

Nest

Architects





Project: Northcote House  
Photo by Tom Blachford

## Capability Statement: Residential





Project: Park Life  
Photo by Lauren Bamford

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# About us

**Nest creates spaces that reflect the people that inhabit them, today and in the future. Day-to-day life, story and values actively influence process and outcome at Nest. The close-knit team work cohesively to imbue their architecture with warmth and meaning.**

**Approaching every job with consideration and generosity, Nest balance comfort and innovation to meet current and future needs. Changing behaviour and communities for the better – making life easier, slower and more enjoyable.**



We are a small practice with big ideas, and a body of work that demonstrates a proven ability to deliver complex and carefully considered spaces for like-minded clients.

This document is about us; our working methods, background and office structures. Hopefully it gives you a better understanding of who we are and what we can do for you. If you'd like to know more, we'd love to have a chat.

Nest Architects was founded in 2006 by Emilio Fuscaldo. The firm reflects his personal belief in the value of team collaboration, good design and a respecting of environment. The result is a practice which provides full architectural design from master planning, interior

design to one off furniture pieces. This approach allows clients to be offered a complete, all encompassing package which has been considered from all angles.

The Nest Architects team is young and dynamic and with a range of personal interests and specialities. Members of the firm work closely with their clients, builders and individual contractors to ensure that the excellence they are known for is present in every project. Throughout the project, the client is encouraged to become an involved team member, and is committed to achieving a successful outcome.

# Awards

**Nest Architects has won numerous awards for both their residential and commercial work and have been extensively published both in Australia and overseas.**

## AWARDS

- 2016 Victorian Chapter Awards, Residential Alterations & additions, 'Parklife' residence
- 2014 Victorian Chapter Awards, Sustainable Architecture, Commendation Residence 'Florence Street'
- 2013 National Architecture Awards, Small Project Architecture 'Seventh Heaven' Ormond College
- 2013 VIC Architecture Awards, Small Project Architecture 'Seventh Heaven' Ormond College
- 2011 VIC Architecture Awards, Residential Alterations & additions, George St Residence 'Boston Villa'
- 2009 City of Frankston, Davey St Bridge redevelopment

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Australian Institute of Architects A+ Member
- ArchiTeam
- Parlour

## NEWS

- Financial Review
- The Australian
- The Age
- The Herald Sun

## MAGAZINES

- AR Australia
- Architecture Australia
- Belle
- Dwell
- Habitus
- Inside Out
- Indesign (inside)
- Artichoke
- Landscape Australia
- Green
- Design Quarterly

## ONLINE

- The Design Files
- Broadsheet
- Frame
- Domaine
- The Local Project

## BOOKS

- Container Atlas
- Renovated Spaces
- A Place in the Sun
- New Sub-Urban
- Small is Necessary
- Small House Living Australia



# How we work



Project: Florence Street  
Photo by Nic Granleese

The studio is committed to creating, architecture, interiors, furniture and design projects that start from ‘first principles’ and ends at a place where both the client and architect can be proud.

For Nest, this process of arriving at a design is a journey that we embark on with our clients. In a collaborative spirit we try and identify as many elements as possible that will feed into the design.

These elements often include the weather, orientation, history and sustainability, but just as important are the stories and memories we ask our clients to use to express their goals and aspirations. We see all these different influences and elements as opportunities that we combine to help us create meaningful objects and spaces. This processes is similar to the way a bird forages and collects useful objects in order to construct a stable and safe nest that also fits beautifully into its environment.

We take inspiration from our clients so that the finished product is a reflection of them, their lives or their business. There are six values that guide our everyday practice.

# What drives us

## COLLABORATION

Our work is the product of a collaboration with our clients, consultants and contractors. Our process is to listen and learn to ensure that the project becomes a reflection of our client's aspirations and values.

We understand that we are part of a larger team and our role in that team is to build enthusiasm for the project and trust between the architect, client, consultants and contractors. Trust ensures all stakeholders feel a sense of ownership over the project and instils in them a sense of commitment and pride.

## DESIGN

Nest Architects does not have a discernible style because we don't tend to favour the finished product of our work over the process of arriving at that object. Instead, we see the finished product as the end result of a rigorous and fun process of analysis and 'gathering.'

We strive to create architecture and interiors that become a backdrop to our lives. We want our work to connect people with the outside world as well as cocooning them from it. And finally, we try and design all of our projects so that they immediately have a feeling of 'always having been there.'

## SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY

We employ innovative sustainable principles that are the result of rigorous research and a thorough understanding of opportunities and constraints. Sustainability is viewed in terms of building fabric, energy consumption, waste production and alternative transport options. We strive to create projects that are carbon neutral and 100% fossil fuel free in operation.

Our work is also driven by placemaking. By creating safe, inclusive, healthy and habitable spaces we hope to build meaningful social connections with occupants and the larger community.

## MATERIALS

The use of natural materials helps create warm and comfortable architecture and interiors. They not only celebrate the natural world but help to re-connect us with it. The process of choosing materials and finishes combines research into their environmental impact with an understanding of what atmosphere our clients are trying to achieve.

Robust and simple materials are prioritised as they are not only timeless in their appearance but minimise maintenance and wasteful replacement over time.

## CULTURE

Over the years we've created a supportive and nurturing office culture that ensures that projects are undertaken with care and foresight. Members of the team are also encouraged and pursue their own professional development as well as interests outside of architecture, whether they be creative, academic or physical.

Staff are treated equally regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships.

## ENGAGEMENT

We actively participate in teaching programs at MSD, RMIT, Monash and Deakin and recognise the responsibility we have as mentors to the next generation. We are engaged in conversations about design with the industry and the broader community through our participation and presentation to conferences, professional associations and hosting events at our office.

We also stay true to our own personal beliefs; acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and live, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. Nest is a participant in the Change the Date campaign.





Project: Barny  
Photo by Lauren Bamford

# Projects

Northcote House

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2 in 1 House

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Park Life

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Boston Villa

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Florence Street

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The following pages catalogue just a handful of our projects. To see our full body of work, please get in touch or visit the website:

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# Northcote House

NORTHCOTE, VIC

People:	2 adults, 3 children
Size:	270 sqm
Scope:	New build
Year:	2018
Photos:	Tom Blachford









# 2 in 1 House

NORTH FITZROY, VIC

People: 2 adults, 2 children

Size: 120 sqm

Scope: Renovation & addition

Year: 2016

Photos: Lauren Bamford









# Park Life

NORTH FITZROY, VIC

People:	2 adults, 2 children
Size:	300 sqm
Scope:	Renovation & addition
Year:	2015
Photos:	Lauren Bamford









# Florence Street

KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL

People:	2 adults, 2 children
Size:	80 sqm
Scope:	New build
Year:	2011
Photos:	Jesse Marlow









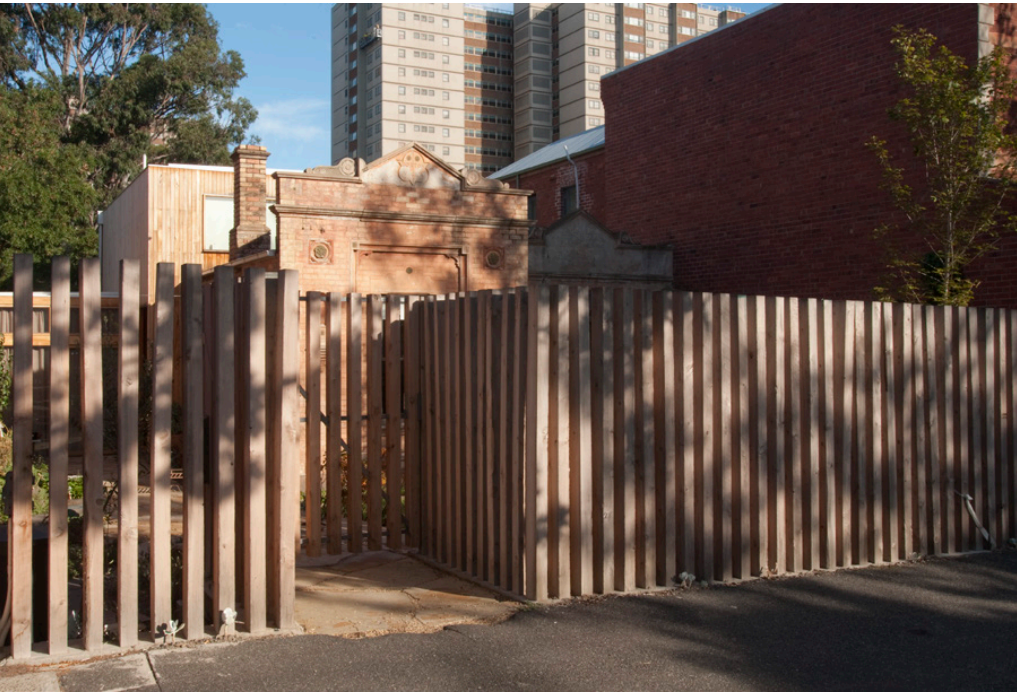
# Boston Villa

FITZROY, VIC

People:	2 adults, 2 children
Size:	250 sqm
Scope:	Renovation & addition
Year:	2009
Photos:	Jesse Marlow









# Clients

**Our clients provide us with the inspiration as they have the vision and the location. What we do is unpack their ideas to try and uncover what is at their core.**

We can then re-assemble their ideas with our design expertise. This process will inevitably produce a design that encompasses the client's ideas but may look and feel very different to what they had in mind.

We continue to have great relationships with our client's long after a project has been completed . this is testament to the open, honest and authentic way we approach our projects and the people behind them.

In addition to our many private clients we have also worked with:

The University of Melbourne

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Readings Books

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The City of Kingston

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The City of Melbourne

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Frankston City Council

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Factory X

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Gorman

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The Jacky Winter Group

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KereKere

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Ormond College, University of Melbourne

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Renegade Films

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Sony

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**Nest is exceptional and, in our view, represents some of the most exciting younger talent in the profession.**

**While their work is contemporary it has a quality and elegance about it that also has a timeless quality. We expect it that it will take its place as a valued part of our heritage long into the future.**

**Our projects have all had to be completed within very demanding timeframes and budgets. Nest's ability to work out innovative ways to meet these constraints and their personal commitment to deliver them on time has been impressive.**

**It has been a professional and personal pleasure to work with Nest.**

— Rufus Black, University of Melbourne





Project: Balwyn Road  
Photo by Jesse Marlow



# Consultants

**Our consultants help provide us with all the information and expertise to fulfil a project from conception to completion.**

**We have a professional working relationship with a number of consultants who can provide valuable information on a wide range of different projects.**

**BUILDING SURVEYOR**  
du Chateau Chun  
[www.duchateauchun.com](http://www.duchateauchun.com)

**ESD CONSULTANT**  
Irwin Consult  
[www.irwinconsult.com.au](http://www.irwinconsult.com.au)

**GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER**  
Hardrock geotechnical  
[www.hardrockgeo.com.au](http://www.hardrockgeo.com.au)

**HERITAGE CONSULTANT**  
Lovell Chen  
[www.lovellchen.com.au](http://www.lovellchen.com.au)

**LAND SURVEYOR**  
Land Dimensions  
[www.landdimensions.net.au](http://www.landdimensions.net.au)

**LIGHTING CONSULTANT**  
Ambience  
[www.ambiencelighting.com.au](http://www.ambiencelighting.com.au)

**PROPERTY ADVISERS**  
Russell Harvey and Co.  
[www.russellharvey.com.au](http://www.russellharvey.com.au)

**LANDSCAPING**  
Openwork  
[openwork.info](http://openwork.info)

**SERVICES ENGINEER**  
BRT Consulting  
[www.brt.com.au](http://www.brt.com.au)

**QUANTITY SURVEYOR**  
Plan Cost Australia  
[www.plancost.com.au](http://www.plancost.com.au)

**STRUCTURAL ENGINEER**  
Irwin Consult  
[www.irwinconsult.com.au](http://www.irwinconsult.com.au)

**ACOUSTICS**  
Marshall Day  
[au.marshallday.com](http://au.marshallday.com)

**TRAFFIC**  
Ratio  
[www.ratio.com.au](http://www.ratio.com.au)

**PLANNING**  
Hansen Partnership  
[www.hansenpartnership.com.au](http://www.hansenpartnership.com.au)



# Quality Assurance

**Nest Architects has developed quality assurance management procedures that have allowed us to consistently deliver our projects on time and to client satisfaction.**

The practice manual incorporates a robust quality assurance system for the management of both project and company activities within the practice.

The office system manual incorporates procedures, checklists and pro forma designed to enable the practice to demonstrate that it provides a consistent, high quality architectural service to all clients. Items within the manual include the following:

- Implementation and control of Project Quality Plans
- Brief, programme and deliverable guidance
- Design control, review and verification procedures
- Control of drafting, specification and modelling standards, including cross team checking
- Digital and paper copy document and data control, including review procedures and the maintaining of registers and transmittal forms etc.
- Organisational and technical interface guidance
- Meeting documentation procedures including minutes, agendas pro forma and the like Quality
- Control of correspondence procedures, including receipt, issue and circulation of Practice, Client, Consultant and Contractor information both internally and externally
- Procedures for the approval of consultant and sub consultant work
- Regular periodic project status update procedures including monthly PCG reporting
- Guidance for the approval of samples etc.
- Procedures regarding site attendance, including all OH&S matters
- Control of noncompliant material and/or information

- Maintaining of records and archives
- Auditing procedures

In addition to project specific protocols, Practice wide procedures have been implemented to ensure safe, environmentally responsible and efficient management of the business and working environment. Practice procedures include the following times:

- Resource management
- Financial management
- Energy procedures
- Waste and recycling procedures
- OH & S procedures
- Emergency procedures

Further to our internal conventions, independent review of design and documentation is conducted and minuted at the completion project milestones, including Design Development and Contract (Tender) documentation stages to ensure that the Client Brief has been correctly interpreted within the documents.

Furthermore, at project completion, we conduct a Post-Occupancy Evaluation Audit involving the user groups and the project management team, and issue this document to the client in order to complete the brief / design / documentation / and implementation circle. We believe user group feedback is an important facet of this audit.



# Safety

**Nest Architects is committed to providing and maintaining a working environment for all employees, contractors and clients.**

As far as is reasonably practicable, safe and without risks to health and the environment and to complying with its duty under Section 28 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 in its activities.

Nest Architects will:

- Develop procedures and systems of work to secure the health, safety and welfare of employees and other people at work
- Protect the public from the health and safety risks through its business activities
- Provide information, instruction and training to enable work to be performed without risks to health and safety
- Monitor conditions at the workplace through regular workplace inspections
- Provide adequate welfare facilities including personal safety and security and emergency procedures
- Monitor the health of employees

Management is responsible for:

- Ensuring others (clients, visitors, suppliers, the public) and the environment are not placed at risk due to the undertaking of the business
- Ensuring appropriate safety guidelines are developed and implemented
- Regularly consulting with clients, employees and contractors on health and safety matters
- Monitoring conditions at the workplace including any incidents that could result in injuries and illnesses or environmental damage and ensuring investigations

are completed and appropriate preventative strategies are implemented

- Ensuring that adequate resources are available to rectify health and safety concerns

Employees and contractors are responsible for:

- Taking care of their own health and safety
- Ensuring that their work practices do not place the health and safety of other employees or contractors, clients and the public or the environment at risk
- Following all procedures and guidelines
- Reporting all hazards, incidents, near misses, injuries and illnesses
- Assisting with the investigation of incidents and recommending prevention strategies if required

Nest Architects understands that we have a fundamental responsibility for the well being of our own employees and that of others. We acknowledge the requirements outlined in the BCA and Section 28 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 and the responsibility of Design Professionals to provide a framework for safe work environments.

Nest Architects agrees to abide by all regulations and codes of practice that exist in relation to the work it undertakes. A nominated employee is made available to attend all meetings relating to any OHS issues encountered on each job we do. To comply with the BCA and OHS legislation we undertake progressive audits of the design and documentation with reference to WorkSafe Victoria's publication "Design Safer Buildings and Structures".



The design and documentation stage is monitored to address design and site issues including but not limited to:

- Dial before you Dig prior to commencing design
- Work adjacent to overhead power lines
- Hazardous materials including asbestos
- Existing site conditions impacting on building siting
- High consequence hazards
- Systems of work including following work flow from delivery to distribution
- Isolating vehicular & pedestrian traffic
- Suitability of materials used

Nest Architects will not commence work at a worksite unless:

- the principal contractor has provided Nest Architects with a copy of the relevant parts of its workplace OHSE Management Plan (or equivalent);
- Nest Architects has undertaken an assessment of the risks associated with the work activities and has provided to the principal contractor a written Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS); and
- Nest Architects has provided induction training to all employees.

Nest Architects identifies potential hazards of the proposed work activities, assess the risks involved and develops controls measures to eliminate, or minimise, these risks. This risk management process is carried out in consultation with employees.

Nest Architects breaks down specific work activities into job steps to assist in identifying all potential hazards. These work activities are detailed in a SWMS. For each of the work activities and associated job steps identified in the SWMS, Nest Architects identifies potential hazards and their risks. To assist in identifying hazards and risks, Nest Architects considers the use of resources such as codes and standards, industry publications (i.e. safety alerts; hazard profiles for specific trade groups), workplace experience and consultation (i.e. Site Meetings).

Nest Architects identifies a risk and assigns each class/ ranking for potential workplace hazards by referring to the categories ranging from high to low in a Risk Matrix. The Risk Matrix is used to determine the level of danger or seriousness (i.e. the consequence) of the risk, how likely it is that this risk will occur (i.e. likelihood/ probability) and therefore how detailed control measures will need to be to eliminate or minimise the risk.

Nest Architects has established the following objectives and targets to support and maintain the effectiveness of the OHSE Management Plan:

#### Planning

Employees are provided with regular and up-to-date information on OHSE for the duration of the contracted/ agreed works. Review the content of the OHSE Management Plan at maximum 3 month intervals (or more frequent as required) to maintain the currency of information provided to employees and others.

#### Risk Management

Employees are familiar with hazards and risks associated with the contracted/agreed works that are assessed as a medium to high risk. Safe Work Method Statement(s) or the equivalent list as a minimum those hazards and risks associated with the contracted/agreed works that are assessed as a medium to high risk.

#### Consultation

Employees are regularly consulted on matters that affect OHSE. Toolbox/Pre-start or other agreed methods of consultation are undertaken on a regularly basis.

#### Training


Employees are provided with training to enable work practices to be undertaken that are safe and minimise risk to the environment.

All employees involved with the contracted/agreed work have undertaken as a minimum the three levels of induction training, i.e. general industry (safety awareness) training, site specific training and work activity training as noted in the Safe Work Method Statement(s) specific to the contracted/agreed works.



# Insurances

Nest Architects is fully insured and carries \$5m of Professional Indemnity insurance and \$10m of Public Liability insurance which is underwritten by CGU.



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Policy No: 03CON1568850  
Account No: 0201448  
Account Name: INSURANCE SERVICES & MANAGEMENT PTY LTD

Certificate of Currency

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Item 1 The Insured:

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NEST ARCHITECTS  
7/AS NEST ARCHITECTS  
SUITE 44 608 424 272

Item 2 Address:

UNIT 2, LEVEL 1  
15-19 ANTHONY STREET  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Item 3 Professional Services Covered by Policy One:

Architecture & Contract Administration

Insured's Business Covered by Policy Two:

As per the Professional Services stated in Policy One

Item 4 Description of Policy:

Professional Indemnity-Broadform Liability (CGU PIB 03-17)

Item 5 Period of Insurance:

From 31/07/2018 to 4:00 pm on 31/07/2019

Item 6 Particulars of Risk:

Policy One: Civil Liability Professional Indemnity

6.1 The Total Sum Insured is

\$5,000,000 which includes all Policy sections, and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate for all Claims.

6.2 Amount of the Excess

(a) Australia and New Zealand Jurisdiction

\$5,000

(b) Other Jurisdiction

\$5,000

(c) Enquiries

\$1,000

(d) Employment Practices Liability

Not Applicable

(e) Fidelity Cover

Not Applicable

6.3 The Retroactive Date is without limitation of date.

6.4 Jurisdictional Limits are

WORLD WIDE, EXCLUDING U.S.A.

6.5 Specific Cover Limits

(a) Enquiries

\$250,000

(b) Employment Practices Liability

Not Insured

(c) Fidelity Cover

Not Insured

(d) Cyber Cover Extension

Not Insured

Policy Two: Broadform Liability

6.6 Sum Insured

(a) Public Liability (Unlimited in the aggregate)

\$10,000,000

(b) Products Liability (In the aggregate)


\$10,000,000

(c) Advertising Liability (In the aggregate)

\$10,000,000

(d) Property in the Insured's Physical or Legal Control

\$100,000



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6.7 Excess (each and every Property Damage claim only)

(a) Public Liability

\$500

(b) Products Liability

\$500

(c) Advertising Liability

\$500

(d) Property in the Insured's Physical or Legal Control


\$500

Item 7 Date and Place of Issue:

31/07/2018 Melbourne, Victoria.

This Certificate of Currency is a summary only of the cover provided by this Policy, effective as at date of issue only. For a full description of cover, please refer to the Policy schedule and wording.

Signed for and on behalf of Insurance Australia Limited

  
Najibi Bisso  
National Underwriting Manager





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