



**“INSPIRED  
BY THE  
WIND”**

**VELUX®**

*“THE  
STORMS START IN ANTARCTICA...”*



...AND  
**END UP  
HERE**”

It was the perfect block of land. High on a hill overlooking the beautiful Huon Valley in Tasmania. But Keith Dixon and Jenny Skinner soon realised they'd need protection from the wind...

Moving from a house in the Adelaide foothills to a hilltop in Tasmania was a big jump in more than one sense. One of the challenges for Keith and Jenny was the fierce winds that can blow in from Antarctica, sometimes accompanied by rain or snow and sub zero temperatures.

#### **VELUX KEEPS EVERYTHING OUT**

Their architect came up with a wind defying design for their new home. A key element is 19 VELUX roof windows. They help make the most of the views while keeping everything but light and fresh air out. Even torrential rain and 100kph winds don't affect them in the slightest.

#### **NATURAL CLIMATE CONTROL**

"We can adjust the breeze as we please," says Jenny. "When we close our VELUX roof windows nothing will get past, not even the slightest draught. But when we open them, we'll get a beautiful breeze through the house. Summer or winter, VELUX is natural climate control – perfect for us and for the environment."

<< Keith Dixon and Jenny Skinner bought the perfect block of land – but they needed protection from the wind.

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WITHOUT **VELUX**”

“The wind was my inspiration but it took VELUX roof windows to bring the idea to fruition. Any ordinary window would leak if put on an angle like this...”

Architect Misho Vasiljevich is the man behind the unique design. “The idea for this home came when I visited the block. The views are just beautiful but the hilltop is extremely exposed to the strong winds blowing in from Antarctica. I had to come up with a design that preserved the view and protected the residents.”

#### CURVED LIKE A WING

“To offer as little wind resistance as possible, I decided to shape the house a bit like the wing on an aeroplane. To that end I needed windows that wouldn’t leak, even when put on an angle. VELUX roof windows have passed the same watertightness test as roof tiles.

In fact, they’ve passed every test in the book: wind, water, hail, bushfire, heat, UV...you name it, VELUX has tested it.”

#### THREE DECADES WITH VELUX

“First time I saw VELUX was in Paris back in 1993 and I’ve used their skylights and roof windows ever since. For overall quality and thermal properties they have no equal and for this home there was never any doubt: it could quite simply not have been built without VELUX.”

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The wind inspired architect Misho >>  
Vasiljevich, Misho + Associates, to  
a design that takes in the views  
and keeps out the wind.



"We didn't know VELUX until we saw Misho's first drawings. But we fell in love with the design and it turned out to be everything we hoped it would be."

"I love the way the VELUX roof windows frame the view...like in a photograph," says Jenny, a keen amateur photographer. "We have beautiful views from almost every room in the house – even when showering in the morning I can enjoy the view of the valley."

#### EVERYBODY COMMENTS ON VELUX

"We get a lot of visitors – our families and many of our old friends from Adelaide love to visit the Tasmanian countryside. One thing everybody comments on is the VELUX roof windows...the views and all the natural light they bring in. They make you feel like you're part of nature."

#### FREE LIGHT AND VENTILATION

As a former associate professor of biology – and therefore very concerned about climate change – Keith liked the fact that the roof windows save energy. There is little need for artificial light inside or for air conditioning. They just open the windows. This home was built for sustainable living and VELUX helps achieve that.



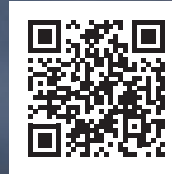
VELUX roof windows rotate up to 180° for maximum ventilation and easy cleaning. A filtered vent flap offers background ventilation when the window is shut.



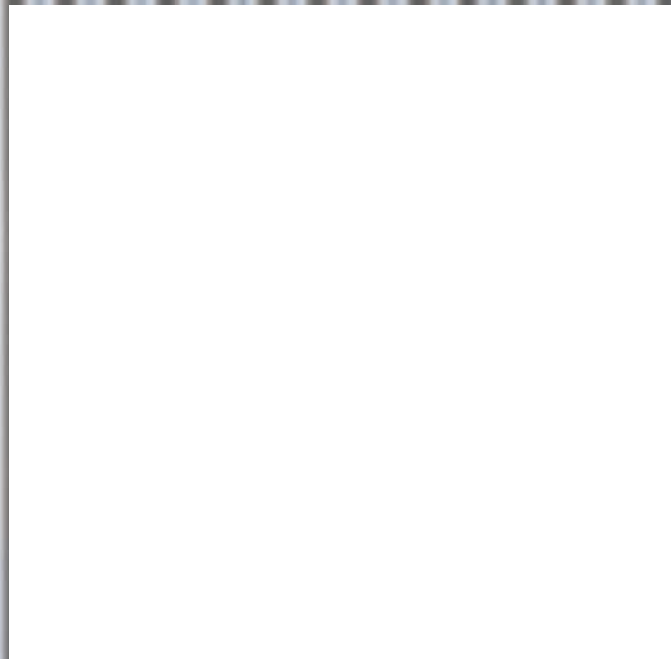


MISHO & ASSOCIATES USED  
**19 VELUX**  
**ROOF**  
**WINDOWS**  
TO MAKE KEITH & JENNY'S  
DREAMS COME TRUE...





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(3 min duration)



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