

THE RAW FORM



A Bondi
home without
compromise

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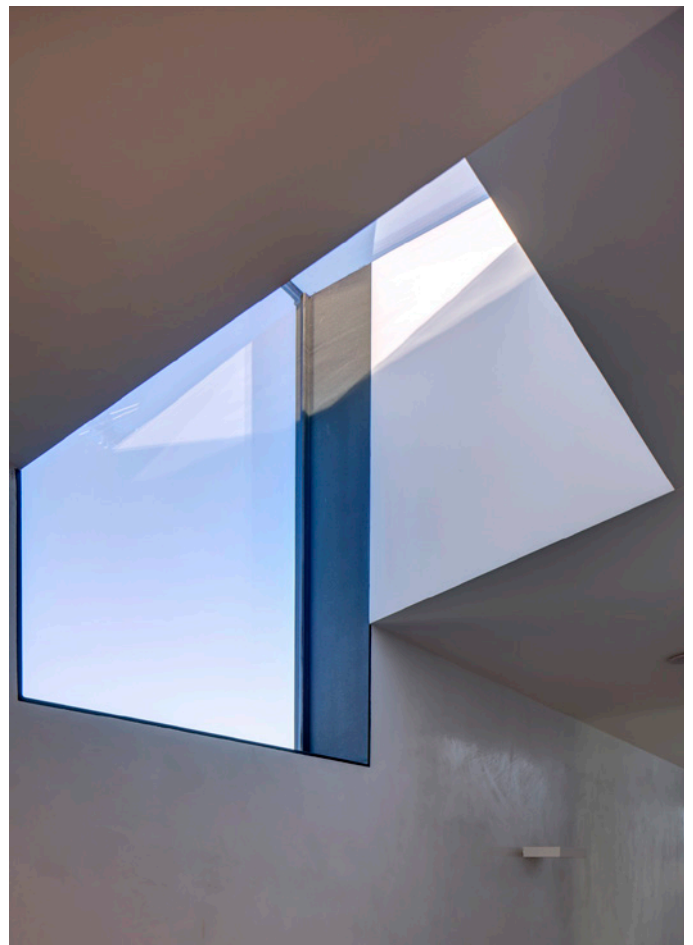
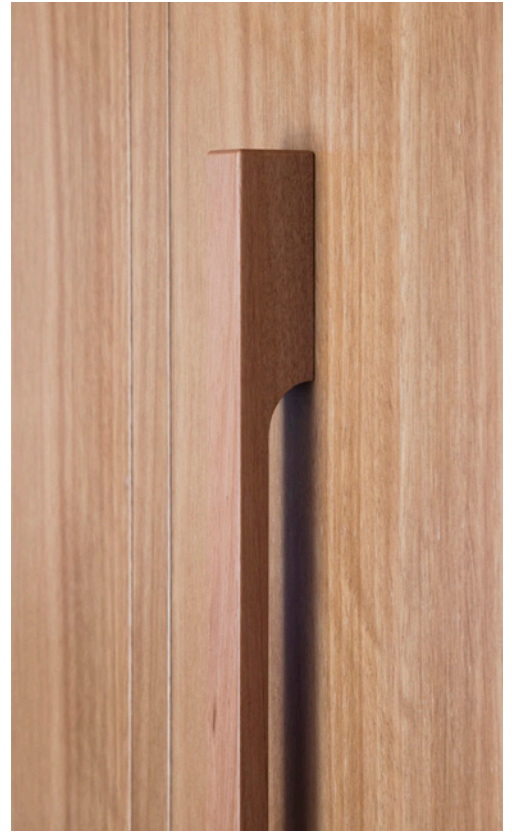


The brief for Plowman St, Bondi, was to create a new, free-standing home, which placed a focus on sustainability, was family-friendly and provided attention to detail to every aspect of construction. Celebrating and exposing the material language of the building rather than hiding it.

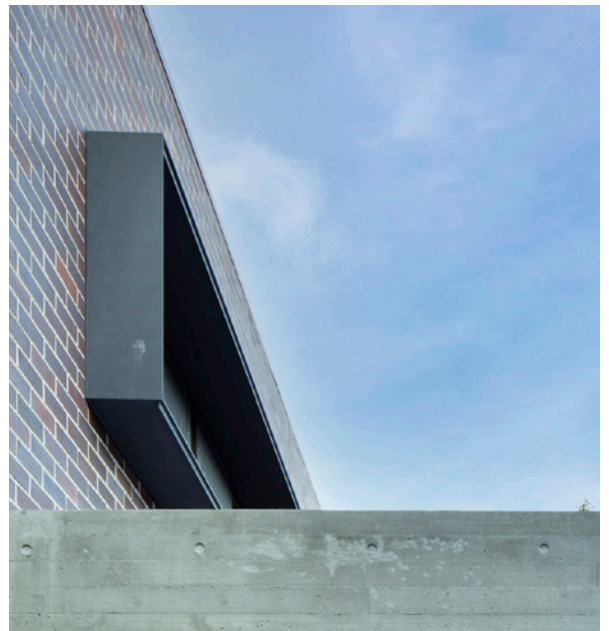
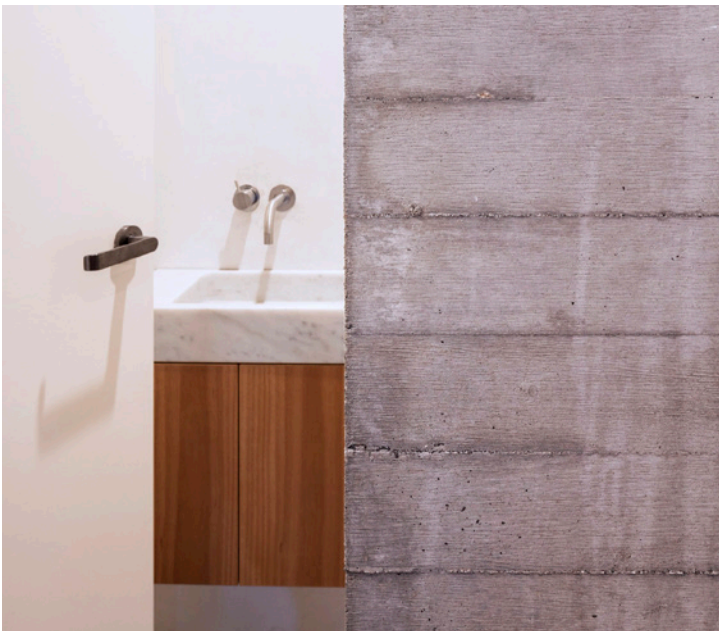
To realise this vision, quality craftsmanship and good construction were placed at the core.



According to Matt Chan, Principal, Scale Architecture: 'This project had a pared back pallet and in order to achieve a sharp design outcome the building detail had to be spot on!' The response was to design a two-storey garden house, designed specifically around the owner's love of backyard cricket. The linear organisation of the house creates a long north-facing side yard that maximised solar access to the house, whilst also forming the ideal dimensions for a cricket pitch.



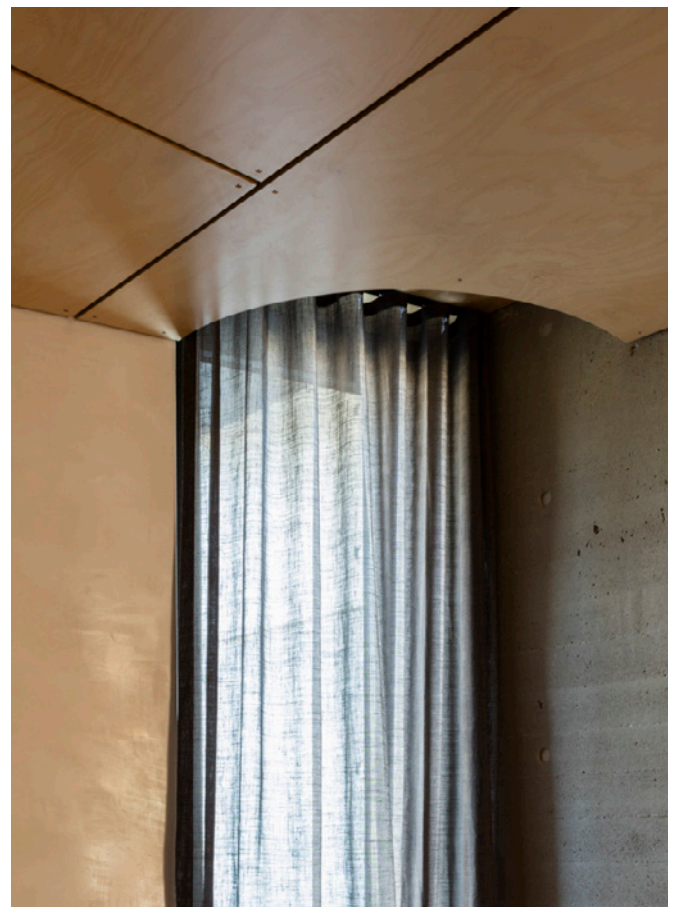
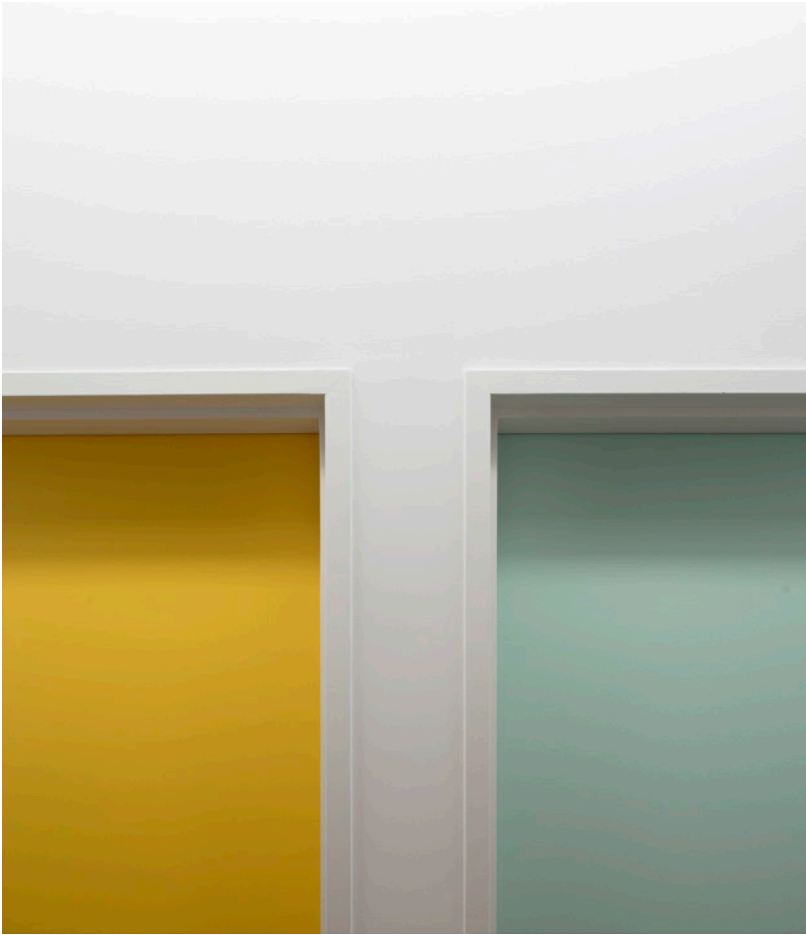
From a building perspective this project was complex, and required a high degree of foresight and team collaboration, as elements such as formwork, brickwork and bespoke windows were designed to be exposed – thus requiring incredible attention to detail at every stage. The quality of craftsmanship and construction are on show for all to see and this was one of the major challenges of the build – It had to be built right the first time.



The concrete formwork was designed to be an architectural element, which meant that we had to pay complete attention to the final form in every process. Consideration to material junctions such as the expressed steel and brickwork was essential to align the textured imprints of the the concrete around the building. The end result was beautiful architecturally, making it obvious that consideration and care had been applied throughout.



Building-wise, the challenge was to ensure the custom-designed double-glazed windows and doors were adequately sealed as it was not viable to provide typical flashings. We integrated the steel window hoods as structural lintels and modified them further so concealed angles were welded within the frame to provide a mechanical flashing. The dark bricks and light mortar provided a beautiful geometrical pattern to the exterior of the building. The brickwork gauge, window hood sizing and connection to the off-form concrete transitioned seamlessly into one another.



The interaction of materials appears quite simple and effortless, however there was considerable collaboration to ensure the fine detail was achieved.



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MEET THE ONEUP TEAM

Rick Simmons (left) and Scott Somerville (right) have a deep love of building and good design, and are passionate about every project they take on.

As co-owners and managing directors of One Up building, Rick and Scott have worked together for over 20 years. They are both licensed builders and carpenters, and building is in their blood.

Having gained their early experience working alongside their mentors in luxury home construction and management in the eastern suburbs of Sydney, the pair have gone on to build a business with a reputation for exceptional attention to detail, and an ability to realise an architect and client's vision, without compromising on the design integrity.

Rick's key role in One Up Building is project management, which involves communicating with clients and stakeholders to ensure the smooth transition between each stage of the project.

Scott is responsible for ensuring each project meets One Up Building's own rigorous standards for quality and excellence by personally overseeing the selection of all of the materials and inspecting the workmanship at every stage of the project.

Our clientele and reputation has evolved by providing quality, service and reliability. Repeat business and long standing relationships are testimonial to the dedication we offer.

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