

# KICK START YOUR PROJECT

**& WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN  
WORKING WITH US**

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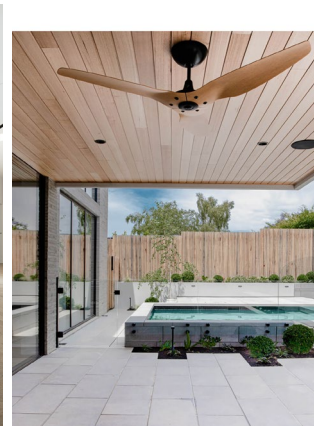
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# ABOUT US



At DE.ARCH, we are committed to designing spaces that authentically reflect each client's unique site, brief and vision. We focus on creating architecture and interior spaces that are pragmatic, refined, and carefully resolved.

By bringing together the client, architect and builder as a team, we help navigate the complexities of the process, ensuring transparency and fostering collaboration to deliver outstanding results.

From new builds to extensive renovations and interior refurbishments, we excel at enhancing the value of every space. By taking the time to understand our clients' lifestyles and requirements, we ensure each project is personalized and meaningful.

There is no greater satisfaction than transforming how people live and work within their spaces & knowing that it will positively impact its occupants for years to come.

# GETTING STARTED



**Beginning your building project with a well-defined brief and roadmap sets the foundation for a smooth and enjoyable design and construction process.**

**Resulting in a home that's perfectly tailored to you and a joy to live in.**

Our Initial Design Consultation is designed to provide you with all the information you need before starting your project.

We offer clients the opportunity to meet in person with Peita or Jessica for an Initial Design Consultation.

This is a focused one-hour meeting where we gather information relevant to your design brief, walk you through the stages of an architectural project, timeframes and provide you with a realistic construction budget estimate - specific to your project and site.

We'll gladly answer any questions, ensuring the process is clear and easy to understand - no jargon we promise!

Many of our clients spend months or even years, researching how to design and build their dream home before they come to us. This often results in wasted time, money, and energy as they try to navigate the design and build process and find the right answers.

Every project is unique, which means you're likely to encounter various opinions and solutions, making it challenging to know the best approach for your specific needs.

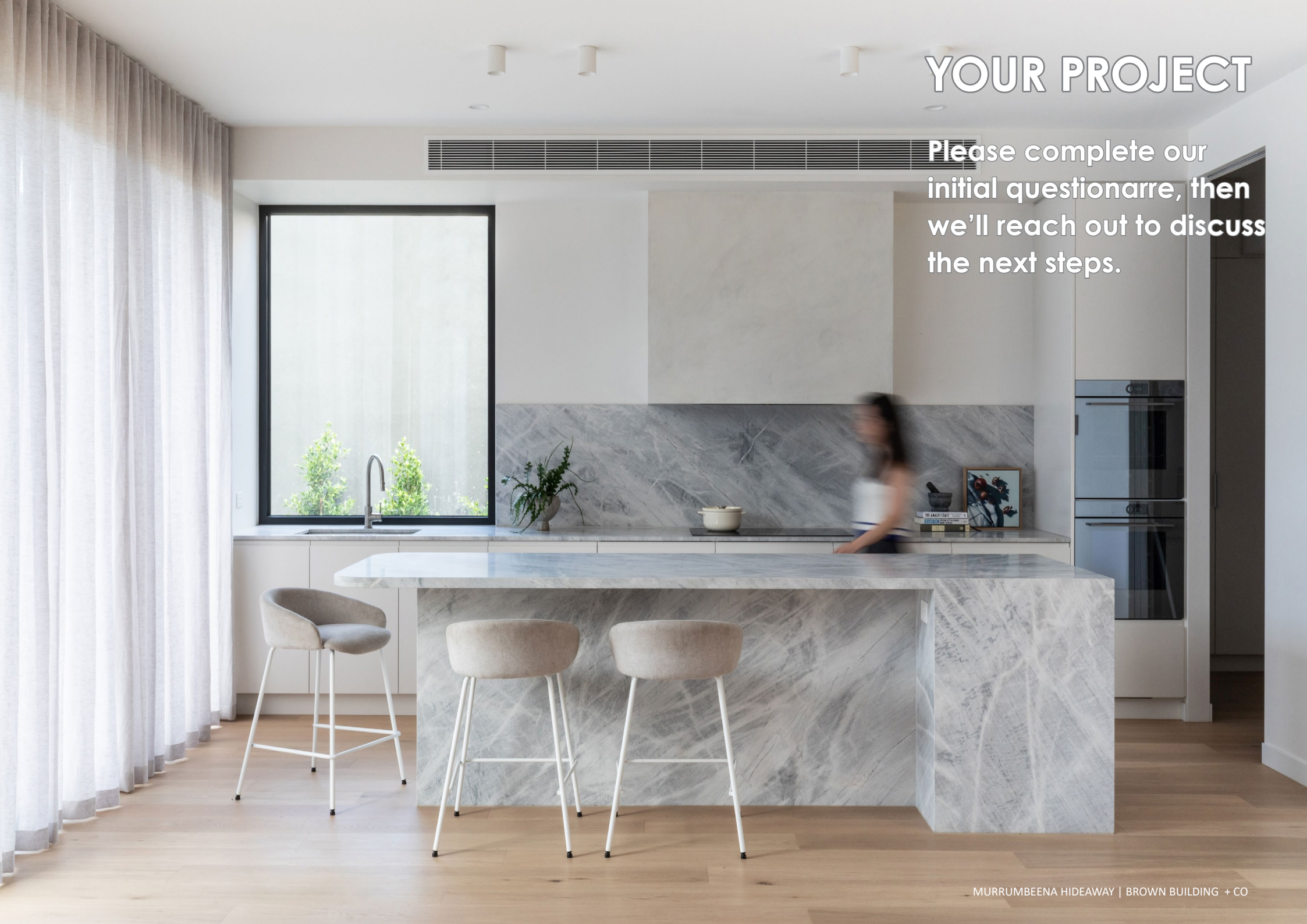
Unfortunately, we too often hear of projects starting at one million and ending up at two by the time the design is complete. This usually happens when the project budget and vision aren't aligned—wasting time, money and resources.

After our meeting, you'll leave with a clear understanding of what your project needs to move forward and whether your goals are achievable.



# YOUR PROJECT

Please complete our initial questionnaire, then we'll reach out to discuss the next steps.



**Which best describes your project?** New House, Extension, Internal Renovation. Please share with us the vision for your home.

**Property Address?** – This will allow us to do a virtual review of the site.

**Who lives here?** – A brief overview of your household (including pets) to help us understand how the space should function.

**How long have you lived here / owned the property?** – And how long do you plan to stay following the new building works?

**What is your budget for the project?** – This will help guide our approach and ensure we're aligned on scope.

**What is your timeline?** – Are there any specific dates or deadlines you have in mind?

**Do you have any design ideas or inspiration for the project?** – Any particular features or styles you like, a Pinterest board?

**What are the main challenges with the current space?** – ie. issues with layout, space limitations, or connection to outdoor areas.

**Have you worked with an Architect or Building Designer before?** – What was your experience? How did you come across DE.ARCH?

**Is there anything else you would like us to know?**

Want to see more of what we do?  
Take a look at our  
[website](#) for a selection of completed  
projects and [Instagram](#) or [facebook](#)  
pages for works on site and in progress.



# WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

“We can’t thank Peita and the team at DE.ARCH enough. We are so happy with our house, it’s absolutely perfect for our little family, we wake up every morning so happy and grateful for the space De.Arch created for us. Peita and the team were so great to work with, made a daunting process feel so easy. Did everything they could to accommodate all our needs and requests, worked so closely with our builder to keep within our budget and genuinely made the process so much fun. We were very lucky to have worked with De.Arch on our first house build and we have a perfect home. Thank you so much and we cant recommend you highly enough.” **RICH, HAMPTON**

“We got in touch with DE.ARCH through a friend’s recommendation and they have not disappointed. We retained them a couple of years ago for some renovation advice. Jess and the team have been incredibly patient on the journey with us while we have very slowly made our decisions, and at no point have they rushed us or given us any sense that they are not invested in getting an outcome. Jess and the team bring exceptional insight to a home build, and are very thorough in what they do. They have a level of technical, financial and practical expertise that makes the process seamless for a busy family. In addition, their fee transparency is to be commended - we’ve always been clear on what we are being charged, and why. I’d highly recommend them!”

**SASHI, BRUNSWICK**

“I had a marvelous time working with Peita on our unusual project which was not only able to stay on schedule but also on budget. From conception to hand-over, Peita and her team worked tirelessly to realise our vision of a multi generational, cohabiting dwelling. With Peita also project manager for us, the whole experience was pleasant, with minimal stress and allowed us to focus on the fun part of the build. I will definitely go back to Peita and DE.ARCH for our future projects.” **ROMI, MOONEE PONDS**

We engaged De.Arch for a substantial renovation (including demolition of about half the house) of our home in the inner west of Melbourne, and I cannot stress enough how grateful we are that we did. Jessica and the rest of the staff there have provided an excellent design which hit everything we wanted and needed in our home, and beyond that have been with us through the entire process of selecting finishes, working through permits and requirements, and engaging and negotiating with builders to complete the works. The level of support, the honest and reliable advice, and the real consideration of what we want, and of details neither my husband or I would have thought of, has made the entire process easy, transparent, and much, much less stressful than we feared it could be. We’re about to begin build on the beautiful design and could not be more satisfied with the quality and value of the work provided.

**ROB, FOOTSCRAY**

# WHAT OUR BUILDERS SAY

A modern bathroom with a double vanity, white sinks, and a large mirror. The vanity has a light wood-grain cabinet and a white countertop. There are two white round sinks with gold faucets. On the counter, there are two black bottles of soap and a small orange container. The wall is covered in light-colored tiles, and there is a shower area to the right with a glass door and a gold showerhead. The floor is made of large, light-colored tiles.

As a builder who has worked closely with Jess, Peita, and the team at DE.ARCH on multiple projects, I cannot recommend them enough. From a builder's perspective, their knowledge and experience have been critical in achieving high-quality builds that meet both budget and timelines. Our clients consistently express their satisfaction with the enjoyable design process and are thrilled with the final outcomes. Additionally, Jess and Peita's approachable, down-to-earth attitude makes collaboration a pleasure for both ourselves and our clients. I have recommended DE.ARCH to past clients and will continue to do so in the future. **LUCAS, HF CONSTRUCTIONS**

DE.ARCH are great to work with. A fantastic architectural firm that consistently delivers a great product. Highly recommended. **PETER, APC BUILD**

I have has the pleasure to work on both sides of this firm. I have worked with the team on several projects they have designed as the builder. Each project has been great filled with detail and thoughtfulness, and in turn results in some amazing architecture. My wife and I after several attempts to find the right architect to design our dream home, DE.ARCH delivered in beautiful fashion. Making our dream a reality! Would and have recommended to many!! **BRYCE, JBM GROUP**

I run a domestic building company and have worked with the team at DE.ARCH for many years over many projects and have always been impressed with their attention to detail and execution of their projects. I highly recommend them on your next building project as they will 100% improve the design that you are hoping to create, as well as make the design process so easy. They also help make the build go smoother by staying in touch through out the building process and answering any questions we may have along the way. I always really enjoy working with DE.ARCH and I'm sure you will to as Jessica and peita are both great people as well amazing architects. **PETER, BROWN BUILDING + CO**



**What should I bring to the initial consultation?**

Bring any ideas, inspiration images, or sketches you have, along with your project goals, budget, and any relevant site or property information.

**How do you charge?**

We offer a fixed fee tailored to your project, rather than charging a percentage of build cost. This reflects the level of thinking, detail and experience we bring to each design - ensuring a considered outcome from the outset, with complete transparency around fees.

**How much will my project cost to build?**

The construction cost depends on several factors including the size, complexity, location and scope of the project. We will provide an realistic estimate after discussing your needs and goals.

**How long will my project take to complete?**

Timelines vary depending on the type of project, design complexity and approval processes. From initial design concept through to signing up a builder, this can take as little as 8 months, more commonly 12 months and occasionally up to 18 months. Once on site, most projects take between 8 & 12 months to complete. We'll provide a rough timeline once we have a better understanding of your project.

**Do I need town planning permission for my project?**

Some projects require town planning permission and it depends on your project's scope and local regulations. We'll make some early enquiries with your local council to clarify exactly what approvals are needed, then we will guide you through the permit process and communicate with council on your behalf.

**How do you manage the budget?**

We work closely with you to establish a realistic budget at the outset and monitor costs throughout the design and construction phases to avoid surprises. Further to this, the documentation is priced as the project develops from concept plans through to construction documentation, either by one of our recommended builders or by a cost planner.

**How do you handle design revisions?**

We include a set number of revisions during the concept design phase to ensure you're satisfied with the direction of the project. Major revisions may incur additional fees but we will always advise you ahead of time.

**Can I be involved in the design process?**

Absolutely! Your input is essential and we encourage collaboration throughout the design process to ensure the final design of your home meets your vision.

**How do you ensure sustainability in the design?**

We ensure sustainability by optimizing your home's solar orientation and cross ventilation, using energy-efficient or recycled materials, and applying sustainable construction techniques. We also encourage you to focus on needs over wants, as smaller homes are more sustainable in the long run - a less but better approach.

**Do you work with other consultants or specialists?**

Yes. We work closely with a trusted network of consultants, including structural & civil engineers, building surveyors and other specialists as required. We coordinate the entire consultant team and guide you through selecting the right people for your project, so everything runs smoothly from start to finish.

**Can you help me choose a builder?**

We work with a trusted group of residential builders we've collaborated with successfully over the years. Based on your project's location, size, style and budget, we'll help shortlist the right builders and guide you through the selection and pricing process, whether that's an early collaboration (ECI) or a more traditional tender approach.

## Initial consultation

Get in touch with de.arch to schedule an initial 60-minute consultation, either in person or virtually.

By the end of our meeting, you'll have a clear understanding of the next steps to bring your project to life.

Excited? We are too!

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or give us a call

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