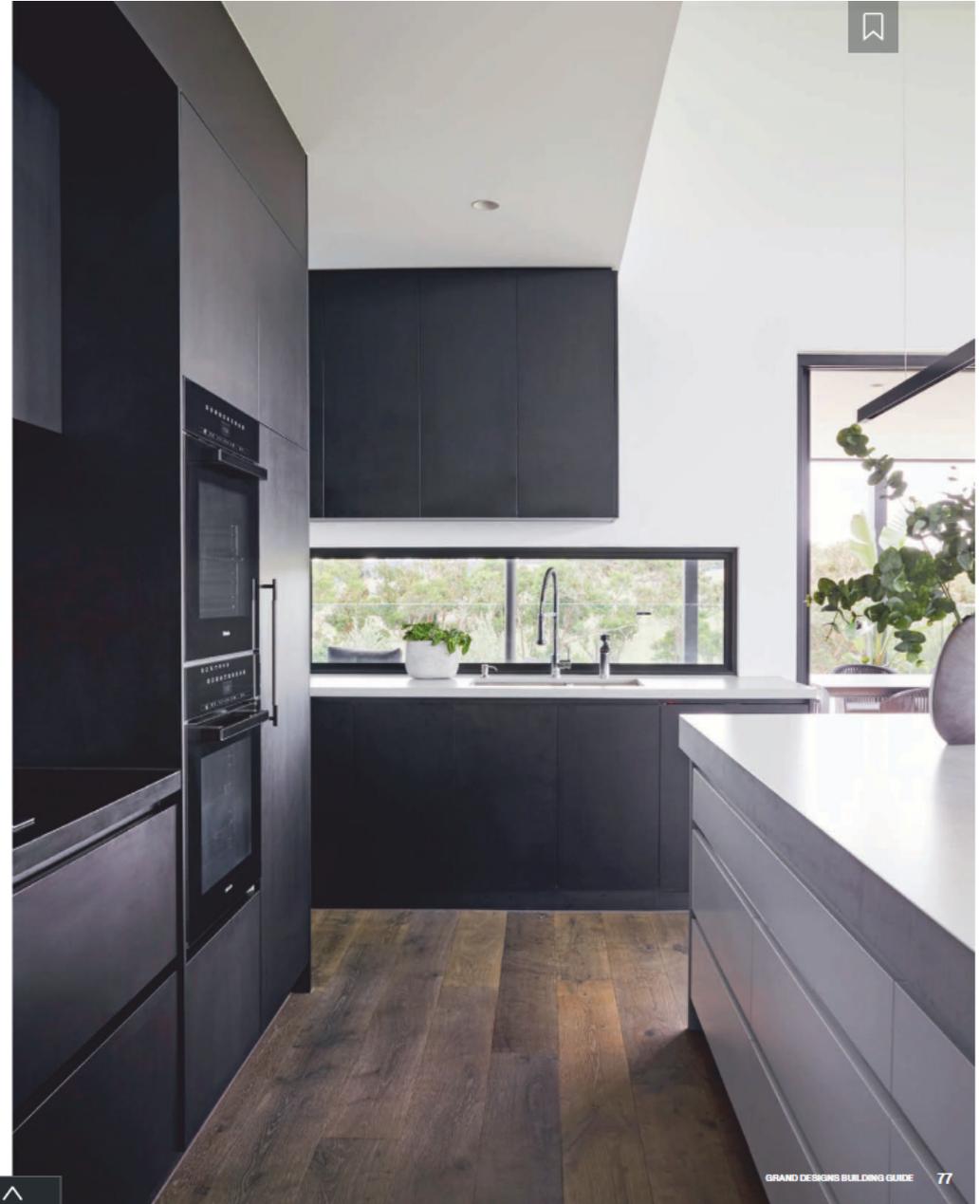


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ABOVE
Colorbond standing seam and dry-stacked stone make up the exterior materials, chosen for their aesthetics and robustness

RIGHT
The kitchen is spacious, with modern amenities, to make cooking and entertaining a breeze

It's probably no surprise, given its unique location, that the site itself was the underlying inspiration for the home design. With wild winds whisking through its exposed location, choosing the right materials for the build was crucial. Joel says not only do they need to be aesthetically pleasing, but materials must also be durable enough to withstand the harsh conditions. “Every element of the construction was carefully selected to ensure longevity and resilience,” he notes. The home is clad in Colorbond standing seam with dry-stacked stone. The colour palettes selected and the materiality complement its rural location, working harmoniously with the rich evocative organic colours found in nature. “Dark tones and crisp sharp lines of the Colorbond cladding create a muted background, allowing the earthy colour and texture of the stonework to connect the home to its rural setting,” says Ben. Inside, vast expanses of glazing connect you to the outdoors. Billowing





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curtains frame the windows, offering a softness to the hard planes of the glazing and framing the view. The monochrome kitchen boasts handsome dark cabinetry which recedes into the background, with a crisp white island highlighted in front. Handleless cabinetry offers clean sleek lines. A wine cellar stocked with plenty of tittle is a focal point, with its geometric-shaped shelving. The cosy living room with plush seating offers yet another vantage point to take in the views. The stacked-stone interior houses a fireplace, perfect to take the chill out of the air on cool winter evenings.

Joel's favourite part of the project is the design and location of the master ensuite.

"It captures the views over the adjoining farmland and Westernport Bay while allowing for the freestanding bath to be utilised and remain secluded from external view lines," he says.

When it comes to designing for the rural environment, Joel says it's all about finding that perfect balance between form and function. "Embracing the surrounding landscape is key, which means carefully considering how to frame breathtaking views while also providing protection from the elements," he notes. "The goal was to create a space that not only looks beautiful, but also feels comfortable and inviting, blending seamlessly with the natural environment." 🌿

ABOVE
This home offers open-plan living and stellar views

RIGHT
A bathtub positioned to capture the views





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EDITOR'S FAVOURITE

The prolific use of stone as it resonates aptly with the rural locale

LEFT
The circular lounge with cosy fireplace is a family gathering place

RIGHT
The outdoor swimming pool offers cooling respite on scorching summer days

FIXTURES & FITTINGS

Flooring Wild River Falls Creek
Rangehood Qasar
Refrigerator Sub-Zero
Oven Miele and Sterna
Tapware Gareth Ashton
Toilets Villeroy & Boch
Sinks Franke
Tap Billi
Stone baths Jolanda and Vivienne
Windows + external doors Integral Windows
Lighting Montauk Lighting Co, Lighting Collective, Beacon
Standing seam cladding
RMS Trading
Dunolly stone cladding
RMS Trading
Travertine paving RMS Trading

