

Maleny House

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The Maleny House sits on the edge of the Glass House Mountain Range overlooking the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia. Taking inspiration from its context, the house was designed to be a place of 'glass and stone', fostering a feeling of being anchored in the land while at the same time hovering above it. Angular rooms and large windows provide a connection with the environment and frame several vantage points to allow the occupant to experience the stunning scenery.

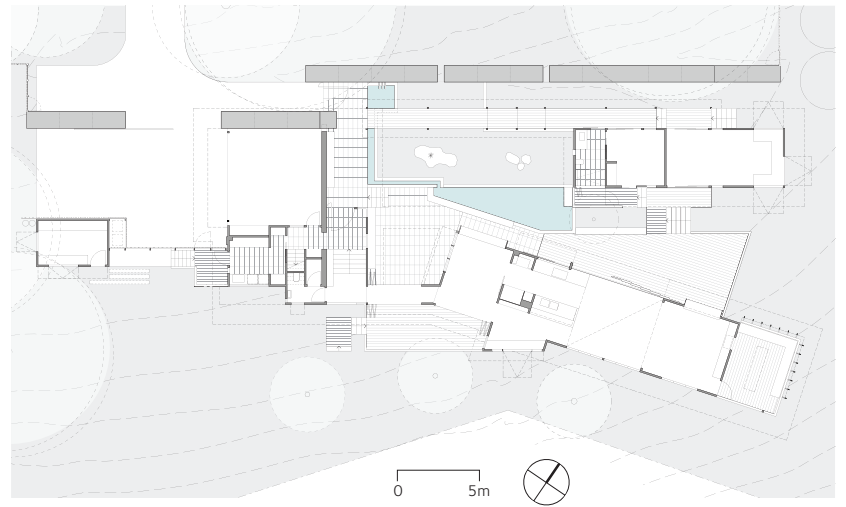
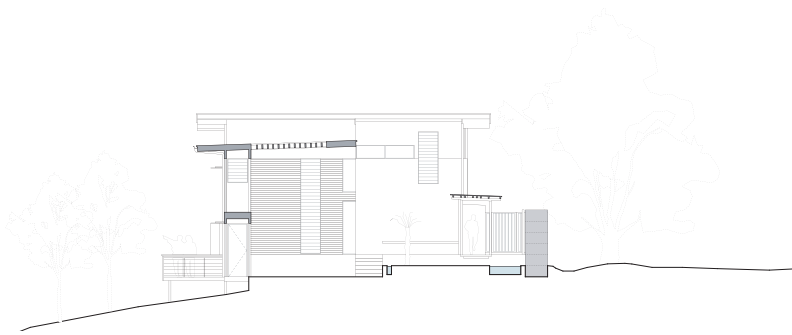
Engaging with the site's topography, orientation, views and vegetation, the interior of the home practises the Japanese philosophy of wabi-sabi – "the beauty of things imperfect, impermanent and incomplete, allowed to weather and evolve over time". As a translation of this idea, many of the internal features celebrate the authenticity of naturally textured surface finishes, while surrounding trees and greenery add to the calming ambience.

The house is constructed using locally sourced and recycled timber as well as plantation plywood and locally quarried rock, which provides the house with thermal mass. A series of courtyards enable air to circulate through the house and direct winter sunlight into the plan, while shading techniques block the summer sun. Natural ventilation is further encouraged through the use of the stack effect, louvres and cross flow strategies.

The house boasts creativity, craftsmanship and an environmental sensitivity to create a modern, spacious home that is very much a part of the landscape it inhabits.







Ground floor





