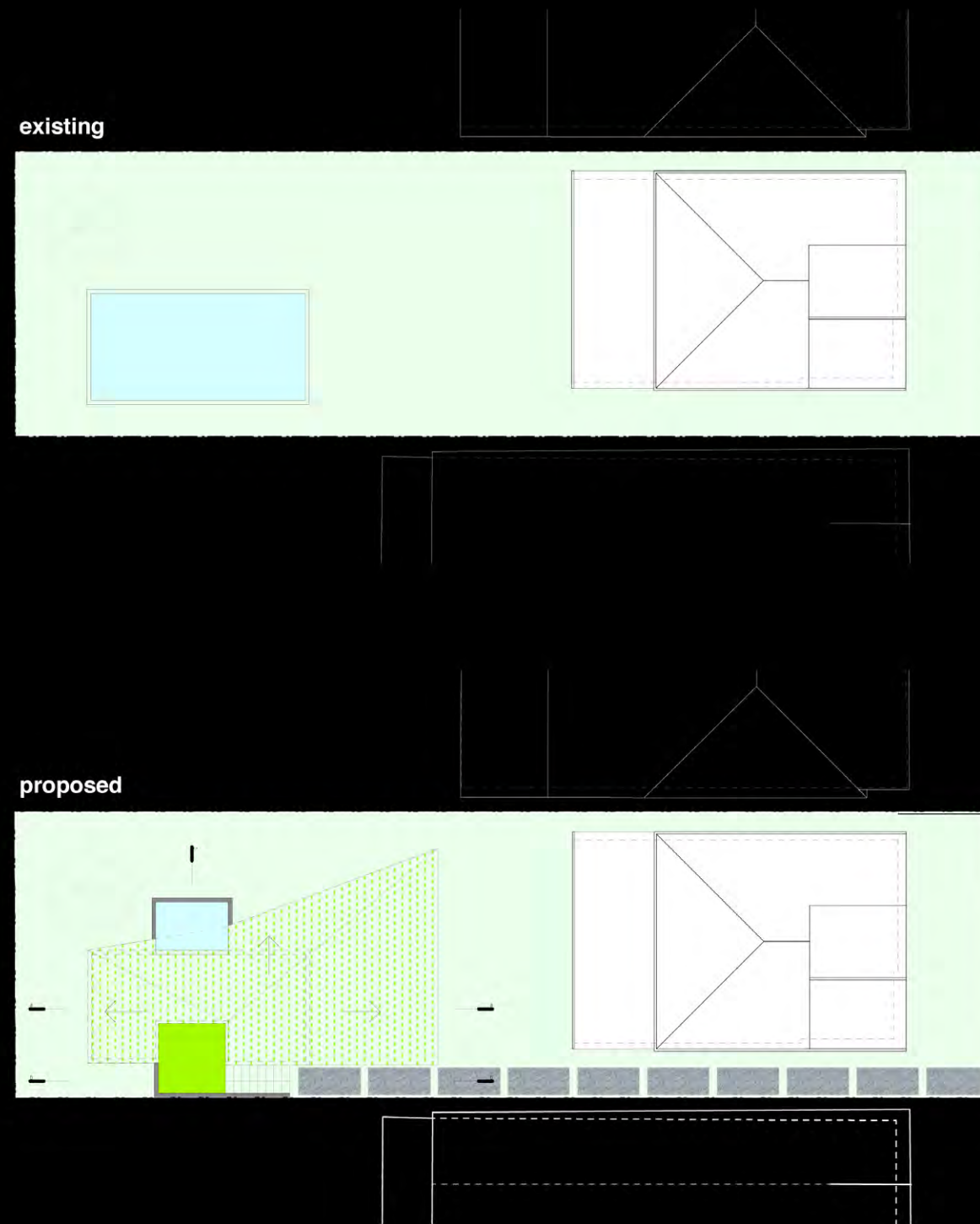
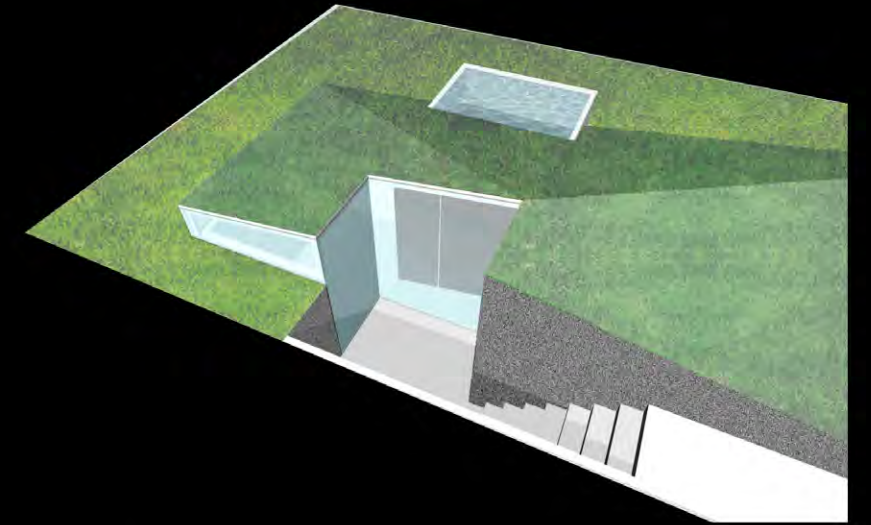


POOL REHABILITATION

Nobbs Radford
Architects



pool rehabilitation



The proposition is a response for the need to increase density within the suburbs and revisiting the idea of the 'granny flat'.

Given the shifting demographic of the suburbs (in the last census 24.3% of households were single person occupied - so astoundingly that's almost a 1/4), it becomes appropriate for us to consider how we accommodate single person dwellings while offering the same experience of traditional suburban living, ie. to Re interperate who the suburbs are for, not just the family unit.

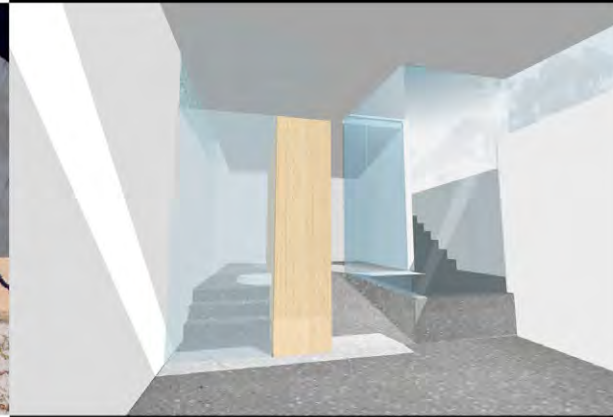
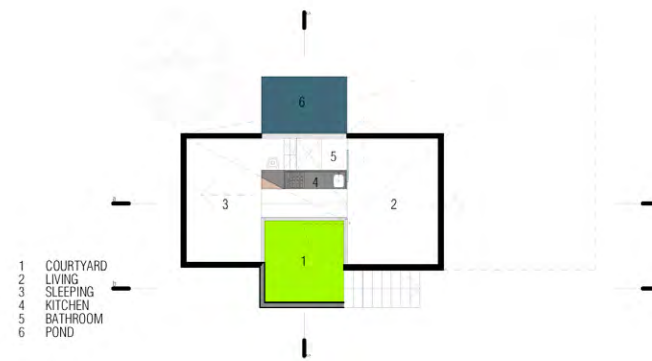
We began by considering where the gaps in a site might be - the spaces that are under-utilised. We were immediately struck by the prevalence of pools in backyards and really had to question whether all these pools are really used or do they become a disproportionately high-maintenance water feature to be simply looked upon.

For us the question of re engaging the suburban ideal is not about undoing the suburban dream but more about challenging people's notion of suburban living in terms of scale and relationship to the site - can we achieve a greater density simply by the layering of gardens on dwellings and maybe do so within the sustainable framework of adaptive re-use of redundant pools.

This idea offers a suburban experience for individuals who might otherwise be relegated to studio apartments

POOL REHABILITATION

Nobbs Radford
Architects

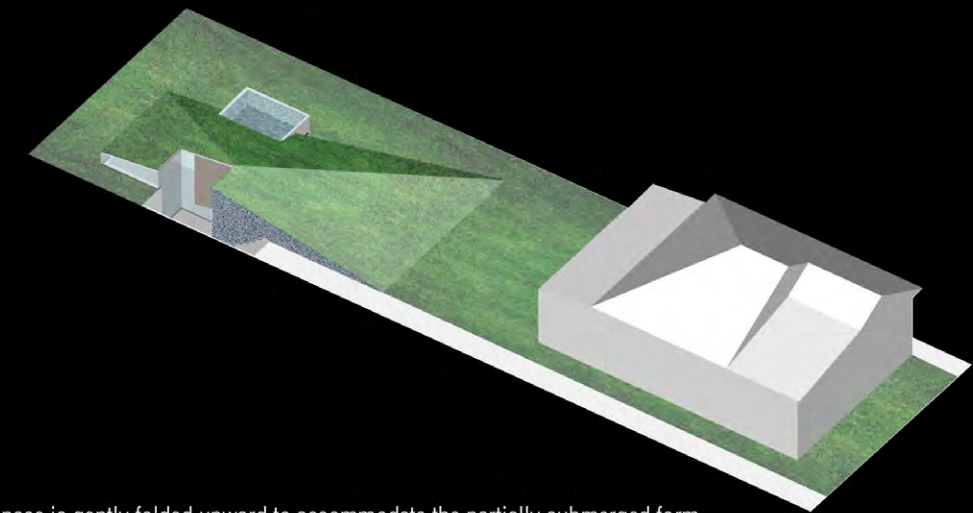
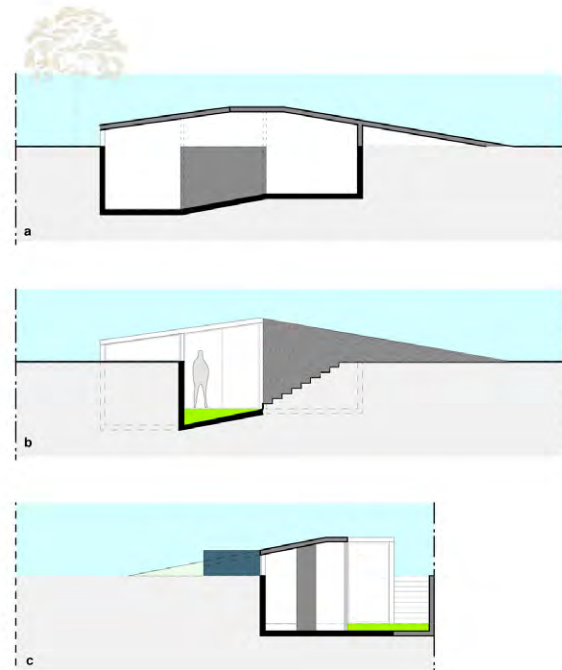


Our approach is very much in defense of, and advocating preservation of detached dwellings rather than eroding that notion entirely. We are wanting to maintain that perception of individual ownership and privacy.

It's both a re-use of existing structure while maintaining that sense of backyard extending to the known rear boundary - no loss of garden area - if anything the roof-form becomes literally the new 'green gables' of suburbia.

It maintains a perception of ownership of space that can be looked across as opposed to a more traditional subdivision with demarcated boundaries

For the existing dwelling it provides new landscaping opportunities / a change to the typical flat topography of the backyard and potentially creating a more engaging connection with and use of the outdoor spaces.



The grade of the rear space is gently folded upward to accommodate the partially submerged form. -a new dwelling is provided within the pool shell and the garden simply continues over the top.