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Lyons sponsors “House & Home” talk, for National Architecture Week

Lyons architects will sponsor a “House & Home” talk for National Architecture Week focusing on one of the biggest challenges facing any architect – designing your own home.

To be held at the Lyon Housemuseum, the self-designed home of Lyons director Corbett Lyon, the talk will feature 3 prominent and divergent architects, Peter McIntyre, Rob McBride and Martyn Hook, who have all confronted the challenge of designing their own homes.

“Australian architects, and Melbourne designers in particular, have a long and active history of using their own homes as places for experimentation and speculation – both architecturally and sociologically.

“The results can range from the totally unexpected to the sublime as the designers and their families accustom themselves to living with the consequences.’

“This is a fascinating topic, which should reveal some wonderful insights, which we are only too pleased to sponsor.” Mr Lyon said.

The talk will be introduced by fellow Lyons director, Neil Appleton, who has also designed his own home.

Peter McIntyre (River McIntyre House, Kew 1954) founded his practice in 1950, and is known for combining modern, high-technology materials with a concern for "emotional functionalism" which addresses the impact of the built environment on its occupants.

Martyn Hook (The Urban Box, Port Melbourne, 2008) is interested in architects using design on a smaller, community scale saying, 'we have something useful to offer in a more personal context.... the act of the architect in an everyday situation is as critical as creating a monument "

Rob McBride MCR (Letter Box House, Blairgowrie 2008) believes that architecture should never relinquish experimentation, and uses architecture of all scales as a means to this end. With each project, forms, spaces, materials and context are all up for grabs: the antithesis of the position where architecture is the slave of 'lifestyle' design.

“House & Home” talk is proudly presented by Lyons, as part of National Architecture Week, Lyon Housemuseum, 219 Cotham Road, Kew, 6.00pm, Tuesday 26th October 2010

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Tickets are \$22 each. Bookings essential. Seats are limited.

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