



Rivendell, 1975

This house was designed by **Laurie Virr** for his family in 1975 and he built most of it with his own hands. It is a rare Canberra example of the late twentieth century **organic style** of architecture based on a hemicycle. A hemicycle means the house is shaped like half a circle, with curved walls instead of straight ones. Because of this shape, the house feels like it is gently wrapping around the people inside, almost like a hug. The house faces north so it can catch lots of sunshine, keeping it warm. This is a clever solar passive design.

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