

Matt is a registered architect with almost a decade experience delivering thoughtful, context-responsive designs across diverse sectors and scales at award-winning practices in Melbourne, Sydney, and New York City.

His cross-sector exposure spans both institutional and private clients, informing a design approach that balances conceptual clarity with technical precision.

Matt has contributed to a range of high-profile and high-end projects, including a restaurant in the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, private coastal residences, and the award-winning Jones Beach Energy & Nature Center in New York. He is skilled in developing projects from early concept through to detailed documentation and coordination, and is comfortable operating across scales and stages.

With a strong design sensibility, refined visual communication skills, and a keen eye for material and detail, he brings thoughtful, considered contributions to collaborative studio environments. His work is grounded in an interest in architecture that is purposeful, enduring, and responsive to context.



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Written References	Chris Connell	Director / Founder	Chris Connell Design	Request
	Ben Hutton	Senior Associate	Chris Connell Design	Request
	Eric Bunge,	Principal / Co-founder	nARCHITECTS	Request
	Michael Buxton	Co-founder	MAB	Request

# Experience

Role / Year	Office	Sectors	Responsibilities
<div>Project Architect</div> <div>2021-2025</div> <div>Led and contributed to high-end residential, hospitality, and interior projects across Australia, working autonomously within a collaborative studio environment. Delivered major projects from concept to handover — including a modernist beach house renovation in Lorne, a cellar door in the Adelaide Hills, a new restaurant in the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, and luxury motor yacht interiors — while producing high-calibre visualisations and documentation recognised for their clarity and design quality.</div>	<div>Chris Connell Design</div> <div>Melbourne, AUS</div>	<div>Residential</div> <div>Hospitality</div> <div>Retail</div> <div>Cultural</div> <div>Maritime</div> <div>Interiors</div>	<div>Schematic design</div> <div>Design development</div> <div>Planning applications</div> <div>Project documentation</div> <div>Consultant coordination</div> <div>Client liaison and presentations</div> <div>Construction administration</div> <div>Visualisations</div>
<div>Architectural Graduate</div> <div>2017-2020</div> <div>Contributed to public, cultural, and multi-residential projects in New York, balancing rigorous design thinking with precise technical delivery under tight deadlines. Key projects included the net-zero Jones Beach Energy &amp; Nature Center (from concept to construction documentation) and a six-storey residential building in Lower Manhattan, with a focus on high-quality visualisations, documentation, and collaborative coordination.</div>	<div>nARCHITECTS</div> <div>New York, USA</div>	<div>Public</div> <div>Cultural</div> <div>Adaptive reuse</div> <div>Multi-residential</div> <div>Competitions</div>	<div>Schematic design</div> <div>Design development</div> <div>Project documentation</div> <div>Consultant coordination</div> <div>Client presentations</div> <div>Visualisations &amp; virtual reality</div>
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<div>Graphic Designer</div> <div>2015-2016</div>	<div>Welcom Worldwide</div> <div>Sydney, AUS</div>	<div>Property development</div> <div>Advertising</div>	<div>Masterplan illustration</div> <div>Graphic design</div>
<div>Architecture Assistant</div> <div>2014</div>	<div>Breakspear Architects</div> <div>Sydney, AUS</div>	<div>Multi-residential</div> <div>Competitions</div>	<div>Documentation</div> <div>Drawing and diagramming</div>
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<div>Architecture Student</div> <div>2013</div>	<div>Bates Smart</div> <div>Melbourne, AUS</div>	<div>Residential</div>	<div>Work experience program</div>

# Co-Curricular

Year	Experience	Program
2015	<div>Japan Architecture Study Tour</div> <div>University of Technology, Sydney</div>	<div>Curriculum and lecture series to significant contemporary and ancient architectural sites across Tokyo, Kyoto, Naoshima and Kanazawa.</div>
2013	<div>LA &amp; Chicago Architecture Study Tour</div> <div>University of Technology, Sydney</div>	<div>Curriculum and lecture series, led by Head of School, to significant contemporary and modernist architectural sites across LA and Chicago.</div>
2013	<div>Architectrural Design Tutor</div> <div>University of Technology, Sydney</div>	<div>First-year Bachelor of Design in Architecture design studios.</div>
2013	<div>End of Year Architecture School Exhibition Co-Curator</div> <div>University of Technology, Sydney</div>	<div>Curating spatial design and implementing organizational strategy.</div>

## Awards & Honours

Year	Award	Recognition
2016	Digital Innovation in Architecture Award Australian Institute of Architects	Best projects and emerging architectural talent from NSW's four major schools of architecture. Project - AquaCulture.
2013	First Prize - International Architecture Category Consentino International Design Competition	Project - Reivention of the Australian Idiomatic Barbecue.
2014 2013	Dean's Honour List University of Technology, Sydney	Highest achieving students in design studios across the UTS school of architecture.
2013	Edward Alexander Memorial Prize University of Technology, Sydney	Highest weighted average mark - architectural design.
2012	Premier's Award Victorian State Government	Outstanding achievement in Visual Communication & Design (VCE).

## Education

Tertiary	Secondary
Master of Architecture University of Technology Sydney, Australia	Bachelor of Architecture Design University of Technology Sydney, Australia
	Victorian Certificate of Education St. Bernards, Essendon 96.95 ATAR Score

## Profficiencies

Skills	Softwares
Design development Detailing & documentation Construction liaison Consultant & client liaison	Project administration Visualisation & virtual reality Graphic design Furniture design
	AutoCAD ArchiCAD (upskilling) Revit (upskilling) Rhino3D Lumion
	Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator Adobe InDesign Microsoft Office

## References

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Chris Connell Director Chris Connell Design, AUS chrisconnell@chrisconnell.com.au Written reference available.	Ben Hutton Senior Associate Chris Connell Design, AUS ben@chrisconnell.com.au Written reference available.	Eric Bunge Principal, Co-Founder nARCHITECTS, NYC eric.bunge@narchitects.com Written reference available.	Michael Buxton AM Co-Founder, Philanthropist MAB & Buxton Contemporary Written reference available.