



## Fallingwater Australian Style

### BEST RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

This stunning property could be compared in some ways to Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic building Fallingwater. In no way should it be shadowed because this residence that overlooks Port Phillip Bay is a remarkable structure in its own right. By using natural elements such as timber, light and stone with cantilevered forms and reinforced concrete the whole structure is an amalgam of great strength both structurally and aesthetically.

Having embraced the idea of providing significant input into the final design of their home, the owners decided to base the architectural design around characteristics from modernist style architecture. There are even traces of aesthetics that were founded by the International Style and Bauhaus incorporated in the structure.

The residence features South Australian Bluestone, supplied by Kanmantoo, on the façade, retaining walls, in and around the sunken spa and on the internal fireplace. This stone is what makes the construction quintessentially Australian.

Integral to the success of this property is its organic nature in that it evolves naturally out of its context. At each point of perspective South Australian Bluestone can be seen and admired. The skilled construction of the stone walls, which utilises irregular pieces of stone, provides warmth, stability and ancient charm to the structure.

Built on a site that falls ten metres, the foundations were placed deep into the side of the hill to accommodate the internal levels, this in turn emphasises the height of the façade and a sense of convergence. Peaceful and practical, the superior texture of stone brings a truly elemental feel to this sophisticated Peninsula home.

Kanmantoo Bluestone has a wide variety of applications. The material has been laid as cobbles at the Adelaide Oval, as walling on the extension of the Eastern Freeway in Melbourne, as 'walling' for house construction. The rustic nature of the stone and its excellent hard wearing characteristics make it one of Australia's highly valued stones.

### Specifications

**Project:**  
Mornington Peninsula residence, Victoria.

**Architect:**  
BBP Architects

**Stone:**  
South Australian Bluestone

**Supplier:**  
Kanmantoo Bluestone

**Principal Stone Organiser:**  
Australian Slate and Stone  
Nick Crivelli

**Stone Mason:**  
Maurizio Tonso

