

Whale Beach Residence



WINNER

New Residential Buildings 251sqm – 350sqm

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Not all holiday homes are a simple shack in the bush with meagre supplies as this stunning Whale Beach residence showcases.

The limited footprint of the site provided minimal space to design a four bedroom house with a pool. Designer Peter Downes also had view loss issues to consider and the strong ocean winds.

The footprint issue was addressed by locating part of the pool under the house, the stormwater tank under the elevated end of the pool, part of the bottom floor under the tiled outdoor area and by reducing the width of the private access road that traversed the site. The neighbour's views were maintained by positioning the top story in the southwest corner of the new building in line with a large palm tree already affecting their aspect.

The primary outdoor area has been situated on the protected south side of the house, which has access to views through the lounge room providing the ideal solution to the buffeting breezes. The angled zigzag northern face of the new dwelling helped focus the view into the majestic sweep of Whale Beach and added some drama to the design inside and out.

The clients are thrilled with the outcome and look forward to escaping from Melbourne at every chance to enjoy the house.

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