



SWEET SURRENDER

An innovative architectural solution by **Shop Architects** has been approved for the **Domino Sugar Refinery** site (left) in Brooklyn, with hollow high-rise buildings surrounded by extensive public open spaces on the waterfront, adjacent to the Williamsburg Bridge. The multi-use structures will house offices, residential dwellings, retail precincts and community facilities, with the radical new skyline featuring large openings in building facades, to allow light and air – and views – to filter to the neighbourhood beyond. shoparc.com



CLEAR WINNER

Melbourne architect **Clare Cousins** (left) provides pro-bono design services for the **Bushfire Home Service**, helping those who lost homes in the 2009 bushfires. Founding **Clare Cousins Architects** in 2005, her studio retains a primarily residential focus, as in the addition designed for this **Mornington Peninsula** beach house (far left). Clare is active in the design community as an educator, public speaker and mentor, and received the **AIA Emerging Architect Prize** for 2013. clarecousins.com.au

Into the groove

Revelations in building, from grass roots upwards.



SHELTER BELT Sydney-based architects **Carterwilliamson** created **Grid Shelter/Pavilion** (left), an affordable, sustainable and easily transportable emergency dwelling that can be erected in 3.5 hours. Designed for optimum flow of air and light and fitted with solar panels, the Grid house sleeps eight to 10 people on a mezzanine level. Devised in response to the 2004 Banda Aceh tsunami disaster, Grid house showed at the 2013 Emergency Shelter Exhibition in Melbourne. carterwilliamson.com; emergencyshelteraustralia.com



VAULT LINE Sydney architect **Christopher Polly** is in the finals of the 2013 Houses Awards for his **Cosgriff House** (above) extension. The design retained the building's original footprint, harnessing natural light with the addition of vaulted ceilings and skylights. The lower ground living area now opens directly onto the rear space and garden, embracing seamless indoor/outdoor living, while bathed in natural light. christopherpolly.com

FENG IT! Bolivian architect **Juan Carlos Menacho Durán** drew on feng shui principles when designing the **Chinese Coin House**, with the home's rounded shape said to relate to prosperity, and enhanced by all rooms opening to unobscured lawns. Further integration into its surrounds was achieved with the continuation of grass up a ramp that becomes the roof of another wing (right) of the house. juancarlosmenacho.com



THREE CHEERS

Congratulations to influential architect Dame Zaha Hadid, winner of the 41st Veuve Clicquot Business Woman Award, which is judged on entrepreneurship and financial success, as well as the individual's corporate social responsibility and capacity as a role model.