

Ooi House

Address 41 St Alouarn Place, Margaret River WA
6285

Practice Kerry Hill Architects

Designed 1996 Completed 1997

History & Description Built on the banks of WA's Margaret River, the Ooi House is a single-storey, three bedroom holiday house with a guest chalet intended to be the first of several. The design of both houses promotes transparency and openness in a private semi-rural setting, each house related to courtyards, pools and decks.. The plan divides the main house into two zones: a steel and glass living wing with a skillion steel roof, and a private wing, made with stabilised earth walls under a pitched steel roof, of two bedroom suites linked by a courtyard. Materials, including tallwood floors and screens, were chosen to relate to the natural context and local trade practices. The chalet is built of similar materials. The design was award a National RAI A Commendation in 1998.

Hill, a Perth-born and raised, Singaporean-based architect known for buildings around the world, and particularly in South-East Asia, won the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) Gold Medal for Architecture in 2006.



Front Deck (Brenda Morlet - www.totaltravel.com.au)

Statement of Significance The design is one of abstract modernism, overlaid with local cultural references - emphasised by the materials selected for the project. Kerry Hill's planning is clearly resolved, and this residential design is sensitive to locale and climate. Kerry Hill is a noted Australian architect and this residential complex is one of his important projects in Australia.



North elevation with guest house at left
(Martin Farquharson, Architecture Media Pty Ltd)

Criteria Applicable N1. Significant heritage value in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or period of design.

N2. Significant heritage value in Exhibits particular aesthetic characteristics.



Rammed earth walls in the south-east corner
(Martin Farquharson, Architecture Media Pty Ltd)



Main living space
(Martin Farquharson, Architecture Media Pty Ltd)