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# Home

# Australian Design Architects

Australian Design Architects is a team of multi-award winning architects based in Sydney, Australia.

We specialise in residential and commercial projects of high-quality finish and detail that are sensitive to context and brief. Our distinctive style is known for its classic proportion and geometric form.

We enjoy using unexpected materials that challenge and surprise. We also believe that good architecture and respect for the environment go hand in hand.

## We work with you

Working with your ideas, we can nurture your project from conception to completion. Our innovative and inter-disciplinary skill-set, and extensive network of suppliers, means we can take a project from the first sketch right through to construction.

Our team can help you make the right decisions and guide you through the process by bringing our creativity and can-do expertise to the table. Our work-style is collaborative, open and driven by our passion for good design.

## Industry recognition

Over the past 20 years our extensive portfolio of residential and commercial projects has been recognised by our peers including the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, the Institute of Interior Designers and the Australian Design Council.

# About Us

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Established in 2001, Australian Design Architects believe contemporary Australian architecture should capture the spirit and culture of our land. We believe homes should provide a refuge from the outside world and that workplaces should have the ability to inspire.

The buildings we create are sustainable, finely crafted in durable materials and are highly valued by our clients and the community, enabling them to serve with integrity for generations.

Our role is to understand you, the client, allowing you to realise your vision. We create homes that reflect and celebrate your personalities while nurturing you and your families. We believe contemporary Australian residential design, whether house or apartment, should be sophisticated and relaxed, able to delight the senses. It should respect its climate, sheltering from the sun in summer and from the cold in winter.

When you first encounter our homes, you will be struck by their impact in the streetscape. Once inside, we respect the importance of creating both a public personality – formal living rooms and studies leading off entrances – and a private sanctuary within. Private spaces are hidden behind sliding walls that can be opened to bring formal and informal spaces together when entertaining.

We understand that our architecture sits within a landscape that creates a sense of place, so we design urban solutions for urban environments. We embrace the wilderness when building in the country. We also believe that landscape, environment and interiors are absolutely one and must be considered as one.

This holistic approach means that when you view ADA buildings from afar or walk within their gardens you feel uplifted. When you enter them, you experience a luxurious sense of space and light which is the architecture expressing itself.

When you relax in one of our living spaces, among your artwork and furnishings, and view the landscape beyond, you truly understand what we set out to achieve when we craft a home for you.

# Project Design

Australian Design Architects follows a simple process when designing your project:

## Schematic design

We gain an understanding of your requirements and aspirations, followed by an assessment of the opportunities and constraints offered by the building site. A preliminary of regulations and restrictions is undertaken followed by a number of sketch design options to reach your preferred design.

These drawings have a level of detail suitable for obtaining cost estimates at the completion of this stage.

## Detailed Design Development

Depending on the cost outcomes from the first stage, the preferred and approved design is developed into the final design for Development Application (DA) submission to Council. Pre-application meetings are organised with Council and adjoining neighbours to facilitate the planning process and assist in obtaining approval.

## Construction Documentation

The DA is developed into detailed drawings, specifications and schedules to ensure the design vision is not lost during construction. The work is also co-ordinated and integrated with the drawings suitable for the Construction Certificate with Council and tendering for builders.

## Contract Administration

Following the tender process and negotiations with the preferred builder, the construction documentation is developed into Contract documents between you and the builder. The administration of the contract between you and the builder is provided to ensure design quality is maintained throughout the construction process. This stage includes regular site visits, site meetings and certification processes.

# Portfolio

At ADA we specialise in sophisticated and distinctive residential projects, from high quality individual houses to multi-unit apartment developments. ADA work encompasses a wide variety of architectural styles ranging from heritage restoration work to innovative contemporary buildings.

Current commissions include residential, commercial, maritime, heritage restoration, refurbishment and interior fit-out projects.

# Awards

**Stokes House** Randwick

NSW Excellence in Housing Award 2015

**Blues Apartments** Forestville

NSW Excellence in Housing Award Awards 2014

**The Paradise Apartments** Potts Point

UDIA NSW High Density Award for excellence 2012

**Beautiful Waters Apartments** Coogee

UDIA National High Density Housing Award for excellence 2011

**Rainier House** Putney  
HIA Housing Award 2010  
NSW Excellence in Housing Award 2010

**Biltong** Elizabeth Bay  
NSW Excellence in Housing Award 2010 (Restoration)

**Oscar Apartments** Camperdown  
NSW Excellence in Medium Density Housing Award 2008

**Pandara Apartments** Potts Point  
UDIA National High Density Housing Award for excellence 2006/07

NSW Excellence in Housing Award 2006 (Apartments)

**Victoria Street Apartments** Kirribilli

HIA Housing Award 2004

**The Watchhouse** Sydney  
NSW Excellence in Housing Award 2001 (Restoration)

# Contact Us

* include company location and contact details
* develop a simple online form to allow an end user to provide their contact information and other details that suit the site focus
* include an embedded google map with a pin to indicate the location of ADA’s office

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1. Incorporate at least two of your photos on the Portfolio page

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The Living Wall, Broadway, Ultimo

Indigo Slam, O'Connor Street, Chippendale

Penthouse, Cnr Abercrombie and Blackfriars, Chippendale

and there are others ...

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