

National Award

North Bondi Amenities by Sam Crawford Architects with Lymesmith

Jury citation A day at the beach is an immersion in the elements: ocean swell, burning sun, driving wind, sand underfoot. This delightful pavilion amplifies these experiences and makes its purpose legible through revealing functional elements such as communal basins, with jaunty circular mirrors set at variable heights for adults and kids. An extended roofline provides shade, generously oversailing convenient bench seating for passers-by.

This facility works to the limit, providing toilets, external showers, change rooms and even a cleverly integrated bus stop on the main street interface. The soft form and recurring circular motif talk to its marine setting, while a horizontal cantilevered roof, complete with a “crew cut” of pigface and coastal grasses, somehow connects to the indelible memory of the sky and sea. The exterior is tightly draped in vertical, salvaged hardwood battens, with a “high-water mark” expressed through variegated colour. With increased height at the rear of the pavilion, the battens deftly disguise an existing Sydney Water pumphouse. These battens are charred and extend beyond the building height, providing a filtered transition to the sky.

A colour consultant and a graphic designer collaborated closely with the architects to develop an understated colour palette and playful wayfinding. Through this modestly scaled project, the architect has reinforced our affinity with the great Aussie beach experience.

— North Bondi Amenities was reviewed by Casey Bryant in *Architecture Australia* Sept/Oct 2017. See architectureau.com/articles/north-bondi-amenities

Architect Sam Crawford Architects with Lymesmith; **Project team** Sam Crawford (design architect), Benjamin Chan (project leader), Imogene Tudor (project architect), Sonia van de Haar, Ken Warr, Chelsea Harper, Antonia Frey, Jane Crawford, Lachlan Delaney, Madeleine Rowe; **Builder** Grindley Interiors; **Project manager** Complete Urban; **Structural engineer** Cantilever Engineers; **Engineer** Jones Nicholson Consulting Engineers; **Colour consultant** Lymesmith; **Quantity surveyor** Altus Page Kirkland; **Land surveyor** RPS; **Access and BCA consultant** BCA Logic; **Graphic design consultant** Deuce Design



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