creating diverse architecture

Publications & Awards

- Best Abodes 4 – Beach House 1 (BH1)
- Houses I Love – Beach House 2 (BH2)
- Home Ideas – Mahony House
- House & Garden – Rogers House
- Best Abodes 6 – Erina Heights House
- Contemporary Home Design – Andrews House
- UDIA – Medium Density & Mixed Use Development, Winner – ‘The Brunswick’
- UDIA – Small Residential Project, Winner – Peaston Gardens
- UDIA – Hunter and Central Coast & Northern NSW Region, Winner – Peaston Gardens
- MBA – Terrigal Trojans Rugby Club
- RAIA Single Residential – New, Commendation – Andrews House, Erina Heights
- RAIA Terminesh Timber Award, Commendation – Beach House, North Avoca
- HIA – Brezo House
- MBA – North Avoca House
About Us

- 32 years established full-service Architectural Practice covering the Central Coast, Sydney Metropolitan, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Mid-North Coast, Port Macquarie, Hawkins Nest, Lennox Head, Ballina, Thredbo and Hunter Valley Regions
- Award Winning Architecture
- We have extensive experience with Council and Authorities requirements
- A large portfolio of exceptional completed works

The Team

The team of highly qualified professionals is headed by Cathy Slater an Award Winning Architect and Director/Principal of Slater Architects. We are a close group who specialise in residential and commercial projects with high level finish and detail which is sensitive to the client's needs and requirements.

We embrace each commission with fresh ideas and individuality and enjoy creating spaces which are light filled and comfortable by using a variety of sustainable and innovative materials. We mould your ideas into a design that will suit your needs and budget and our skilled staff will guide you through the decision making process from concept to completion. Our belief is that Architecture should be timeless and respect the environment.

We are sought after for our imaginative and artistic design and over the past 32 years our extensive collection of completed work has been recognized by our peers including the Australian Institute of Architects and the Urban Development Institute of Australia.
award winning architecture
The Process

- We start with an initial meeting, either in our office or on site to meet with you, discuss your needs and explain in further detail what we do.
- Our fee proposal will outline our architectural services across several design and documentation stages. You can choose to engage Slater Architects services for some or all of these stages.
- We then develop a brief to suit your requirements and provide a concept design.
- After further discussions to refine your requirements we continue design development with you and project manage the application process through Development Approval (DA) stage with Council.
- We prepare detailed documentation suitable for further planning approvals including Construction Certificate (CC).
- Our staged fees can include detailed construction drawings such as interiors finishes schedules, fixture/ fittings selections, specifications and joinery designs as required.
- We are available to assist with the tender and construction process, the selection of a suitable building contract and with the selection of a builder.
- An architect’s role if engaged to administer a building contract is to act as your independent advisor on contractual matters including keeping you informed of progress, key stages of work, progress payments, as well as ensuring the contract documents and specifications are complied with.
timeless architecture
Houses

Slater Architects portfolio of built work is extensive with examples ranging from family homes and rural architecture to beach front houses. We work closely with each client in shaping the external and internal layout of a house so the design is a collaborative work between client and architect. The focus is always on creating comfortable, creative spaces and bringing about a house which is individual to both its site and its owners.

With completed projects stretched across NSW and QLD we have extensive practice in all types of residential architecture and challenging sites. We are well known for our extensive coastal knowledge.

Our desire is to create timeless architecture placing an emphasis on understanding our client’s vision and maintaining their budget.

Given the many users of a building the longevity and durability of the construction and interiors is always of utmost importance. We pride ourselves in understanding the use of materials relative to the environment and the significance of utilizing low maintenance and sustainable products.

A number of Slater Architects designs have been recognised by our peers and the design community including awards by the Australian Institute of Architects (AIA) and as featured in many well known architectural publications.

Renovations

Alterations and additions to an existing residence are an exciting challenge. Some of our before and after examples really highlight the pleasure we have in taking a house and turning it into a home that is transformed for its owners.

Whether our clients have simple aspirations of establishing larger, open planned living, need an ill-defined space replaced with an inviting one or require an extensive renovation to an existing dwelling we are highly skilled at renovations.
Interiors

The architectural form is only part of the overall picture. Slater Architects can offer a full service including designing and detailing of all bathrooms, kitchens, joinery, outdoor structures as well as custom-designed furniture and fittings.

Our creative team have an eye for detail and are skilled at incorporating a classic timelessness to interiors designs, current interior design trends and the latest in innovative materials and fittings.

Simply put the relationship of the interior and exterior are connected whether the ideal is to have a seamless transition between indoor and outdoor spaces or the exterior has a more specific design which reflects its landscape and setting and the interior is a juxtaposition of styles. Slater Architects excels at translating these design decisions into a custom-made and integrated house.

We can walk you through the interior design process and discuss materials selections, colour palettes as well as explain the array of customizing options.

Apartments & Units

Slater Architects has been just as prolific in its design and construction of residential flat buildings, dual occupancies and SEPP 65 developments. Beginning in the 1980’s with the commission of a four hundred unit housing development, Slater Architect’s current projects include mixed-use developments and apartment buildings.

Not limited to the Central Coast region we have also been involved in designing housing and communities in Ballina, Lennox Head, North Angels Beach, Cam’s Wharf, Hat Head, Hawks Nest, Pokolbin and Thredbo.

Recognition by the Urban Development Institute of Australia NSW (UDIA) saw both the Peaston Gardens Development at Wamberal and The Brunswick Housing Estate at Terrigal receive several award-winning design accolades.
creative innovative designs
Master Planning

With our involvement in a variety of large and medium scaled housing developments, the master-planning for the local community was a natural extension of our brief.

We have also been involved in a number of other urban design projects including conceptual designs of the Mangrove Creek Dam Picnic Area, Rafferty’s Resort at Lake Macquarie, ‘The Vintage’ and ‘Mercure’ in the Hunter Valley, ‘Seraph’ at North Angels Beach and a number of golf course related residential developments.

Commercial / Retail

The diversity of Slater Architects design portfolio is both architecturally exciting for our design team but also a reflection of their broad talents.

Iguana Joe’s Restaurant and Bar located in the Gosford Waterfront precinct, The Cornerstone Bookstore at Erina, premises at Tuggerah Business Park, Terrigal Trojans Rugby Club located at Terrigal Beach and the Baiada Poultry/ Steggles Headquarters are just a few of our examples of commercial projects.

Slater Architects also has experience in the design and construction of child-care and medical centres.

Our acquaintance with planning policies and familiarity with local council legislation has seen the consent of mixed use and commercial/ retail facilities in some of our larger residential developments.

Industrial

Our architectural design experience is not limited to a few genres- we have been involved in the design and construction of a number of factory and warehouse structures in industrial areas.