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MELBOURNE, Saturday. — Mr Robin Boyd, (pictured) the celebrated architect and architectural critic, is dead.

He died last night in the Royal Melbourne Hospital after a 4-week illness.

He was 52.

A close friend said today that Mr Boyd caught a virus infection during a trip to Britain, where he judged the international competition for the new Houses of Parliament at Westminster.

From her home in Walsh Street, South Yarra, his widow, Mrs Patricia Boyd,

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said: "We are all pretty much in a state of shock."

Mr Boyd leaves a son, Penleigh, 23, a married daughter, Mandy, and a schoolgirl daughter, Susan, 17.

● He challenged ugliness page 105.