

Bathers Residences is a six apartment development overlooking Merewether Beach NSW. The long, narrow site is located on the eastern side of Frederick Street Merewether, the main strip from The Junction to the south beach suburbs.

The brief for the project was to maximise the capacity of the site while ensuring the quality and design integrity a setting of this calibre deserves. A thorough design process led to achieving a three level development, enabling six generous apartments, all with street and beach frontage. Comprehensive consultation with Council also saw the development achieving twelve sub-ground car parks, elevating the apartment building's market value considerably.

Each unit is comprised of two bedrooms, two bathrooms, laundry, two living spaces, open plan kitchen, dining and lounge with views of the ocean, as well as a separate sitting room overlooking the plunge pool to the front of the site. The clean lined, minimal interior design is given warmth through timber trims and flooring. The generously sized concrete benchtops give texture and establish an equivalent sense of scale to the long stretches of worktop space provided within the kitchen and dining areas.

The external forms relate to orientation, internal function and views: a solid, stone form facing the street with zinc clad vertical circulation breaking through to emphasise the entry; the mid forms are zinc clad with several wings peeled out to create vistas of the ocean for rooms located towards the middle of the narrow site; and the rear façade facing the ocean opens completely, predominately made up of glass doors and windows with large, frameless glass balustraded decks.

The development has proven extremely popular with a market looking for a beautiful, functional apartment space with high quality fittings and finishes, within a simple, while unique external shell, in a very desirable location.

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