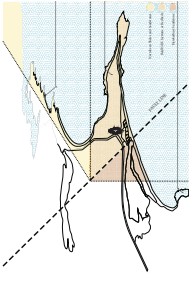
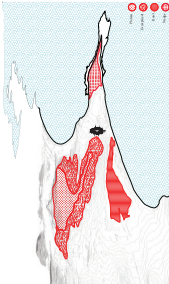


UNDERSTANDING THE SITE



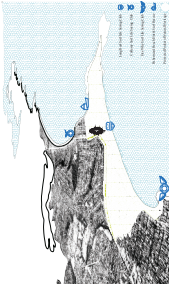
A unique geology creating a special headland and reef on Sydney's Northern Beaches.



A distinctive topography surrounded by a steep escarpment and prominent headland.



A rich surrounding ecology habitat for unique flora and fauna, and flourishing reef life.

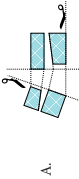


A protected pocket of natural and cultural heritage, a refuge from the surrounding built environment.

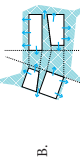


An active environment serving a broad spectrum of sport and recreation users.

SETTING DESIGN PRINCIPLES



A. Let the landscape in



B. Utilise Outdoor Space



C. Nestle into Landscape



D. Active Building Edges



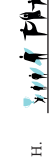
E. Weather in Place



F. Moderate the Elements



G. Harvest & Recycle



H. Inclusive & Welcoming



I. Respond to Existing Pathways



J. Respect & Preserve Site

KEY DESIGN MOVES



1. Nestle the building into the landscape and surrounding dunes
2. Invite the surrounding landscape into the site through permeable and planted outdoor furniture
3. Create a large outdoor room serviced by small surrounding pavilions
4. Protect and shelter edges to enliven the buildings and provide amenity
5. Pavilions that open at the corners to signal and invite people to stay
6. Simple, robust, honest materials that resist the harshness of building and landscape
7. Harvest and reveal the beauty of the natural landscape
8. Frame views that enhance the beauty of the natural landscape

THE STORY

Long Reef is a rare jewel on Sydney's Northern Beaches, a sanctuary for native flora and fauna, as well as the people who come from near and far to escape the surrounding suburban sprawl and reconnect with nature.

The brief and community consultation called for a building that is low-key, hardworking, robust and honest, providing an essential amenity for current and future generations of locals, Club members, Council and visitors alike.

Our response is for a quiet architecture, one that nestles into the surrounding dunescape, a building that weathers and lets the landscape in, respecting and preserving the rich and

delicate ecosystem that is Long Reef and the greater Griffith Reserve.

The new facility is in fact a series of smaller pavilions set within the landscape, book-ended by an existing dune to the north and a low-lying dune to the south. The pavilions are clad in timber rain screens that are allowed to silver and settle into the natural scene.

The pavilions are arranged around a central courtyard, the main social hub. They provide amenity to outside spaces, in turn reducing the building footprint and reliance on enclosed space. Outdoor furniture collects shifting sands and vegetation,

as well as creating opportunities to linger and serendipitous interactions between different user groups.

The main pavilion hosts a function room on the second storey, providing breathtaking views to North Head, and intimate views into the existing dunescape and Baulista Grove. The kite shaped roof is designed to gently rise to maintain a low-scale.

Through several Working Group meetings facilitated by Northern Beaches Council, and meetings onsite with Club and community groups, design iterations were made to address the concerns and requirements of different users of the site.

The result is a building that provides amenity for a safer beach-going experience, a place to interact with your neighbours, learn how to surf, attend a nippers session with the kids, take a yoga class or a first-aid course...a base to compete in events of host a school excursion to discover Sydney's native flora and fauna... a spot to stop-in for a coffee while walking the dog, grab an ice-cream or just catch some waves.

Across the seasons the Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club is in a constant state of flux, a flexible building that dramatically increases the amenity of the site while preserving and enhancing the landscape that people come to enjoy...