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profile

Christopher Polly Architect

Christopher Polly Architect is an award-winning full-service architecture practice based in Sydney Australia. It engages with clients who share in the reward of accomplishing bold architectural visions to enrich their daily lives, who prioritise quality over quantity, and who place value in achieving inventive and well-crafted spaces that are meticulously detailed and finished.

The practice distils a holistic detail design approach in the delivery of highly creative and pragmatic architectural solutions that resonate conceptual rigour and a command of materials and systems. A strong emphasis is placed on a critical synthesis of the opportunities and constraints of each site, context and client brief for the creation of uniquely appropriate and sustainable outcomes in response to place, landscape and patterns of use.

The practice has been widely published locally and internationally, and has garnered a reputation for delivering design excellence on often complex sites.
It has extensive experience across varied scales and building types and provides highly personalised architectural services to clients engaged in all stages of each project - underscored by solid working relationships with consultants and builders. Projects encompass new houses, additions and alterations to existing houses, and boutique retail, restaurant and workplace environments.

director

Christopher Polly

Christopher Polly is a registered architect who was educated at the University of New South Wales, graduating in 1997 with Class 1 Honours, the *Australian Institute of Architects NSW Chapter Prize* (best in state) and the *Frank Fox Memorial Prize* for his thesis on the urban design of Battery Park City in New York.

Prior to establishing private practice, he held a senior position with Tzannes Associates and previously worked within the practice of Candalepas Associates.
He has presented works in tours and talks, has been a juror for University of Technology final architecture studio presentations and was a selected juror for the 2017 AIA NSW Architecture Awards for Residential Architecture-Houses (New and Alterations & Additions).

Memberships, Qualifications & Education

Australian Institute of Architects A+ Member Fellow and A+ Practice
Registered Architect, NSW Architects Registration Board, NSW ARB 7150
ArchiTeam Member
Bachelor of Architecture-First Class Honours, UNSW, Sydney

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services

The practice provides a full service of sketch design, design development, construction detail documentation, and construction period services for the best guarantee of a high quality outcome within the framework of a traditional procurement process from commencement of the project to its completion on site:

1. Sketch Design

/ Understanding client requirements and aspirations.
/ Preliminary review and analysis of council planning policies pertaining to the site, site visit to enable an assessment of site opportunities & constraints, photographic survey of subject site & neighbouring conditions, site measure and preparation of measured plan drawings of existing conditions.
/ Management of delivery of, and co-ordination & integration of the work required from a separately client-appointed Surveyor.
/ Exploration & production of sketch design options and supporting information aligned to the brief to reach the preferred design, with drawings encompassing a level of detail suitable for preliminary cost estimates if needed.

2. Detailed Design / Development Application (DA)

/ Development of the preferred and client-approved design option, with revisions as needed, into the final design for a Development Application to council, with preparation of a range of numerous accompanying documents as required by council.
/ Management of any separately client-appointed consultants as needed by council, and co-coordination & integration of consultants' design work.
/ Completion of required forms and checklists, and obtainment of the client's approval of the final developed drawings & documents to proceed with lodgement of the DA.
/ Pre-application meeting if needed with council to facilitate obtaining approval.

3a. Construction Certificate (CC) Documentation

/ Development of DA documents into detailed plan, elevation and section drawings & specifications with accompanying schedules for a CC application to a separately client-appointed Private Certifier, meeting detail requirements of DA consent conditions in accordance with the Certifier's checklist.
/ Management of delivery of, and co-ordination & integration of the work required from separately client-appointed consultants to meet DA consent conditions.
/ Completion of all required forms and checklists, and obtainment of the client's approval of the final developed drawings and documents to proceed with lodgement of the Construction Certificate application.

3b. Construction Detail Documentation

/ Development of the approved CC into variously scaled detail construction drawings, schedules, specifications & accompanying documents.
/ Comprehensive client communications for selection of fixtures, fittings, equipment, and interior materials and finishes.
/ Reviews and mark-ups of ongoing preliminary drawing sets prepared by the previously appointed consultants (at CC) for management of delivery of their final work, and co-ordination & integration into the final architectural detail construction documentation.
/ Meetings with the client and completion of the client approved final construction set of architectural, structural and hydraulic documents in readiness for tendering.

3c. Tendering

/ Investigations and vetting of suitable and available contractors via research and calls to contractors, with reporting of investigations to the client.
/ Preparation and production of all tender documents & forms in hard copy and electronic versions, and submission of complete tender packages to 3 selected tenderers and client, attendance of one tandem on-site meeting with each tenderer and the client.
/ Complete management of the tender process, responses to tender queries with information as needed, tabling and analysis assessments of submissions for clarifications, discussions with client and tenderers & tender negotiation period with one preferred tenderer with a view to their selection as the contractor.

4a. Construction Period: Contract Documentation & Contract Administration

/ Preparation of all Contract Documentation, with any revisions as required to the documentation following cost outcomes from negotiations with the preferred contractor, inclusive of the nominated contract, drawings and all other documentation into the final set of contract documents for signing by both the client and selected contractor, for a traditional lump sum architect-administered contract over an assumed construction period.
/ Attendance at fortnightly site meetings, preparation of meeting minutes, and preparation of supplementary details and information to clarify the contract documents.
/ Complete administration of the contract between client & contract to ensure design quality and workmanship are maintained & delivered throughout construction on site.
/ Complete financial management of the contract, documentation management, substitutions & variations management, further intermittent site visits as needed by the contractor and extensive off-site time as needed.

4b. Post Construction

/ Site visit and photographic record of defects and incomplete works once practical completion is reached.
/ Preparation of 1 defects list for defects and incomplete work to issue to the contractor under the contract provisions, with any further revised versions issued as needed.
/ Site visits to assess progressive completion of all defects as notified by contractor, and assessment of the final contract account on completion of all defects work.

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projects / selected

13 - 18 **Binary House** - Woolooware Sydney
Substantial additions and alterations to original 1960's freestanding yellow brick residence

13 - 16 **Unfurled House** - Petersham Sydney
New two-storey addition and alterations to existing Federation freestanding brick residence

09 - 13 **Cosgriff House** - Annandale Sydney
Substantial additions and alterations to existing brick 2 storey freestanding residence

07 - 11 **Elliott Ripper House** - Rozelle Sydney
Substantial additions and alterations to existing sandstone and brick 2 storey freestanding residence

08 - 10 **Haines House** - Newtown Sydney
Extensive additions and alterations to existing semi-detached terrace

19 - 20 **Greenwich House** - Greenwich Sydney
New two-storey split-level house in response to its steeply sloping site, landscape setting and harbour views

16 - 17 **Starling House** - Lilyfield Sydney
New freestanding two-storey house on a typically modest inner-suburban site

16 - 17 **Woonona House Studio** - Woonona NSW
New house and studio spaces on a substantial yet narrow property in the south coast town of Woonona

09 - 11 **Darling Point Penthouse** - Darling Point Sydney
Substantial alterations and additions to existing penthouse apartment

20 - **National House** - Leichhardt Sydney
New two-storey sustainably modest house referencing its immediate context and the formal qualities of various compact housing types

19 - **Murrabin House** - Matraville Sydney
New two-storey addition and substantial alterations to existing 1956 brick residence with associated rear pool and cabana

17 - **Manifold House** - Dover Heights Sydney
Significant first floor addition with alterations to existing 1940's freestanding brick residence

16 - 18 **Flexion House** - Earlwood Sydney
New freestanding two-storey house with associated outdoor areas, pool and significant landscaping overlooking the Cooks River

15 **Formosa House** - Drummoyne, Sydney
Ground floor re-design and first floor addition to an existing Inter-War Federation semi-detached brick residence

11 **Newtown House** - Newtown Sydney
Substantial additions and alterations to existing 2 storey terrace

10 **Wintons Teak Showroom** - 1 Frederick Street, Artarmon Sydney
New flagship showroom showcasing the company's premium range of hand-crafted, solid teak outdoor furniture

08 **EyeOpener** - 74 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
New flagship store fit-out including new display systems, joinery and signage

05 - 07 **Golden Harbour Restaurant** - 31-33 Dixon Street, Haymarket Sydney
Refurbishment to front half of restaurant, new shopfront, new external awning and shading devices and general refurbishment to remaining restaurant

05 - 07 **Hird Behan House** - Newtown Sydney
Additions and alterations to existing 2 storey, 3 bed detached terrace

07 **Darlinghurst Retail & Commercial** - 165 Riley Street, Darlinghurst Sydney
Two storey addition to existing 2 storey heritage listed commercial building and alterations and general refurbishment to the existing 2 stories

06 **Surry Hills Offices & Showroom** - 86 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills Sydney
Two storey addition to existing 3 storey commercial building and alterations and general refurbishment to the existing premises

05 **Food @ The Overflow** - Overflow Park, Homebush Sydney
New food precinct for the Sydney Olympic Park Authority, including 34 specialty shops, adjoining dining areas and 50 market stalls along a market street

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20 **Daily Telegraph,** 10 October 2020 - “Top 50 Homes”, p.3 - **Binary House**

19 **Sydney Home Design + Living magazine,** Issue 9 - “Opposites Attract”, p.39 - **Binary House**

18 **Daily Telegraph, Home,** 17 November 2018 - “When the sky’s the limit”, pp.22-23 - **Binary House**

18 **Houses,** Issue 123 - “Binary House”, pp.118-123 - **Binary House**

18 **Domain magazine, Sydney Morning Herald,** 21 July 2018 - “Seeing value in good design”, p.9 - **Binary House**

18 **Good Weekend magazine,** 21 July 2018 - “Mezzo forte”, p.24 - **Binary House**

17 **Grand Designs Australia,** Issue 061 - “Architecture Shorts”, pp.43-44 - **Unfurled House**

16 **Green,** Issue 51 - “Simple Illusion”, pp.48-54 - **Unfurled House**

16 **Daily Telegraph, Home,** 20 August 2016 - “When the sky’s the limit”, pp.22-23 - **Unfurled House**

16 **Houses,** Issue 110 - “Unfurled House”, pp.76-83 - **Unfurled House**

16 **The Sun Herald, Domain / Amazing Design on Sunday,** 12 June 2016 - “Family opts for quality over quantity”, p.7 - **Unfurled House**

16 **Inner West Courier,** 24 May 2016 - “Couples’ ‘adventurous’ design scoops prize”, p.22 - **Unfurled House**

14 **Architectural Review Asia Pacific,** No.137, Residential Issue - “Cosgriff House”, pp.42-47 - **Cosgriff House**

14 **Inside Out,** July 2014 - “Back Extensions”, p.120-123 - featuring **Cosgriff House**

14 **(Inside) Interior Design Review,** No.81, May / June 2014 - “The Cosgriff House”, p.26 - **Cosgriff House**

14 **Green,** Issue 36 - “Modern Dugout”, pp.48-53 - **Cosgriff House**

14 **House & Garden,** February 2014 - “Bright Sparks”, pp.80-87 - **Elliott Ripper House**

13 **Grand Designs (UK),** October 2013 Issue - “Digging Deep”, p.20 - **Cosgriff House**

13 **The Sydney Morning Herald, Domain,** 28 September 2013 - “Modesty is best policy”, p.14 - **Elliott Ripper House**

13 **Renovate,** Vol.9 No.3 Issue - “New Life”, pp.44-53 - **Elliott Ripper House**

13 **Belle,** August / September 2013 - “Right Now Architecture News - Vault Line”, p.46 - **Cosgriff House**

13 **Scoop, Kitchens & Bathrooms 2013,** Edition 7 - “Australian Style - Lightplay”, p.70 - **Cosgriff House Bathroom**

13 **Timber + Design International,** 2013 Vol.1 Issue 2 - “Memory Retention”, pp.9-13 - **Elliott Ripper House**

13 **The Sun Herald, Domain / From The Drawing Board,** 19 May 2013 - “Homes that hit the right notes”, p.40 - **Cosgriff House**

12 **Architectural Review Asia Pacific,** No.127, The Residential Issue - “One To Watch: Christopher Polly”, pp.28-32 - feature on **Christopher Polly**

12 **Monument,** Issue 111, The Residential Special - “Turning The Corner”, pp.56-61 - **Elliott Ripper House**

12 **Houses,** Issue 88 - “Elliott Ripper House”, pp.122-128 - **Elliott Ripper House**

12 **House & Garden,** Issue 111, Collector’s Edition - “2012 Top 50 Rooms”, p.50 - **Haines House**

12 **Light Home,** Issue 5, The Spring Issue - “Style and Substance”, pp.22-28 - **Christopher Polly Architect** feature containing 3 residential projects

12 **Renovate,** Vol.8 No.2 Issue - “Changing Rooms”, pp.62-71 - **Darling Point Penthouse**

12 **The Sydney Morning Herald, Domain,** 14 April 2012 - “Sold on a size that fits all”, p.14 - **Elliott Ripper House**

12 **Daily Telegraph, Home,** 28 April 2012 - “Turning pokey into perfect”, pp.14-15 - **Darling Point Penthouse**

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12 **Dwell,** February 2012 Issue - “Houses We Love - Back Storied”, p.36 - **Haines House**

12 **The Sydney Morning Herald, Domain,** 14 January 2012 - “New chapters in old storeys”, pp.4-5 - featuring **Darling Point Penthouse**

11 **Architectural Review Australia,** No.122 Residential 11 - “Haines House”, p.62 - **Haines House**

11 **Renovate,** Vol.7 No.4 Issue - “Let There Be Light”, pp.88-93 - **Haines House**

11 **Arquitectura y Diseño (Spain),** No.130 - “Espacios Flexibles”, p.96 - **Haines House**

11 **Green,** Issue 21 - “Rear Window”, pp.50-56 - **Haines House**

11 **Houses,** Issue 81 - “Haines House”, pp.84-88 - **Haines House**

11 **Grand Designs (UK),** June 2011 Issue - “Box of Tricks”, p.21 - **Haines House**

11 **The Sydney Morning Herald, Domain,** 5 February 2011 - “On the light track”, pp.10-11 - **Haines House**

19 **The Local Project,** 22 September 2019 - “A Hidden Addition - Unfurled House by Christopher Polly Architect” - **Unfurled House**

19 **Hunting For George,** 17 April 2019 - “Binary House | Christopher Polly Architect” - **Binary House**

19 **Australian Design Review,** 14 February 2019 - “Binary House: a contemporary extension to a 1960’s yellow brick house” - **Binary House**

19 **Architecture & Design,** 13 February 2019 - “Binary House: Where spatial and material opposites meet” - **Binary House**

19 **Hunting For George,** 30 January 2019 - “Christopher Polly | Meet the Architect” - **Christopher Polly Architect** feature

18 **The Design Files,** 15 November 2018 - “A Home With Two Personalities” - **Binary House**

18 **Lunchbox Architect,** 14 November 2018 - “Contrasting Addition Complements a Sixties Yellow Brick Home” - **Binary House**

18 **ArchDaily,** 8 November 2018 - “Binary House / Christopher Polly Architect” - **Binary House**

18 **Contemporist,** 6 November 2018 - “A Black Rear Extension Was Added To A 1960s Brick House In Sydney” - **Binary House**

18 **ArchitectureAU,** 6 November 2018 - “Unapologetically suburban: Binary House” - **Binary House**

18 **Habitus Living,** 8 October 2018 - “Hello Yellow Brick Home: Binary House By Christopher Polly Architect” - **Binary House**

18 **Dwell,** 2 October 2018 - “A Modest Midcentury Bungalow Takes on New Life in Sydney” - **Binary House**

18 **Design Milk,** 21 September 2018 - “A Bungalow in Sydney Gets a Dramatic, Pavilion-Like Addition” - **Binary House**

18 **Domain / Innovation column**, 21 July 2018 - “Binary House: The asymmetrical beauty created on a stringent budget” - **Binary House**

18 **Good Weekend,** 21 July 2018 - “Indoors: A Mezzanine? Things are looking up” - **Binary House**

16 **ArchitectureAU,** 15 September 2016 - “Dynamic expression: Unfurled House” - **Unfurled House**

16 **Habitus Living,** 21 July 2016 - “Unfurled House” - **Unfurled House**

16 **Design Milk,** 21 July 2016 - “Unfurled House by Christopher Polly Architect” - **Unfurled House**

16 **e-architect,** 21 July 2016 - “Unfurled House in Petersham” - **Unfurled House**

16 **Designboom,** 19 July 2016 - “Unfurled House designed by Christopher Polly Architect for a Sydney family” - **Unfurled House**

16 **Architizer,** 19 July 2016 - “Unfurled House” - **Unfurled House**

16 **ArchDaily,** 7 July 2016 - “Unfurled House / Christopher Polly Architect” - **Unfurled House**

16 **Contemporist,** 6 July 2016 - “Christopher Polly designs an angular rear extension for this house in Sydney” - **Unfurled House**

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16 **Dezeen,** 6 July 2016 - “Wedge-shaped reading and sleeping nooks feature in Christopher Polly’s Sydney extension” - **Unfurled House**

16 **Domain / Amazing Design on Sunday**, 12 June 2016 - “Amazing Design: Don’t forget the garden” - **Unfurled House**

16 **Design Twins,** 26 February 2016 - “Design chats with architect Christopher Polly” - **Christopher Polly Architect** feature

15 **Dwell,** 7 March 2015 - “Renovation Near Sydney Opens Home Onto a Lush Garden” - **Cosgriff House**

15 **Australian Design Review,** 28 January 2015 - “Cosgriff House, Sydney” - **Cosgriff House**

14 **Interiors Addict,** 7 July 2014 - “Interview: architect Christopher Polly” - **Christopher Polly Architect** feature

14 **Inside Living,** 13 June 2014 - “Cosgriff House by Christopher Polly Architect” - **Cosgriff House**

13 **Domus magazine online,** 24 May 2013 - “Christopher Polly: Cosgriff House” - **Cosgriff House**

13 **Fast Company / Co.Design,** 23 May 2013 - “Renovation On The Sly: Same Footprint, Twice The Volume” - **Cosgriff House**

13 **Design Milk,** 20 May 2013 - “Cosgriff House by Christopher Polly Architect” - **Cosgriff House**

13 **MARK,** 16 May 2013 - “Cosgriff House by Christopher Polly - A Clever Interplay Between Copy and Contrast” - **Cosgriff House**

13 **Architizer,** 15 May 2013 - “Cosgriff House” - **Cosgriff House**

13 **ArchDaily,** 13 May 2013 - “Cosgriff House / Christopher Polly Architect” - **Cosgriff House**

13 **Contemporist,** 11 May 2013 - “Cosgriff House by Christopher Polly Architect” - **Cosgriff House**

13 **Dezeen,** 7 May 2013 - “Cosgriff House by Christopher Polly” - **Cosgriff House**

13 **Designboom,** 4 May 2013 - “Cosgriff House by Christopher Polly Architect” - **Cosgriff House**

13 **WAN Interiors News,** 1 May 2013 - “Elliott Ripper House” - **Elliott Ripper House**

13 **Dwell,** 7 February 2013 - “An Airy Renovation In Sydney” - **Elliott Ripper House**

12 **ArchitectureAU,** 18 December 2012 - “Elliott Ripper House” - **Elliott Ripper House**

12 **Architecture & Design,** 15 November 2012 - “Profile: Christopher Polly and lightweight home design” - **Christopher Polly** feature

12 **Habitus Living,** 10 October 2012 - “The Elliott Ripper House” - **Elliott Ripper House**

12 **ArchDaily,** 12 April 2012 - “Elliott Ripper House / Christopher Polly Architect” - **Elliott Ripper House**

12 **Contemporist,** 12 April 2012 - “Elliott Ripper House by Christopher Polly Architect” - **Elliott Ripper House**

12 **Dwell,** 10 February 2012 - “Back Storied” - **Haines House**

11 **ArchDaily,** 14 October 2011 - “Darling Point Penthouse / Christopher Polly Architect” - **Darling Point Penthouse**

11 **Freshome,** 5 October 2011 - “Impressive Contemporary Penthouse Overlooking Sydney Harbour” - **Darling Point Penthouse**

11 **Architizer,** 26 September 2011 - “Darling Point Penthouse” - **Darling Point Penthouse**

11 **ArchitectureAU,** 24 September 2011 - “Haines House” - **Haines House**

11 **Design Milk,** 3 August 2011 - “Haines House by Christopher Polly” - **Haines House**

11 **Habitus Living,** 10 February 2011 - “The Haines House” - **Haines House**

11 **Contemporist,** 6 February 2011 - “Haines House by Christopher Polly Architect” - **Haines House**

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awards

21 **Best of Houzz Awards 2021: Design** - Portfolio of projects - **Winner**

20 **Best of Houzz Awards 2020: Design** - Portfolio of projects - **Winner**

19 **Lysaght Inspirations Design Awards -** Binary House, Residential Projects - **Highly Commended**

19 **ArchDaily Building of the Year Awards -** Binary House, Houses Award - **Nonimation**

18 **Houses Awards -** Binary House, House Alteration & Addition over 200 sqm - **Shortlisted Finalist**

18 **Australian Timber Design Awards -** Binary House, Interior Fitout - Residential - **Shortlisted Finalist**

17 **Architizer A+ Awards -** Unfurled House, Residential Interiors Award (Typology Category) - **Shortlisted Finalist**

16 **Australian Institute of Architects Awards -** Unfurled House, Residential - Houses (Alterations & Additions) - **Winner**

16 **Marrickville Medal Award -** Unfurled House - **Winner**

16 **Interior Design Excellence Awards (IDEA) -** Unfurled House, Residential Single Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

16 **Sustainability Awards -** Unfurled House, Single Dwelling (Alterations & Additions) Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

16 **Houses Awards -** Unfurled House, House Alteration & Addition under 200 sqm - **Shortlisted Finalist**

16 **Australian Interior Design Awards -** Unfurled House, Residential Design Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

16 **Marrickville Sustainable Building Award -** Unfurled House - **Shortlisted Finalist**

15 **Best of Houzz Awards 2015: Design** - Portfolio of projects - **Winner**

14 **Architizer A+ Awards -** Cosgriff House, Residential Interiors Award (Typology Category) - **Shortlisted Finalist**

13 **Sustainability Awards -** Cosgriff House, Single Dwelling (Alterations & Additions) Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

13 **Australian Institute of Architects Awards -** Elliott Ripper House, Residential - Houses Alterations & Additions - **Shortlisted**

13 **Houses Awards -** Cosgriff House, House Alteration & Addition under 200 sqm - **Shortlisted Finalist**

13 **Australian Interior Design Awards -** Cosgriff House, Residential Design Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

12 **Interior Design Excellence Awards (IDEA) -** Elliott Ripper House, Single Residential Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

12 **House & Garden Top 50 Room of the Year Awards** - Haines House - **Shortlisted Finalist**

12 **Australian Timber Design Awards -** Elliott Ripper House, Treated Pine Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

11 **Houses Awards -** Haines House, House Alteration & Addition under 200 sqm - **Shortlisted Finalist**

11 **Interior Design Excellence Awards (IDEA) -** Haines House, Single Residential Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

09 **Interior Design Excellence Awards (IDEA) -** EyeOpener, Retail Design Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

09 **Australian Interior Design Awards -** EyeOpener, Retail Design Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

09 **Dulux Colour Awards -** EyeOpener, Commercial Interiors Award - **Shortlisted Finalist**

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Testimonial: Jeremy Farrington & Jasmin Ellis

Chris has been an integral part of our 4+ year journey in turning our 1960's modest brick house into something that discreetly improved the understated original character from the street while opening it up into an amazing contemporary new addition which provides perfect living spaces in which to enjoy our time.
Chris has an amazing level of attention to detail and focus that was carried across all elements of our build to help drive the result of our amazing light-filled addition. He has brought his vast product knowledge to ensure the finishes were exactly what we wanted for a great architectural outcome inside and out.
Chris' passion shows through in all elements of his work and phases of the project and for that we are sincerely thankful.

Binary House
Woolooware Sydney

2013 - 2018

2019 Lysaght Inspirations Design Awards - *Highly Commended*
2019 ArchDaily Building of the Year Awards - *Nomination*
2018 Houses Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
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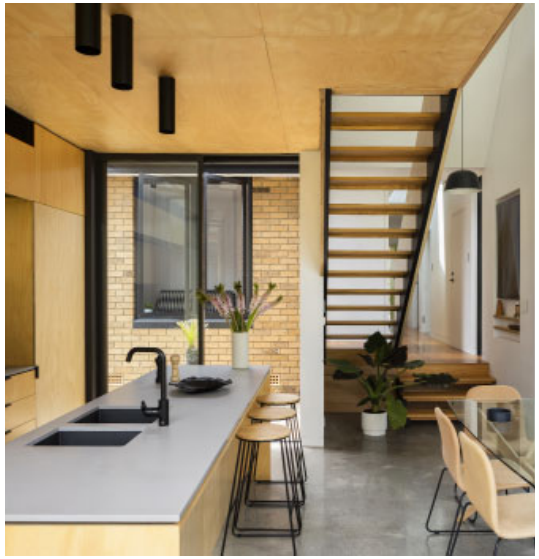

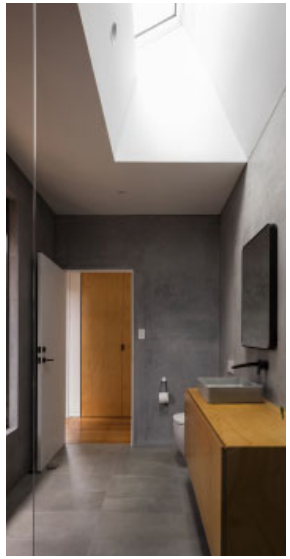

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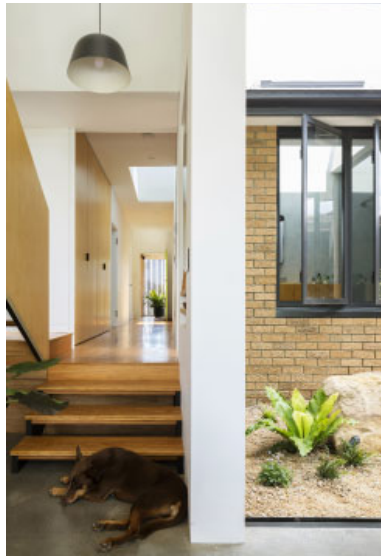

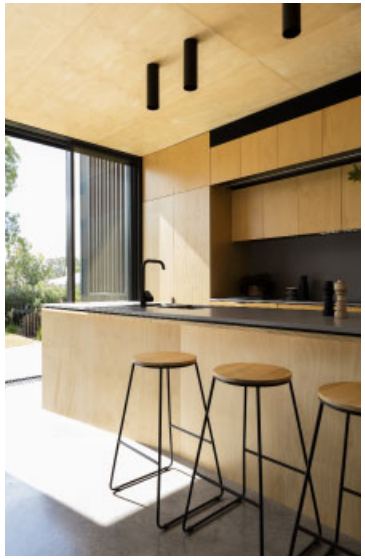

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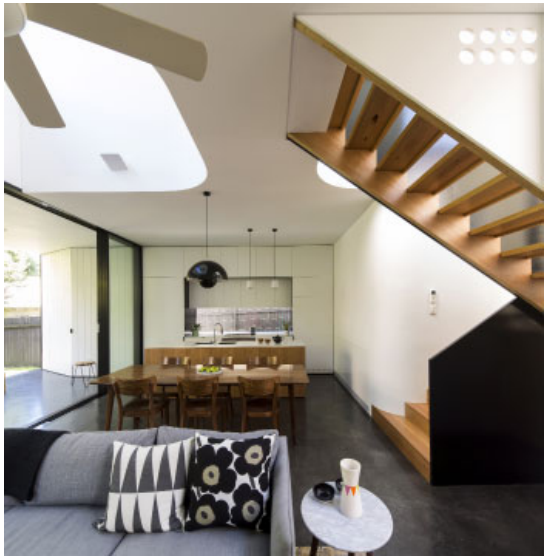
Testimonial: Warrick Goldsmith

We engaged Chris to design a renovation on our house after seeing his previous work. Particularly, his spectacular Elliott Ripper House in Sydney's Rozelle.
Throughout the entire process from design to completion of construction, Chris has acted in the most professional manner of any person I've ever met. His talent for architecture & rigorous attention to detail is exemplary.
The resulting product has been beyond our wildest expectations. For anyone with a passion for good design, I couldn't recommend Chris highly enough for engagement in their project.

Unfurled House
Petersham Sydney

2013 - 2016

2016 AIA Awards, Residential Architecture, Houses (Alterations & Additions) - *Architecture Award Winner*
2016 Marrickville Medal Award - *Winner*
2017 Architizer A+ Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2016 Sustainability Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2016 IDEA Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2016 Houses Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2016 Australian Interior Design Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2016 Marrickville Sustainable Building Award - *Shortlisted Finalist*



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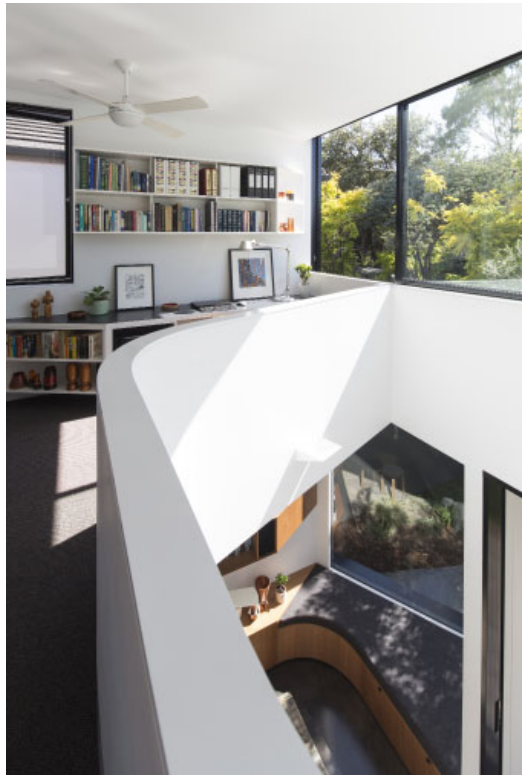

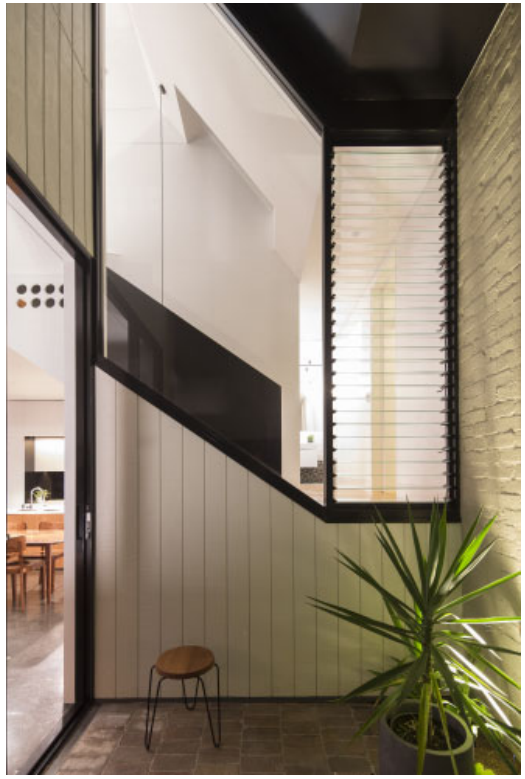

Unfurled House

Petersham Sydney

2013 - 2016

2016 AIA Awards, Residential Architecture, Houses (Alterations & Additions) - *Architecture Award Winner*
2016 Marrickville Medal Award - *Winner*
2017 Architizer A+ Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2016 Sustainability Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2016 IDEA Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2016 Houses Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2016 Australian Interior Design Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
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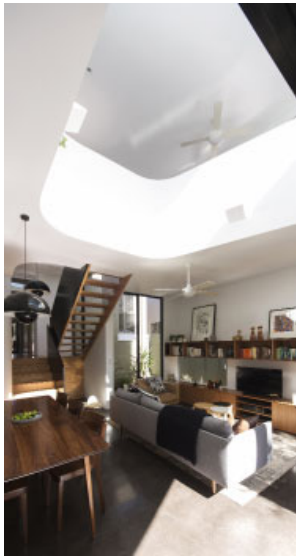

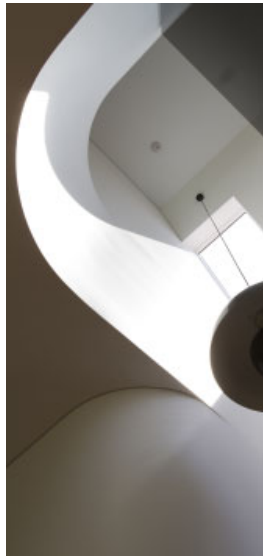

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Greenwich House

Greenwich Sydney

2019 - 2020

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Greenwich House

Greenwich Sydney

2019 - 2020

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Testimonial: Georgina Cosgriff

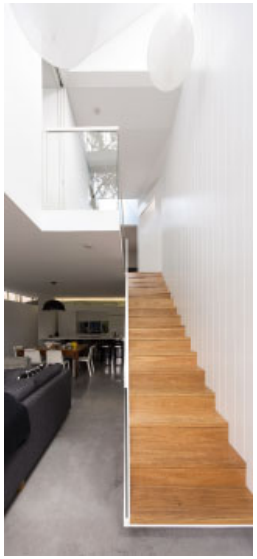
We engaged Christopher Polly Architect to design and manage the renovation of our two bedroom home. Chris had a positive "can-do" attitude and an extremely creative vision. He made full use of our sloping site to create a wonderful four bedroom family home which accommodated council's strict development controls.
Chris was also able to incorporate our love of the garden and, in particular, a huge jacaranda tree into the design. Chris has a very professional attitude and his thoroughness in the design process meant that we had very little difficulty during the DA stage.
Chris also managed the build and ensured that the finished project met his high expectations. Chris is attentive and very open with communication. We would have no hesitation in recommending Christopher Polly Architect.

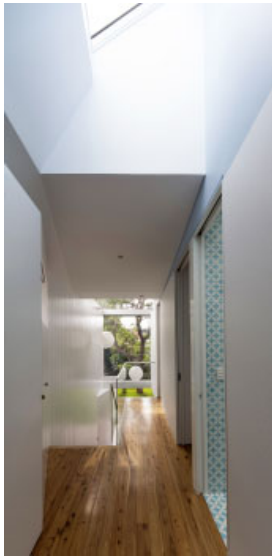
Cosgriff House

Annandale Sydney

2009 - 2013

2014 Architizer A+ Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist
2013 Sustainability Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist
2013 Houses Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist
2013 Australian Interior Design Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist





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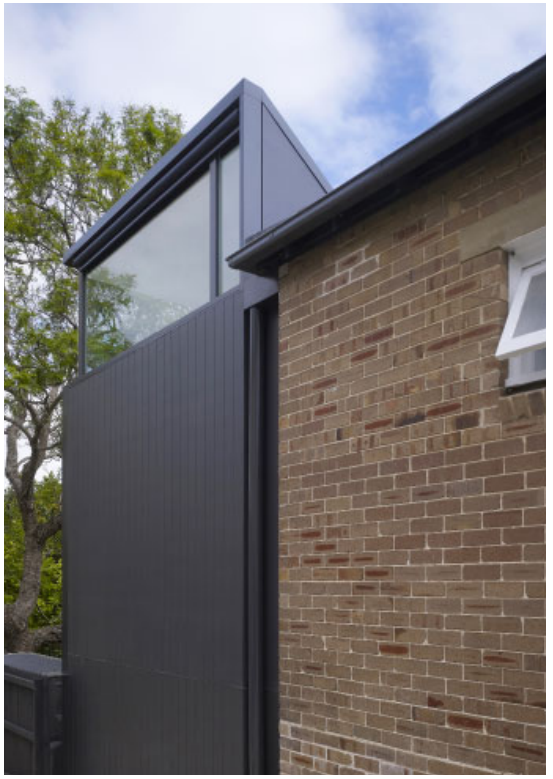

Cosgriff House

Annandale Sydney

2009 - 2013

2014 Architizer A+ Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist
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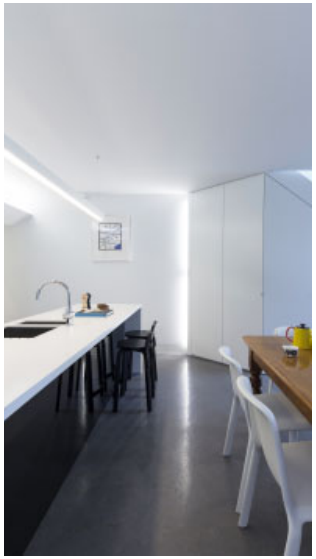

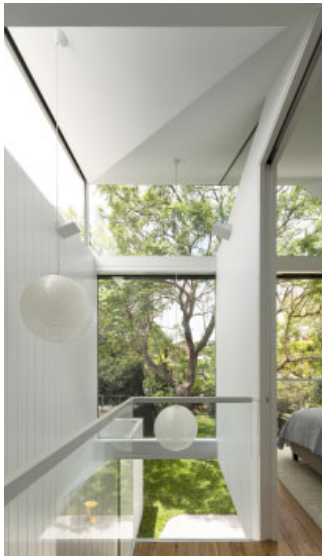

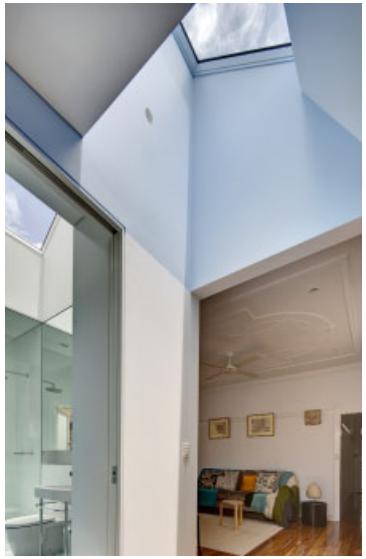

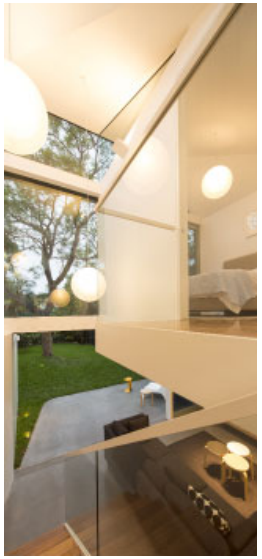

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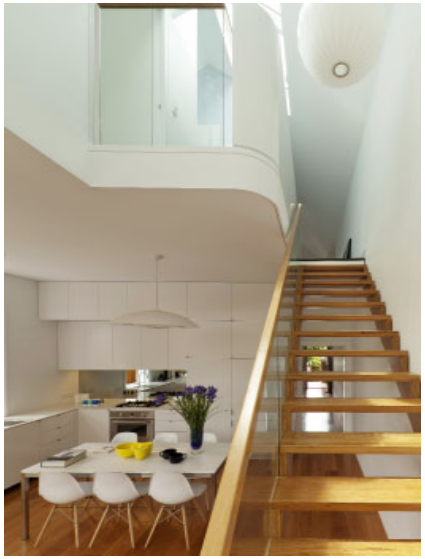
Testimonial: Megan Ripper

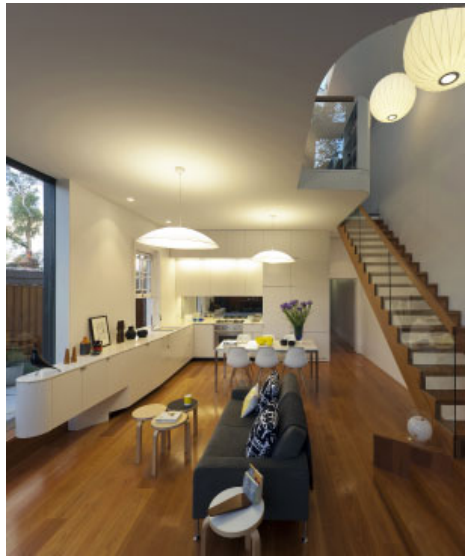
We engaged Chris to design and project manage a large scale extension and renovation to our house and couldn't have been happier with the end result. Chris was able to come up with some fantastic ideas that gelled well with the aesthetic we'd hoped to achieve, and the little details he was able to incorporate really took the project to a level beyond expectations.
Chris is incredibly professional to deal with, and aside from his great ideas and an eye for detail, we were impressed with the way he was able to run the tender process and manage our appointed builders throughout the project.
The result? A project that came in on time and budget, and a house we love spending every minute in! Chris deserved all of the nominations and print media exposure our house received once completed.
We wouldn't hesitate to use Chris again on a future project and have reommended him to others.

Elliott Ripper House
Rozelle Sydney

2007 - 2011

2013 AIA Awards, Residential Architecture, Houses (Alterations & Additions) - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2012 IDEA Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*
2012 Australian Timber Design Awards - *Shortlisted Finalist*





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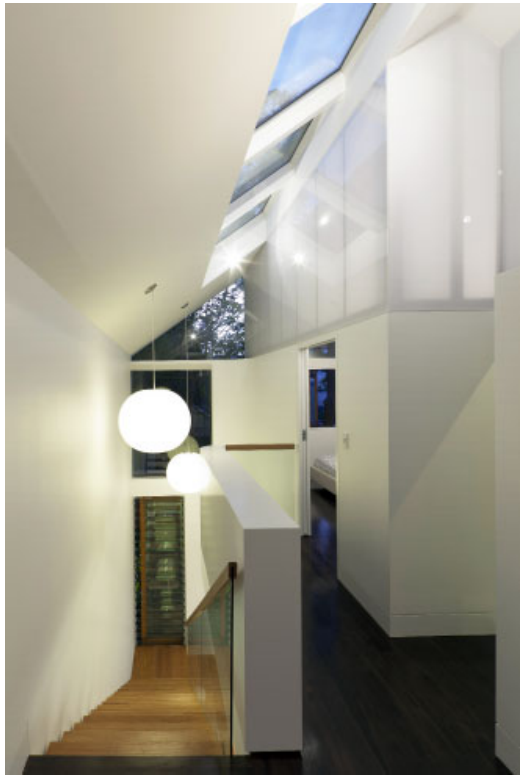

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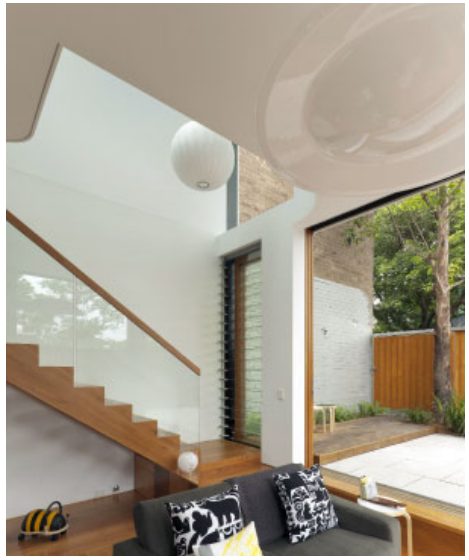

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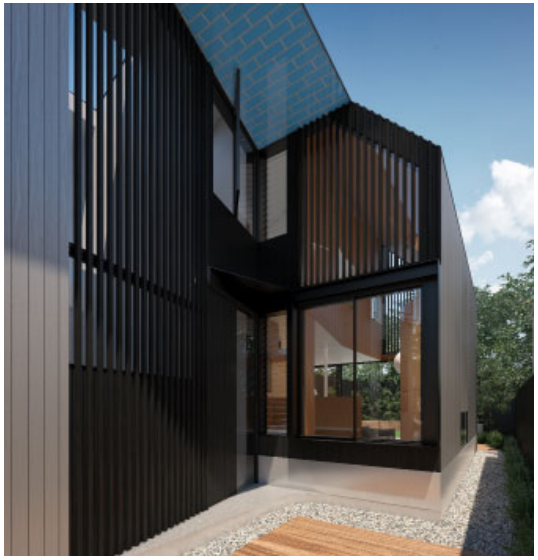
Starling House

Lilyfield Sydney

2016 - 2017



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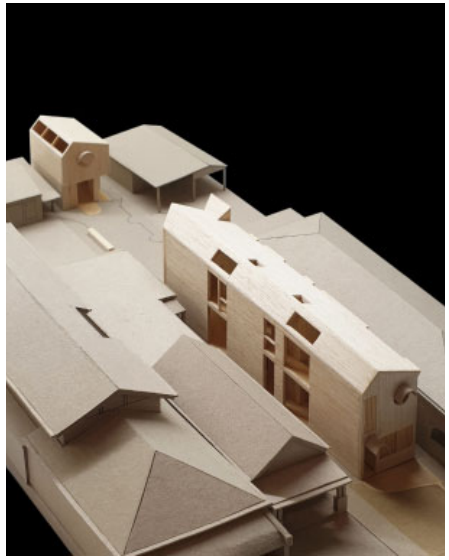
National House
Leichhardt Sydney

2020 -



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Testimonial: Georgia Haines

I hired Christopher Polly to design and project manage the renovation of my single story semi in Newtown. Chris worked very well with my brief and created an addition that was elegant, nuanced and suited to my needs.
He was honest with me and managed my expectations well. He managed all aspects of council approval and tender preparation. His talent for thoughtful design is matched by his attention to detail and keen desire to maintain the integrity of the design throughout the build. His instinct for builder selection was spot on and the resultant home has done me in good stead for many years now. I would highly recommend him to anyone.

Haines House
Newtown Sydney

2008 - 2010

2012 H&G Room of the Year Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist
2011 Houses Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist
2011 IDEA Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist

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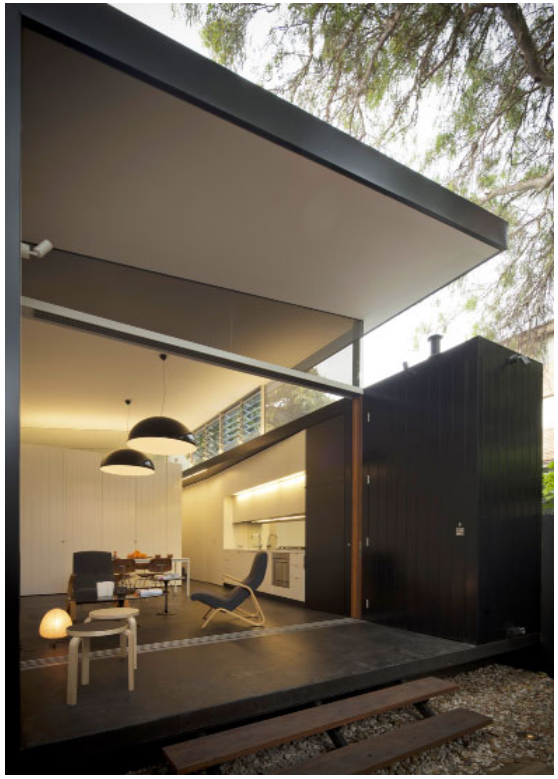

Haines House
Newtown Sydney

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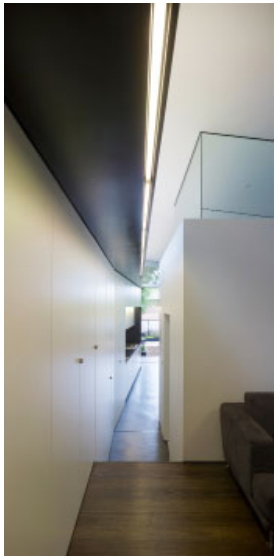

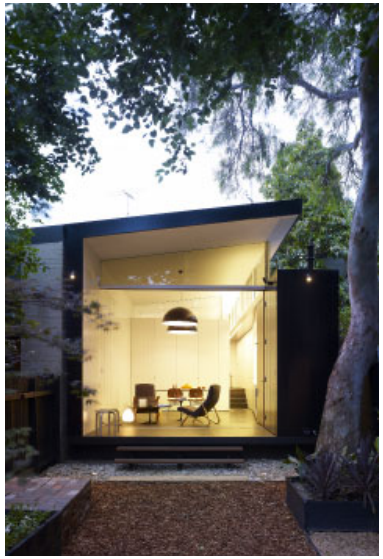

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Manifold House

Dover Heights Sydney

2017 -

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Woonona House Studio

Woonona NSW

2016 - 2017

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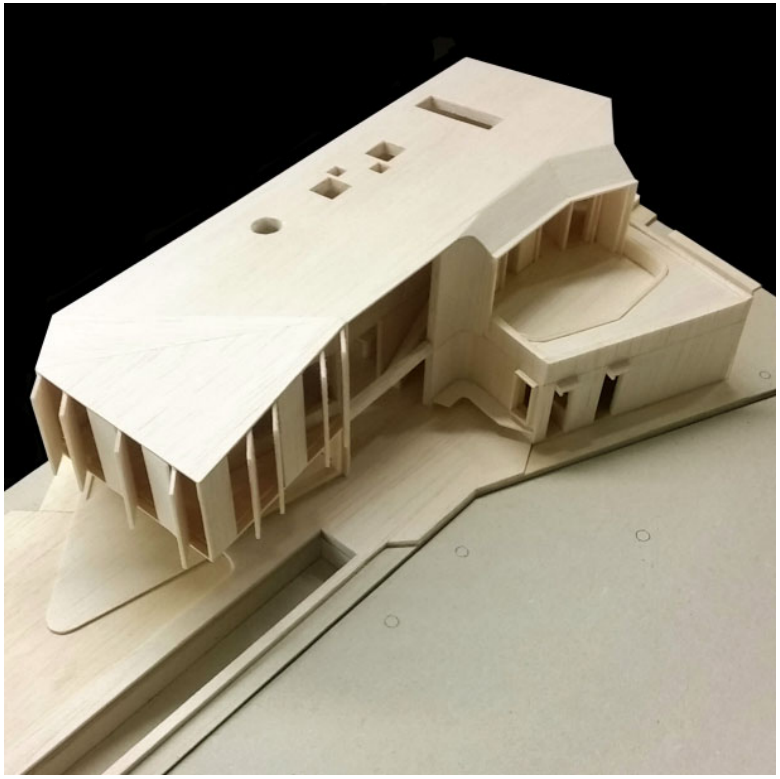

Flexion House

Earlwood Sydney

2016 - 2018

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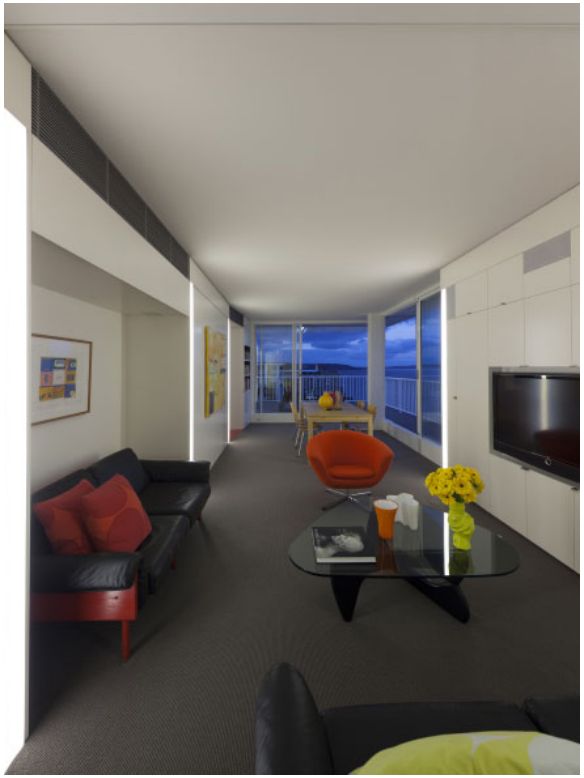
Testimonial: Sue-Ella Prodonovich

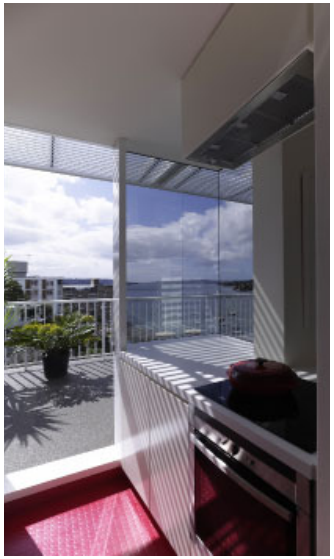
Christopher Polly Architect provided architectural design services including defining and developing concepts; providing full design & documentation services; preparation of permits / applications and liaison with relevant regulatory authorities, community / strata management groups, councils and certifiers; and overall project and contract management. His design and expertise covered everything from the specification of the number on the front door, precision cabinetry that provided storage and defined spaces, outstanding lighting solutions, clever use of woodwork inside and out, and an innovative solution for the external terrace surface.
The level of detail covered in his documentation ensured there were no surprises and the project ran smoothly. The suppliers he used (builder, engineers) were all reputable and responsive. Our experience was first class and exemplified the value an architect brings to a project.

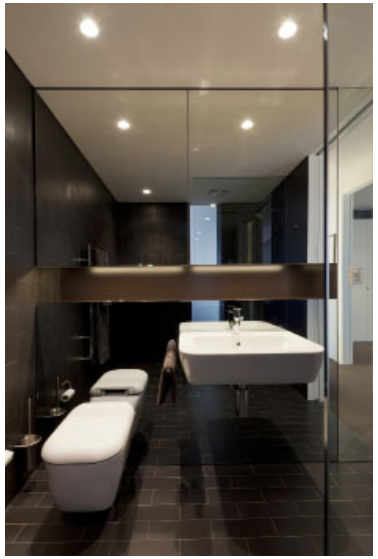


Darling Point Penthouse

Darling Point Sydney

2009 - 2011





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Darling Point Penthouse

Darling Point Sydney

2009 - 2011

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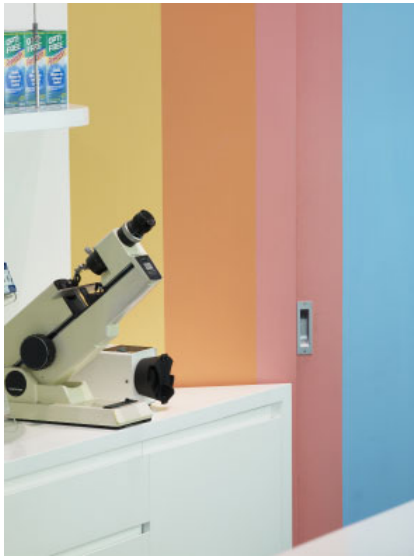
EyeOpener

Castlereagh Street
Sydney

2008

2009 IDEA Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist
2009 Australian Interior Design Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist (Retail Design)
2009 Australian Interior Design Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist (Colour Commercial)
2009 Dulux Colour Awards -
Shortlisted Finalist



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Wintons Teak Showroom

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Artarmon Sydney

2010

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