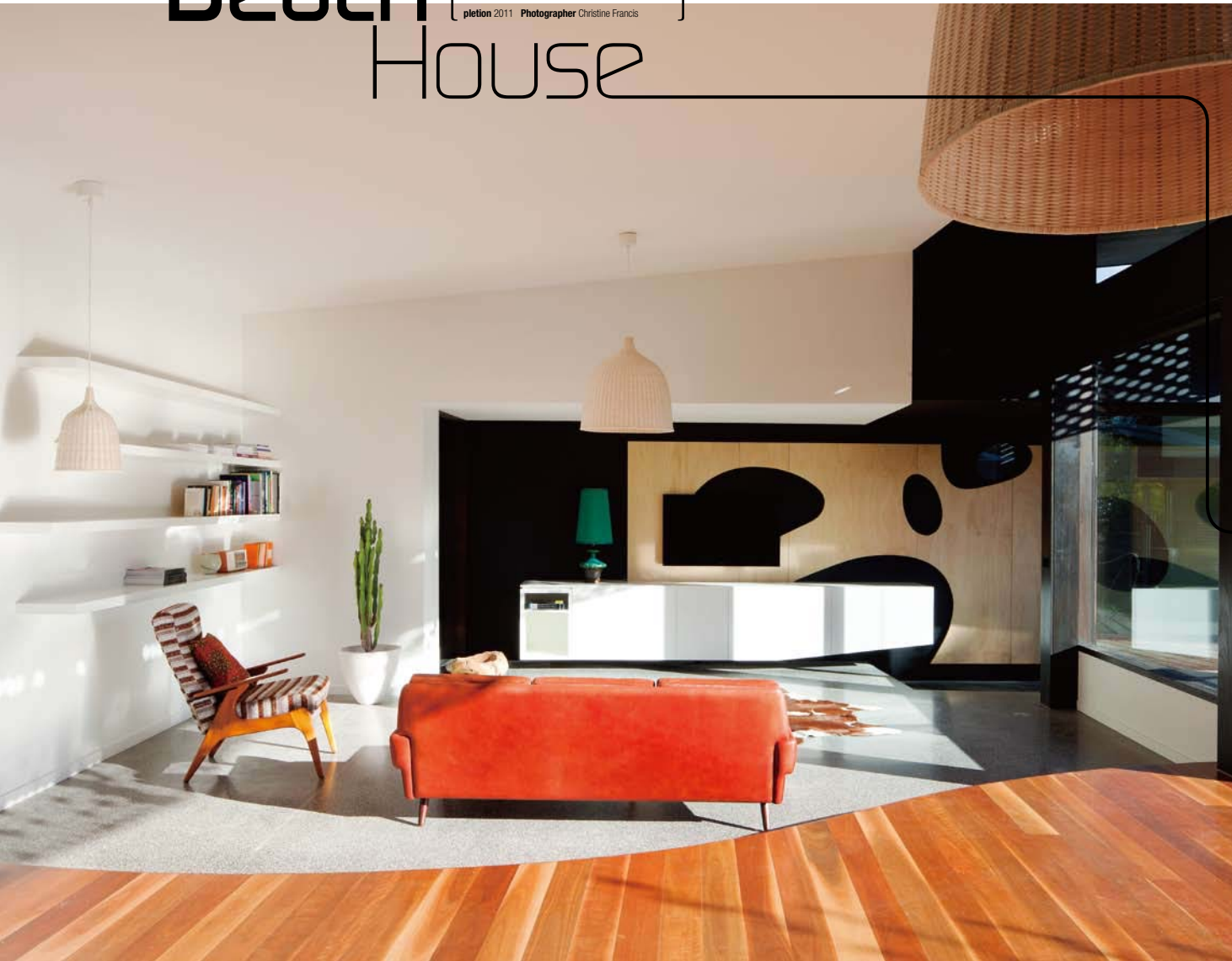


# Balnarring Beach

{ Design Simon Couchman Architects Location Victoria,  
Australia Site area 1,000m<sup>2</sup> Total area 300m<sup>2</sup> Com-  
pletion 2011 Photographer Christine Francis }

# House

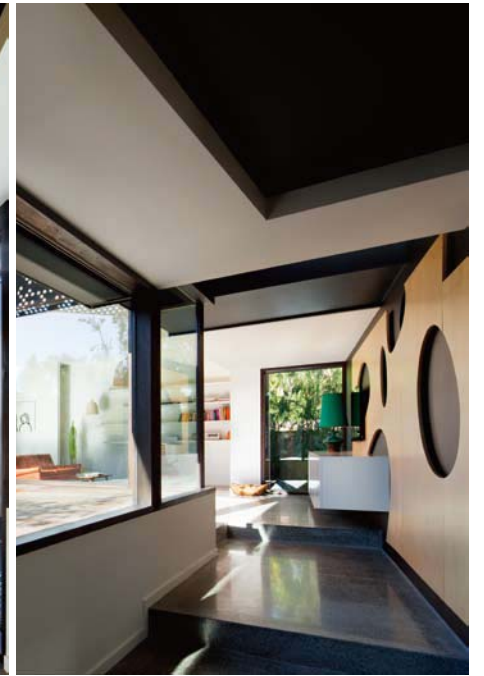


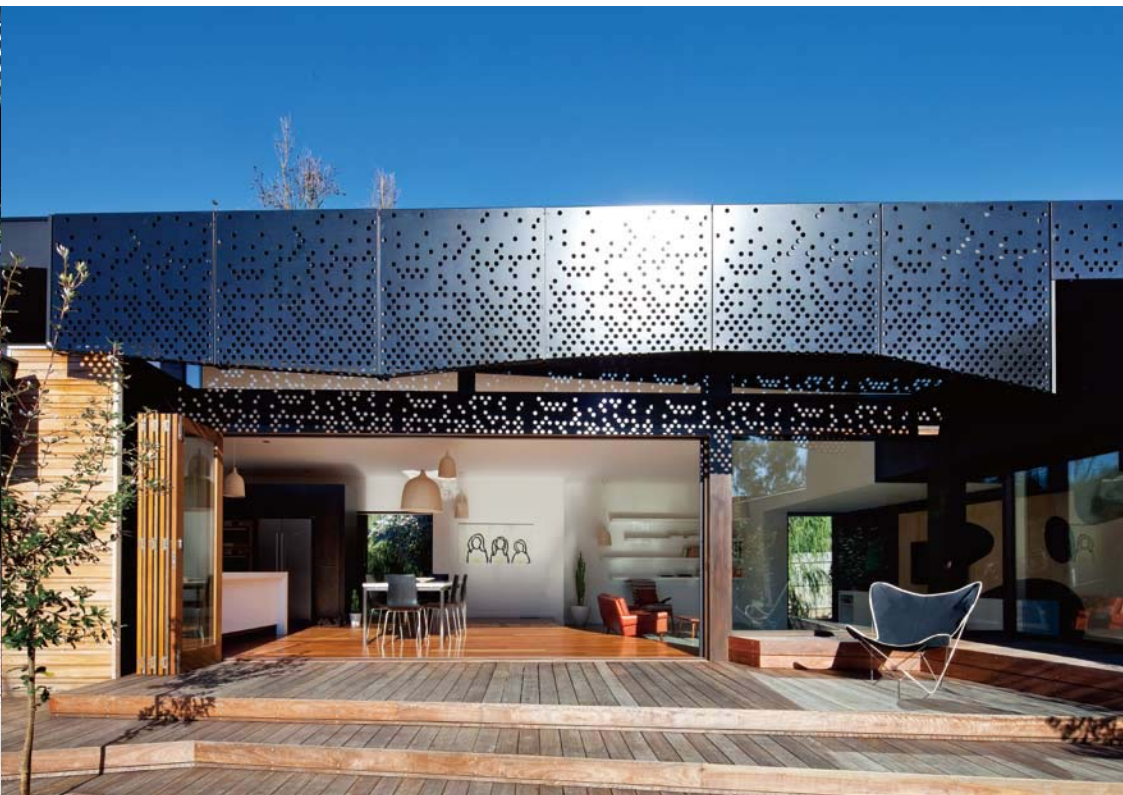
{ The brief called for a family holiday house where family could be together but not on top of one another. The wide, north-facing block some 5 minutes walk from Balnarring Beach on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula offered the perfect opportunity to build such a house. The single level U-shaped building steps up towards the rear of the block following the gentle slope of the land. An integrated landscape solution helps to create a series of indoor and outdoor spaces. The front wing provides a sleeping zone away from the main living areas. A family room here can be opened to the central courtyard and also to a fully secured front yard defined by a curved, vertical batten fence which arcs back to the house, connecting to a curved wall leading visitors to the front door. A glazed corridor links entry and family wing to the rear living areas with a free-standing spine wall concealing a smaller private courtyard addressed only by the master bedroom and study. The main living area flows directly onto the central space via fully retractable bifold doors. Black painted cement sheet panel and raw hardwood timber cladding used externally merge inside the house in places contrasting against the clean white interior plaster shell. Full height glazing and slot windows frame the landscape and further allow the outdoor spaces to flow through the house. }

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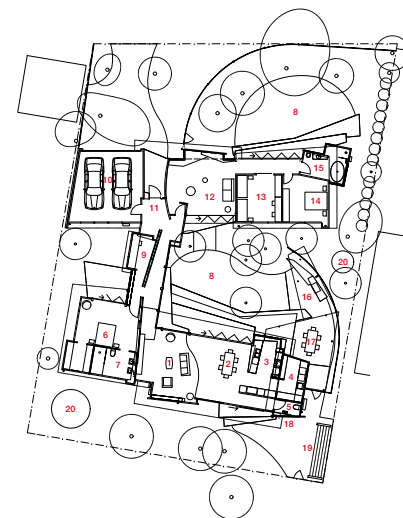
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- 1 LIVING ROOM
- 2 DINING ROOM
- 3 KITCHEN
- 4 LAUNDRY
- 5 POWDER ROOM
- 6 MASTER BEDROOM
- 7 ENSUITE BATHROOM
- 8 LAWN AREA
- 9 STUDY ROOM
- 10 GARAGE
- 11 ENTRANCE
- 12 FAMILY ROOM
- 13 KIDS ROOM
- 14 2ND BEDROOM
- 15 FAMILY BATHROOM
- 16 BARBEQUE
- 17 OUTDOOR DINING AREA
- 18 OUTDOOR SHOWER
- 19 CLOTHESLINE
- 20 WATER TANK



FLOOR PLAN

