



LOCAL HEROES

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THEY'VE GOT IT COVERED

At the tip of New Farm peninsula in Brisbane is an elongated home made up of a series of two-storey pavilions and courtyards. Enclosing the areas and sealing them off from the elements is a shade cloth held off the structural cladding of the home to protect the rooms and outdoor spaces housed beneath. The cloth provides a certain level of security, as well as protection from the sun and insects. Simultaneously it allows the home to be naturally ventilated. *This home is in the running for a 2014 Australian Institute of Architects Award. James Russell Architect, jamesrussellarchitect.com.au; architecture.com.au.*



TUNNEL VISION

A long, silver structure sits atop a valley on a former apple farm in Tasmania, its cylindrical-shaped outer surface broken only by protruding glass windows and a door. The site required a home that would be able to handle the rough southerly winds of the region, so Misho + Associates designed a linear layout to combat this, with the home's curved, galvanised metal roof allowing for wind to flow over it without causing internal turbulence. Large, thermally broken, double-glazed windows provide framed views of the valley below, while six tall Corten blades shelter the other side of the home. *This home is in the running for a 2014 Australian Institute of Architects Award. Misho + Associates (03) 6264 2333, misho.com.au; architecture.com.au.*

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SWEEPING STATEMENT

Playing an influential part in the overall design of this home among the branches are the tall, established trees surrounding the block. The sweeping roof emulates the twists and kinks of the trees, creating a draped canopy to the living spaces, as well as opening the space up to both northern light and southern views. The Claremont valley and city skyline views are framed by timber screens, which further connect the home to its environment. *This home is in the running for a 2014 Australian Institute of Architects Award. Kloppe and Davis Architects (08) 9381 4731, kada.com.au; architecture.com.au.*

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