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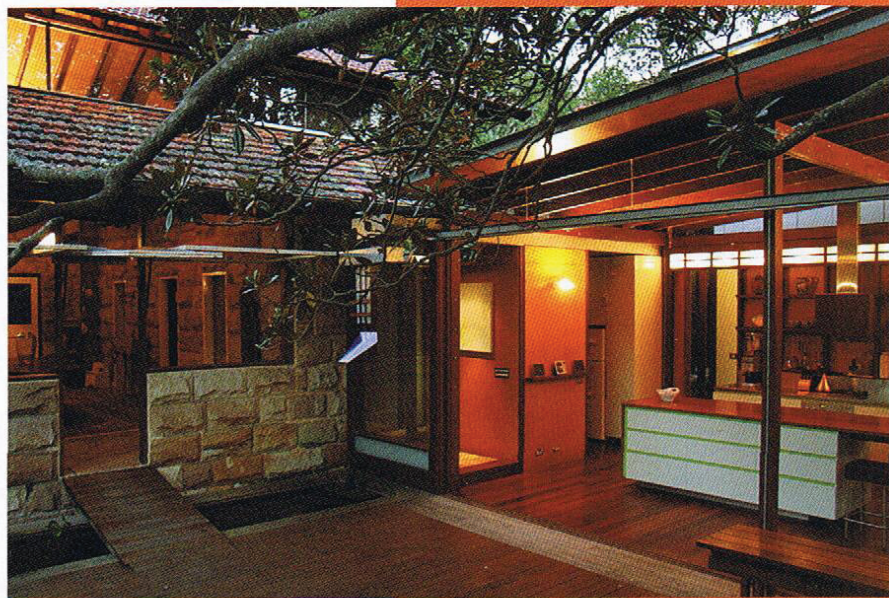
Commendation

The relationship of new elements to the existing house creates a skilful yet effortless meandering plan, which gradually reveals the features of the site, the landscape and building elements, while maintaining a relaxed sense of being in the Avalon bush.

The open and closed pavilions, housing 'public' and 'private' areas, provide an appropriate juxtaposition to the original stone house and create a series of seasonal zones: contained winter areas and summer areas that open to the landscape.

The modification of the retained building is sensitively handled. The raised roof to the central gable section provides natural light and creates double-height and mezzanine spaces. The lounge room reinforces the solidity of the original stone structure.

The house is highly crafted and innovative in its detailing particularly given its budget. Sumptuous Jarrah framing is counterbalanced by flat Zinalume sheet cladding. The structure and materiality are revealed by an economy and directness of details and the exposure of raw natural materials.



All photos: Richard Cole



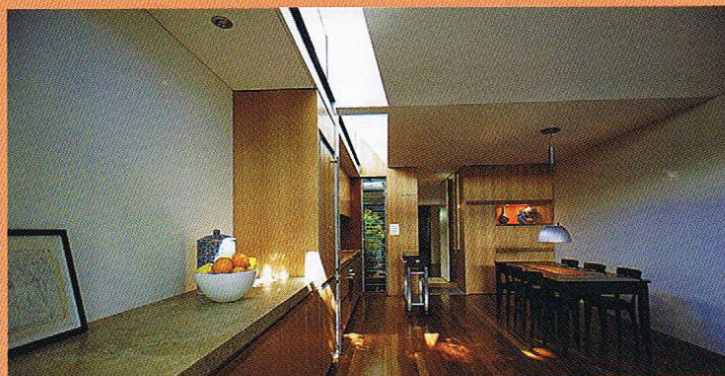
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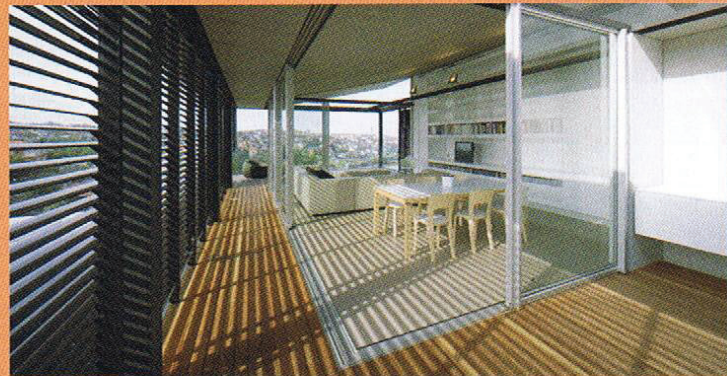
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