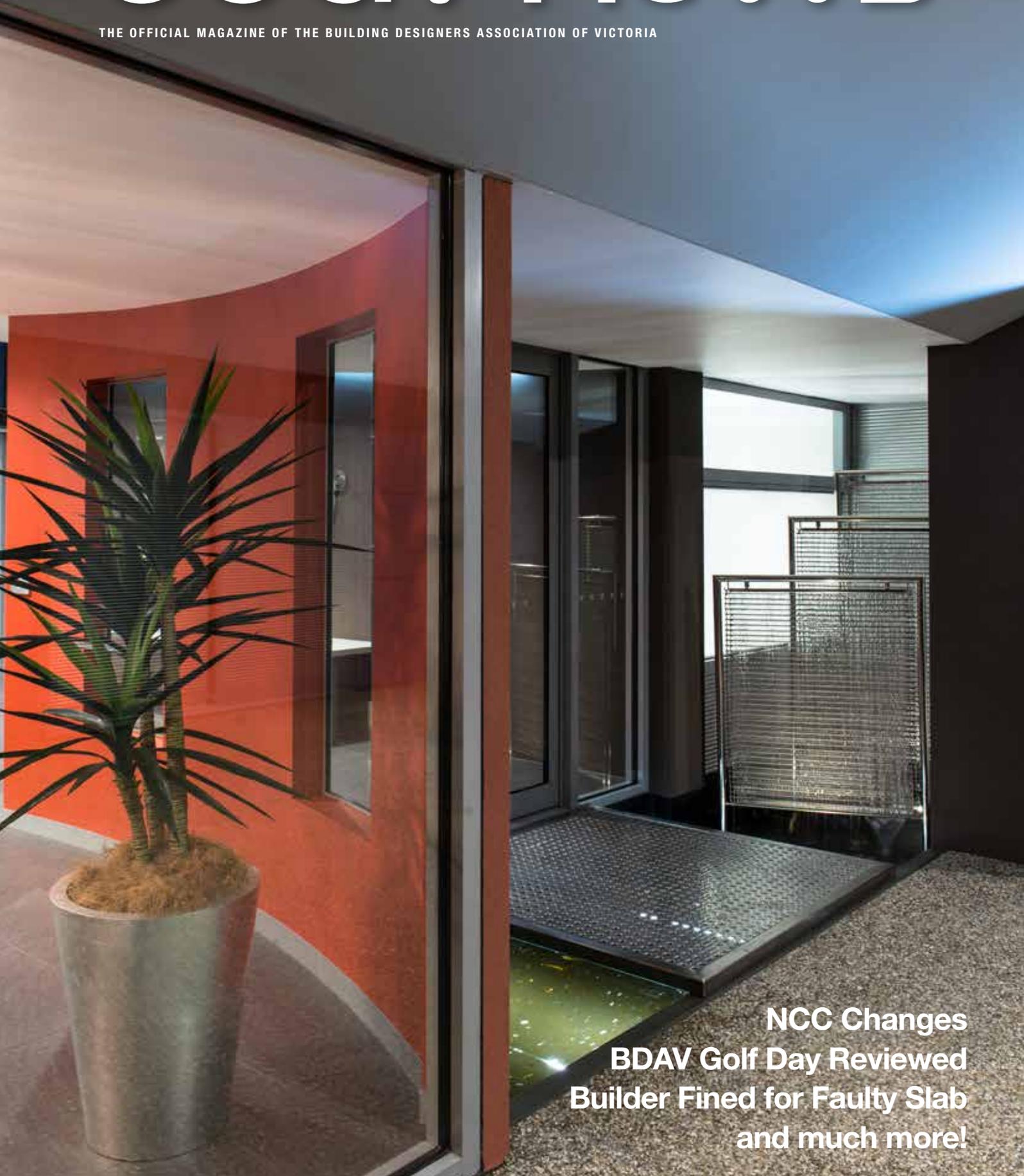


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# Rumney Rest

Clever Design won three awards for the Rumney Rest project in the BDAV's 2013 Building Design Awards: *Residential Design - New House \$500K-\$1M construction cost, Most Innovative Bathroom Design, and Excellence in Use of Steel.*

Requesting a retirement home, the client wanted a minimalistic contemporary two-bedroom pavilion style home with sustainability at the core, encapsulating views from all rooms, and integrating external living areas. Zoning was critical to functionality, allowing for a separate wing with an office/study, large bathroom/retreat and an independent zone for guests. Provision for a carport was also essential.

Strategically pivoted on a discretionary planning application to site the home at the southern top-end allowed the design to work in tandem with the natural form of the knoll. Curvaceous convex and opposing roof forms complement the linear pavilion plan, facilitating the panorama from every room. Sustainability imperatives also inform the design functionality, resolving zoning requirements. Overall, the project exceeded the clients' brief.

This stunning home delightfully complements the hill on which it sits. Curved forms internally, externally and in plan create an unusual blend of boldness with simplicity.

The judges were impressed by the well resolved and innovative details.

"Reflecting the minimalist philosophy of the home, the architectural form has



been accentuated by the contrasting and striking textures and palette of colours that simultaneously defines the various zones. Correspondingly, seamless curved ceilings create spatial illusions extending through to the magnificent vista," said the Judges.

Use of wide sliding doors increases the sense of space through the widened view lines from all the main rooms.

In relation to the bathroom, and considering the awkward space in which this bathroom had to fill, all functions are served seamlessly and practically. The sophisticated bathroom fulfils its purpose

to offer sanctuary for the occupants. It is the strength of the design that communicates an understated luxury, function and serenity.

Responding to the steep site complexities, steel was a clear choice given its structural integrity, sustainability, and recyclability factors as well as its ability to articulate the expressive quality of the exposed structural steel skeleton and BlueScope's Colorbond roof and mini-orb wall cladding – not achievable using alternate materials. Aesthetically, the clever integration is visually balanced and is in harmony with its environ.





The stunningly subtle shape of this building is possible due to the use of steel. Further utilising the capabilities of the product much of the external frame is exposed providing stark, simple contrast with windows and wall claddings. ■



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