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Bower Architecture is a recently established practice of architects Chema Bould, Anna Dutton and Jade Vidal who provide innovative and environmentally sustainable Architecture, driven by function, clarity and beauty. They believe that beautiful and elegant outcomes result from solving the complexities of the client's brief and integration of the building into its context.

Jobs under construction include a residence of over 400sqm in Caulfield. The use of black zinc and charcoal block externally contrasts with and conceals a surprising interior, flooded with natural light. A series of north facing living volumes that range in scale from expansive to intimate, are arranged beside, behind and over a central courtyard. The house is zoned into the downstairs area for the residing couple and the upstairs for their grandchildren. The central courtyard and a void running the length of the house connect these zones, allowing natural light to be captured, absorbed and bounced throughout.

Another project in progress is a holiday house in Skenes Creek, designed to maximise stunning ocean and valley views. The brief for a simple and bold solution that could be economically constructed has resulted in a building composed of two extruded forms. The lower height extrusion accommodates the bedroom and bathroom facilities, the higher houses the living areas. This arrangement enables both northern light and southern ocean views to be captured and enjoyed.

Completed projects include a commercial fitout for a narrow two storey brick warehouse in Richmond. Creation of a new void near the entry and re-configuring the interior layout to locate services at the lower level maximises natural daylight to the upper level work areas. Existing features such as original brickwork and the steel framework of the simple gable roof have been retained and celebrated.

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