

Project: Hawthorn Hood House

Team: BENT Architecture

Size: 451 m²

Location: Hawthorn, AUSTRALIA



Feature:

Project - The Hawthorn Hood House is a light-filled family home that skillfully balances heritage sensitivities with modern living needs. Originally approached to renovate an existing property, BENT Architecture ultimately guided their clients to purchase a more suitable site - a period home with strong character but limitations in layout and sunlight. Rather than contrast the modern addition, the architects chose to thoughtfully engage with and reinterpret the home's original proportions and textures, especially its grand interior volumes and intricate terracotta roof form.

The project began by removing a previous rear extension to harness the sun-drenched backyard. New living spaces were then oriented northwards to embrace natural light and frame garden views, defined externally by the home's signature roofline folding down in sympathetic response. The soaring yet cosy interiors draw upon the grandeur of the original while fulfilling all the family's aspirations for their forever home. Bedrooms and utilities remain nestled in the heritage envelope to the front as a nod to the surrounding neighborhood. The thoughtful dialogue between old and new creates a warm, light-filled home that deftly balances site sensitivity, functionality and aesthetic delight.

Design Team - BENT Architecture was founded in 2003 by Directors Paul and Merran Porjazoski. Based in Brunswick, Melbourne, the practice has delivered award-winning and published projects across diverse sectors. They are recognized as leaders in environmentally sustainable architecture, affordable social and public housing, commercial refurbishments and green roof design. With a focus on enriching people's lives through creative placemaking, BENT emphasizes architecture's integration with landscape to foster engagement. The firm provides comprehensive consultancy encompassing architecture,

interior, landscape and urban design.