

9 Reasons Why Collaboration Between Your Builder and Architect is Essential



With over a decade of architectural building experience behind Tim and his team at TCON, one element of the trade has become abundantly clear: collaborating with architects throughout a project is essential to delivering impeccable, outstanding and high-quality homes.

Here are some of the reasons you should ensure your building project involves your chosen builder and architect working closely together.



NUMBER 1

COST MANAGEMENT

When you promote collaboration between your builder and architect from the earliest stages, you'll have a better chance of keeping costs within your initial budget and avoiding any unforeseen costs.

This is simply because by working together, your builder and architect will have a clear idea of your budget constraints and will be able to brainstorm ways to manage costs throughout the entirety of your build.

Oftentimes, builders have a more robust and up-to-date knowledge on the cost of materials, tradespeople and other contractors. They may be able to lend advice and better value materials during the design stage, which can help guide your decision-making when you are documenting house plans with your architect. By involving your builder during this stage, you'll avoid getting beautiful custom house plans you love, but are unable to use because they do not fit your budget.

For a budget to be maintained throughout your building journey, your builder and architect will go over pricing during the concept, town planning and building permit stages.






NUMBER 2

DETAILS AS COLLABORATION

An architect's role shouldn't just end when the final house plans are turned over

In order for the completed home to perfectly represent the client and architect's vision, they should be involved in the construction process. In the early stages, the architect and builder should work together to determine that

all details are considered prior to the building permit process. Throughout the early stages of the build, they should also keep up ongoing communication to ensure that everything is going to plan.




NUMBER 3

OPEN DIALOGUE

If your builder and architect have been working together on your project from the earliest stage and have cultivated an effective and strong working relationship, then communication and open dialogue will exist all the way until handover. This synergy will mean that if any issues or complications arise during construction (or any stage for that matter) both parties will be responsive, helpful and able to work together to easily overcome any challenges.

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INNOVATION



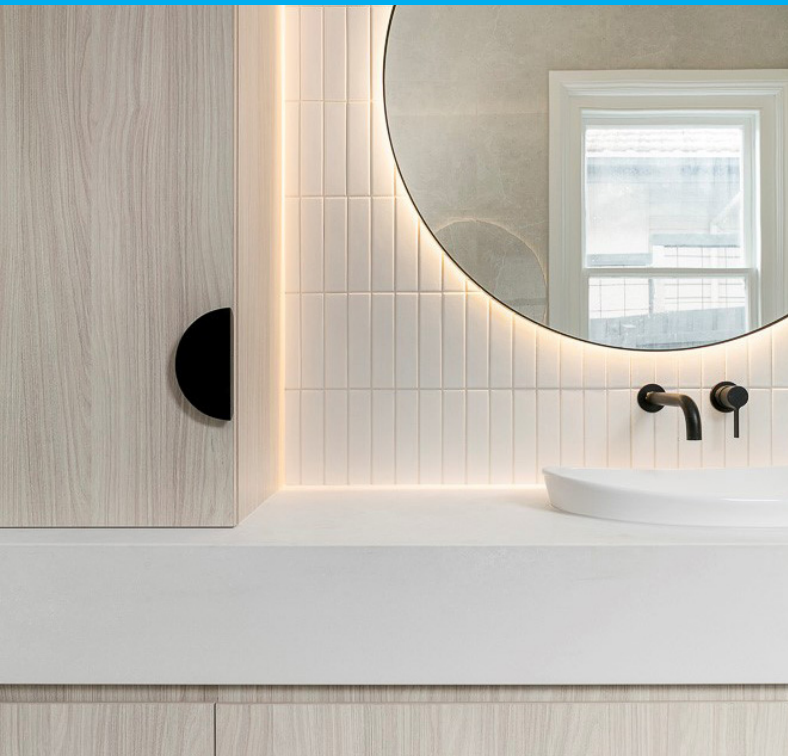
In any industry, collaboration is always the key ingredient to fostering innovation. By getting your builder and architect to work closely together, you'll have multiple professionals with complementary skill-sets and strengths working to make your project the best it can be. Through this collaborative approach, design boundaries can be pushed, and a beautiful and innovative home can be achieved.



NUMBER 5

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Having your builder and architect collaborate isn't only good for your build - it will also promote the professional development of both parties. They'll be able to pick up new skills, learn different tools and tricks, and improve problem-solving skills by working together during construction.



QUALITY CONTROL

Having both your architect and builder involved throughout the entire project will mean that quality control measures will be tightly maintained.

Ideally, your builder will organise a site visit for your architect every fortnight to check on the progress of the build, and as the two parties already have an existing relationship, the architect will be less afraid to ask questions or raise concerns. Having an architect that has a close relationship with the builder, site supervisor, construction manager, and contract administrator will mean that every detail - whether large or small - will be inspected to ensure it is aligned with the client's overall vision. This will lead to a more impressive home that is handed over in exceptional condition.



ONE KEY DECISION-MAKER

Building a home shouldn't be an arduous and stressful time for the homeowners, but this can easily become the case if they have to be the designated mediator between the architect and builder. This can be even more difficult if the two are not familiar with one another and have no pre-existing relationship. Information can fail to be passed on, and miscommunication can lead to issues and inconsistencies. When there isn't synergy between all the different parties involved in the build, sometimes your builder will not know who to turn to when a key decision needs to

be made, and delays can occur.

How do you avoid this? By making your architect your representative and key decision-maker. This will mean your builder will know who to go to when a decision is pending, and will ensure delays or complications are avoided.

Builder and architect rapport is essential - if the builder knows what the architect wants, they will always be on the same page to ensure exceptional results.



NUMBER 8

MINIMAL DELAYS

By having more than one eye on the project, timelines and schedules are more likely to be followed and maintained.

A builder will be able to look at the plans during the design phase and provide you with an accurate estimate of how much time the build will take. Likewise, an architect will have a thorough understanding of their architectural plans, and be able to look at the builder's proposed schedule and ensure that it is feasible and accurate. This rigour and oversight will make sure that there are no delays during your home's construction to ensure you are out of the house for a minimal period.

NUMBER 9

ELIMINATES POTENTIAL VARIATIONS THROUGHOUT THE BUILD

One of the biggest causes of timeline delays and unforeseen additional costs is variations to projects made during the construction phase.

Of course, if you want to change a certain detail or design element, these changes can be made. But you need to be aware that this could potentially mean that your home is not completed in time, and may be outside of your original budget.

When a builder and architect collaborate with one another during the concept stage, they'll be able to pre-empt any potential challenges or issues that may arise later down the track, and change the design or construction schedule accordingly. Furthermore, they'll work together to analyse and inspect every facet of the build to ensure that you're happy with every fixture, fitting and special feature.



Are you looking to work with a builder who has over a decade of experience collaborating with some of the best architects in the state? Then get in touch with TCON and meet the team today.

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