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Innovative house taking shape at Ringlands

By Stan Gorton

WHAT will be one of the Narooma's areas most striking and modern houses is being built on one of the most exclusive blocks in the Ringlands Estate overlooking Wagonga inlet.

Canberra architect Fred Kasperek has brought his award-winning ideas to the construction of his one-of-a-kind show home that will double as his holiday home.

The project has been in the pipeline for more than a decade as it was that long ago that he purchased the spectacular block on the southern shores of the inlet.

"I wanted a house that spoke the vernacular of the coast, rather than so many of the houses you see in Narooma that could be built in any suburb of any city" Mr Kasperek said.

"I wanted something that looked like it was built to be on the coast, something that referred back to some of the brilliantly designed coastal homes of the 1960s."

One of the highlights of the home will be its roof that is made up of special 12-metre-long

panels that allow a single elegant span with a minimum of trusses and no need for a Gyprock ceiling.

The long roofing panels also allow the roof to extend four metres out over what will be the front veranda.

"I couldn't do this any other way," Mr Kasperek said.

"As far as I know it's never been done before in Narooma or the South Coast."

Local tradesmen Graham Bismire of Bismire Roofing and Plumbing and Darren Clark of Narooma Cranes last month assisted with the installation of the building's roof.

Manufactured in Victoria by Austral, the roof panels measure 12.2m long by 1.2m wide and consist of a foam core sandwiched between two sheets of Colorbond steel.

Mr Kasperek said the panels allow for spans up to 8 metres, which makes for a very impressive interior and allowed him to design in the striking four-metre overhang.

Residents will also have spectacular views over the inlet as the architect plans to install

massive glass windows wedged together with silicone corners doing away with the needs for visually cluttering frames.

The house is being built with environmentally sustainable materials with the roof itself being an excellent insulator.

The whole building will be clad in foam and then rendered on the outside further improving the insulation factor, while the super-light but strong roof panels also means the frame and steel structure has been kept to a minimum.

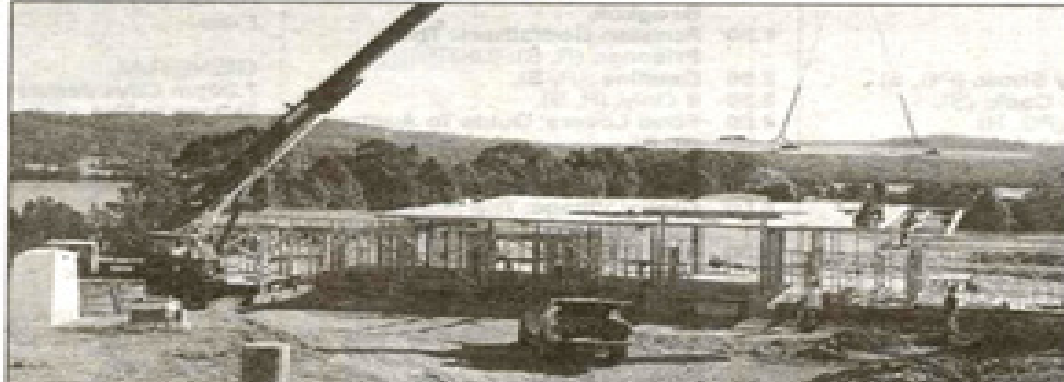
Mr Kasperek recently won a Master Builders Association award for his design of \$4.5-million Canberra church.

"We will be using it as a holiday home as well as an office to show people what can be done," he said.

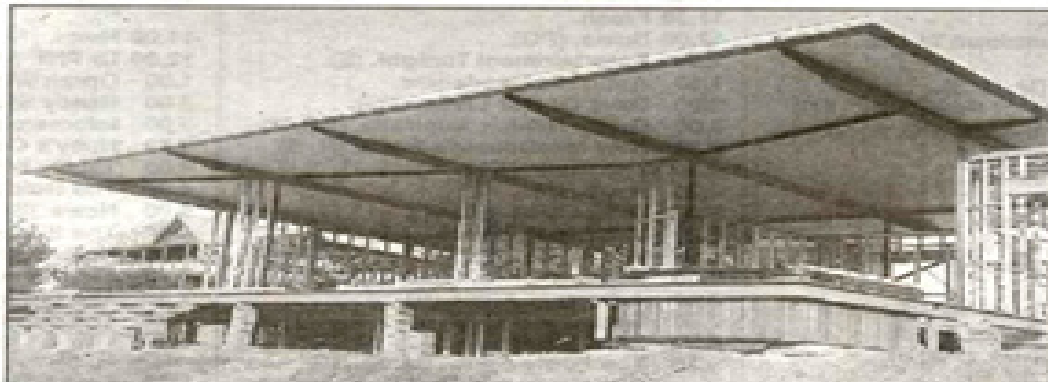
The house is due to be complete by Christmas, even though the builders had lost two out of the last six months to wet weather.

You can visit Mr Kasperek's web site for more details and see photographic records of progress.

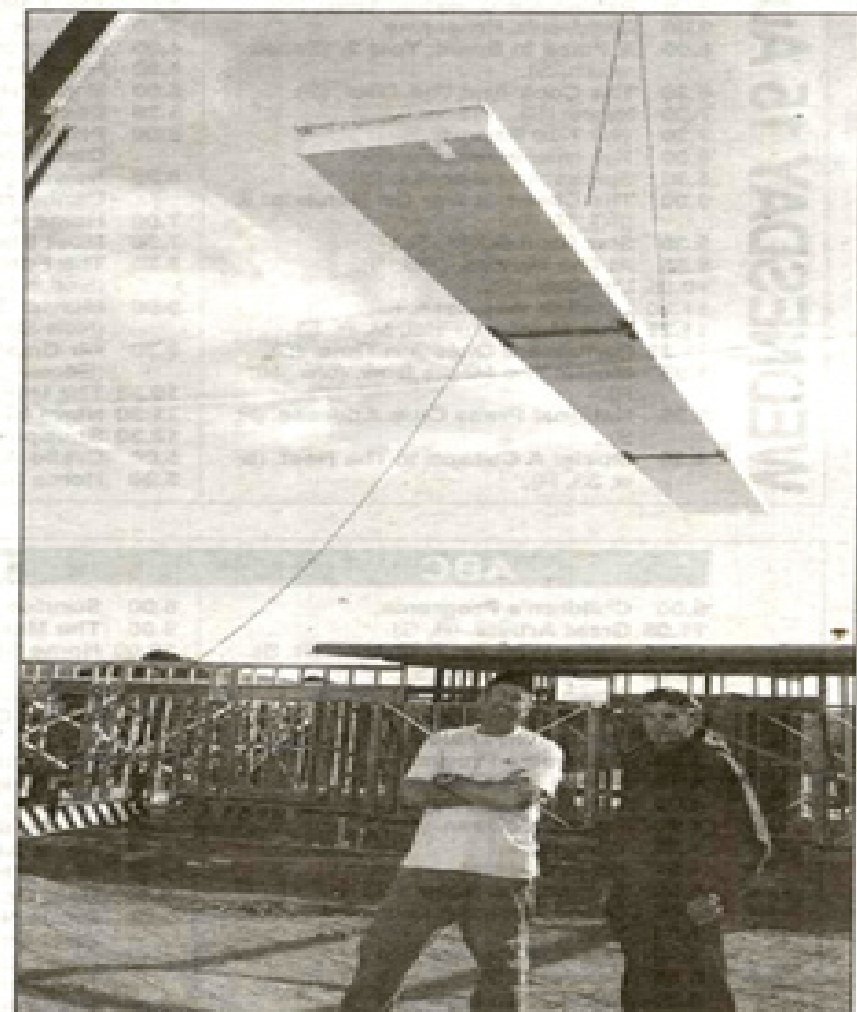
The website is www.kasperek.com.au



LOCATION, LOCATION: The new house is located on what must be one of Narooma most spectacular blocks.



AMAZING PANELS: The new house at Ringlands features a new innovative roof panels that allow the roof to have an overhang of four metres.



ONE OF A KIND: Award winning architect Fred Kasperek has brought all his modern design ideas together for his Narooma show house. He is pictured with Narooma tradesman Graham Bismire who assisted with the roof installation.