

Creating spaces that
feel like home, in every
sense of the word.

FINNIS
TEAM

We believe the best
spaces emerge from close
collaboration - between
architect and client, material
and form, vision and place.

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Les Finnis RAIA Founding Director

As the founder of Finnis, Les has established a studio with a strong architectural language and open, collaborative culture.

He has a great ability to combine business acumen with a design agenda. He enjoys his role mentoring younger staff and gets great satisfaction from designing spaces that make people feel good.

Les graduated with an honours degree in Architecture at the University of Melbourne in 1981 and began his career with Daryl Jackson architects, then in 1985 assumed the position of Associate Director at NTMH architects.

Associations

Australian Institute of Architects (AIA), Association of Consulting Architects (ACA), Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD), Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) Sustainability Committee & Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARBV)

Qualifications

Bachelor of Architecture, Honours, University of Melbourne



Damon Hills RAIA Director

Damon assists Les to lead the architectural team and oversee the design direction of projects.

Creating buildings that will stand the test of time is important to Damon, and he also sees his role as an architect as helping to shape public policy and contributing to wider dialogues about our cities and environments.

Damon studied Interior Design and Architecture at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT).

Associations

Australian Institute of Architects (AIA), Association of Consulting Architects (ACA), Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD), Design Institute of Australia (DIA), Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) & Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARBV)

Qualifications

Bachelor of Architecture, Honours, RMIT & Bachelor of Arts (Interior Design), First Class Honours, RMIT



Danielle Kriehn Director

With nearly a decade at Finnis, Danielle has become an invaluable asset as Director.

Danielle's growing industry knowledge informs her effective management of company operations, including HR and finance. Her strategic approach and leadership skills are crucial in facilitating long-term growth and success across all areas of the business. Her dedication to operational excellence has been vital in establishing Finnis as a leader in the field.

Associations

Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA)



Grace



Alex



Ian



Hayley



Georgie



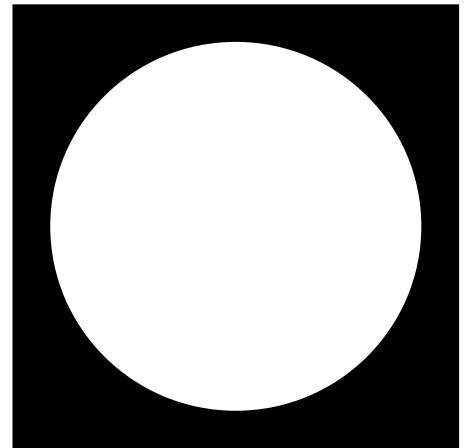
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Clara



At Finnis, we are vision custodians, distilling the essence of a site and its owners' aspirations to craft beautiful, functional sanctuaries for living, working, or playing.

To us, a beautiful, bespoke space is the result of precise collaboration; a synthesis of your vision with Finnis' design principles and expertise.

With a vision to bring exceptional design to everyone, we create homes and communities that elevate the lives lived within.

We prioritise a human approach in our work because we believe that truly understanding our clients is key to delivering exceptional design. With open hearts and minds, we listen attentively to our clients, approaching every project without preconceived notions, ensuring that your unique vision and needs guide every aspect of our work.

This collaborative approach means that each space is not only functional but imbued with highly personalised decisions that reflects the rhythm of your life. We believe the best design outcomes emerge from the perfect alchemy of vision from both designers and clients together, resulting in spaces that truly reflect how we live.

We are defined by our love of people, our sense of place, our respect for purpose, and our meticulous process.

A love of people

We believe in human-led design, with dynamic team dedicated to the power of true collaboration working together to create spaces that uniquely reflect our clients. We approach design as a dialogue between clients, collaborators, and the site, listening without preconception to identify challenges and propose thoughtful solutions.

A sense of place

Creating a sense of place is at the heart of our work. Our modern urban designs feature clean lines and sleek finishes, combining contemporary aesthetics with a high level of detail. We respond thoughtfully to site conditions, maximising viewpoints and integrating the outdoors to create spaces you want to inhabit. Whether designing a large bespoke or charming compact house, or a multi-unit development, every space we design feels like home, evoking a deep sense of belonging and comfort.

A respect for purpose

Our process is driven by a deep respect for purpose, delighting in creating surprising solutions to challenging briefs. We design for the people who will inhabit these spaces, responding to the lives they wish to live and how they interact with the notion of 'home.' We maximise space, ensuring every area is functional and without waste, focusing on contemporary comfort and a high degree of livability. Every design decision is guided by the intention of the space, reflecting the aspirations and daily rhythms of our clients.

A meticulous process

Our intimate process begins with discovery. Deep listening is integral to our approach, resulting in designs that are responsive to people, place and purpose. We begin each project with a series of in-depth design conversations, identifying specific goals and constraints. These initial sessions foster deep connections and set the stage for the innovative and thoughtful solutions that define our projects.

Through distillation, we craft a clear, central vision that reconciles client needs with site-sensitive design. We test and experiment during our initial exploration to establish a focus that guides our process and unifies our team.

We go above and beyond to provide a final product that is not just a structure but a beautifully designed space that inspires pride and delight.

We are as dedicated to the relationships we build as the spaces we create, crafting considered, connected environments that reflect the people who call them home.



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