

# Commendation

**CATEGORY** Built Work Medium  
**PROJECT** Carlton House  
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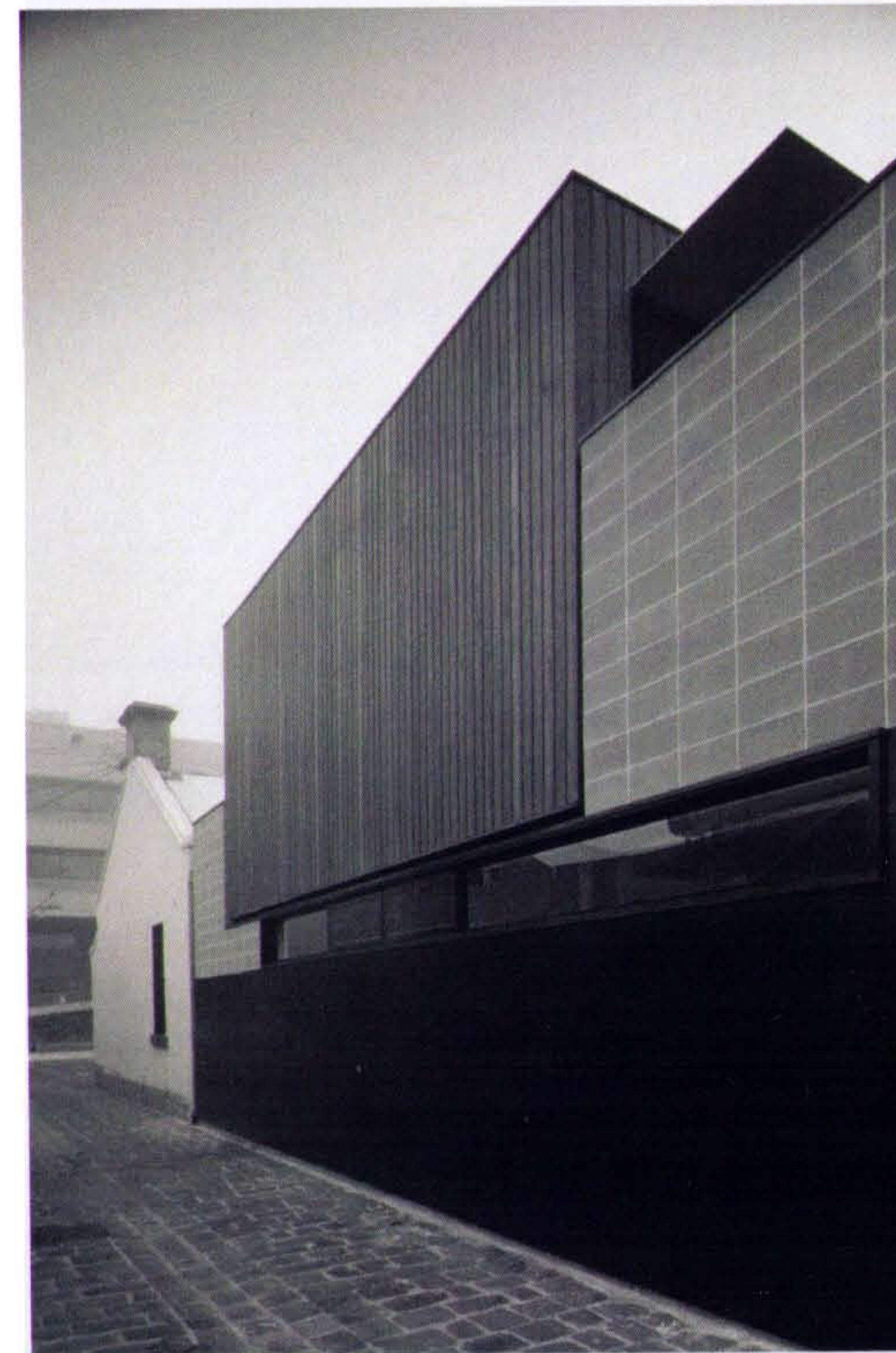
## DESIGN INTENT

The aim for this project was to minimise noise whilst maximising privacy for the inhabitants of this tiny inner city cottage. Inspired by Japanese modernist architecture, a concrete bunker, which keeps the noise at bay, was created. The insertion of internal light courts, extensive use of skylights and the thoughtful placement of windows illuminates the internal spaces whilst offering privacy. Colour and timber have been introduced throughout the project creating an internal forest in a concrete jungle.

**Builder:** Kleev Homes  
**Structural:** John Morgan + Assoc

## JUDGES COMMENT

This very small project is an excellent study in the simple and elegant use of naturally expressed materials. Exposed on 2 sides to a Carlton laneway the project successfully explores the use of internal light courts and highlight windows to provide private realm within whilst still contributing to the public realm through its careful assemblage of materials.





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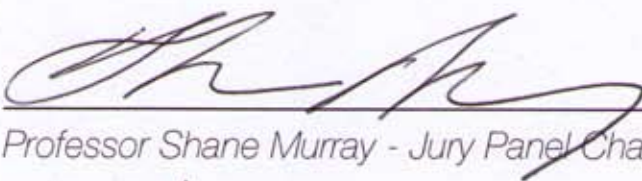
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## **In recognition of**

Carlton House, Carlton Victoria

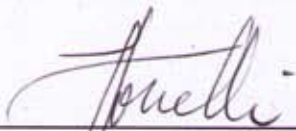
## **On this day**

3rd September 2009



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Professor Shane Murray - Jury Panel Chair



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Fred Tonelli - Chair ArchiTeam

