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Tobias Partners Architects
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One Up Building

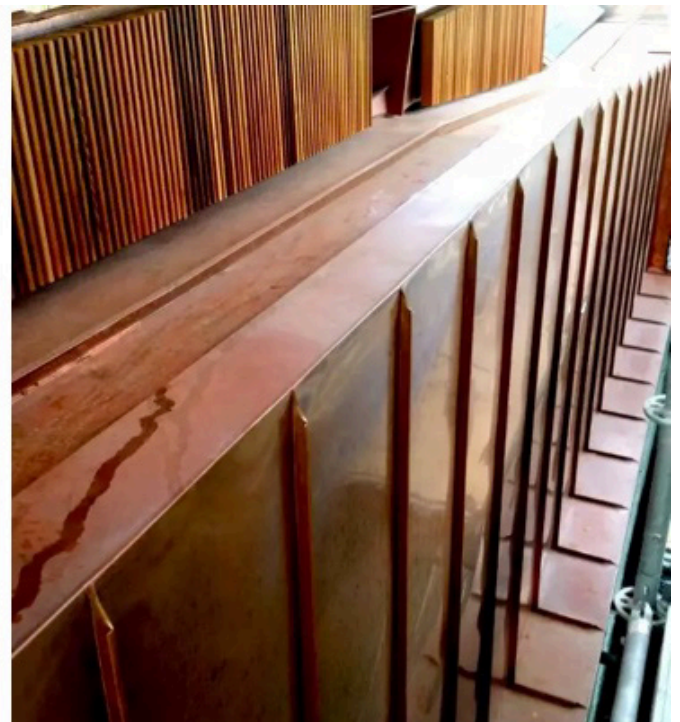




The brief for Wentworth House was to create a welcoming, functional family home from a jumbled assortment of old buildings. Despite the generosity of spaces and stunning views across Sydney Harbour, the home's connections and livability were poor, and living spaces were dark and cold.

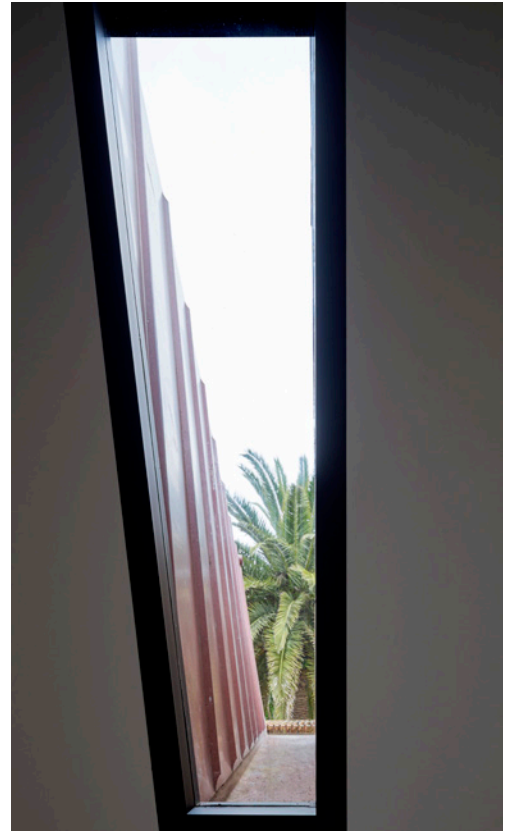


The design solution by architects Tobias Partners was to preserve the existing character, whilst improving circulation, thermal performance and solar access throughout. The new addition above the single-storey building served to improve flow – delivering light and warmth deep into the house. This had to be done without blocking natural light in the courtyard which required an unconventional design for the new bedrooms.



The building challenge was that the design required us to literally cut the house in two whilst maintaining each wing in a functional manner for reconnection. This meant bisecting all electrical, plumbing, hydronic and air-conditioning services – then completing the new renovations and then reinstating all of these services and commissioning the house as a whole. As builders, our main concern was how do we protect the home from weather and trade works, whilst maintaining efficiency and steady progress on the project?

The answer was to build a complete weatherproof enclosure over the house with a high level of accessibility. It may sound crazy, but after a thorough cost benefit analysis with the client we determined this would be the most efficient way to complete the project. Between the client, the architects and ourselves we reached a unanimous decision that the infrastructure of the enclosure would not only provide the weather protection, it would enable greater design critique of the dramatic roofing structure as it evolved.



The weatherproof structure and the collaborative design process with the architects resulted in a stunning design element – overlaying form and function across previously disjointed spaces in a sensitive way that brings new life and connection to this beautiful home.



OneUp Building director, Rick Simmons said: *"This project was a great opportunity to showcase our craftsmanship within the structural elements, and further express the finer detailing through the copper cladding and decorative elements. This home will age beautifully."*





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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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