

Selected Projects
Macarthur Gardens Education & Display Suite
Campbelltown, NSW
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Macarthur Gardens, Campbelltown, NSW
for Stockland Property Trust
Completed 2005

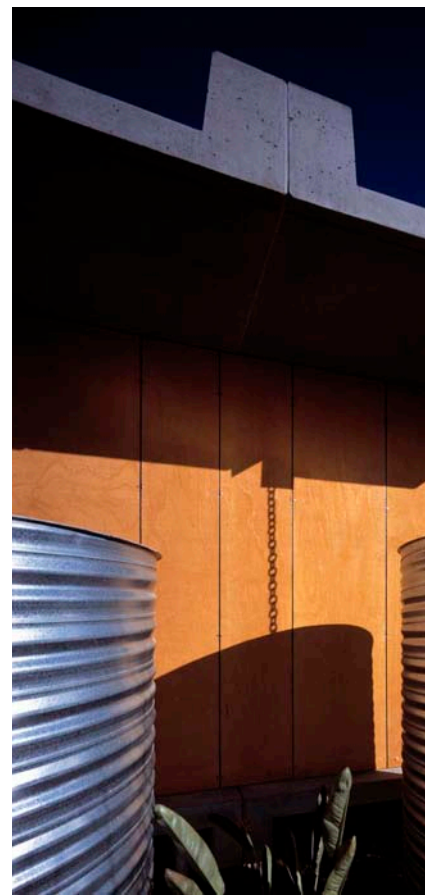
Project Description

Macarthur Gardens is a new housing estate one hour West of Sydney. The 'Education and Display Suite' is where individual housing Lots are sold and Stockland's 'project vision' communicated. When all 900 Lots are gone, the building will be packed up and re-assembled at the next development so it has been designed, literally, as a 'kit of parts'.

The client's brief seemed simple; a re-useable structure that would stand out from its residential context and be used as a tool to help educate potential purchasers about environmental processes and the benefits of more sustainable ways of living.

Inspired by Jørn Utzon's Bayview House, a series of unbuilt propositions for a site he owned on Pittwater in NSW, a 'lego set' or systems approach was adopted, whereby the logic of the structural system creates the architecture. Wherever possible the structure has been revealed and explored for its sculptural and material qualities. Elements like the roof gutters that tip water into the concrete awning, then down a rain chain and into tanks for reuse is a small metaphor of the sites hydrology that helps underscore the relationship of the building to the land.

Apart from concrete the other major material is timber; recycled blackbutt and ochre-stained, rough-sawn plywood. Notions of 'home'; moments of warmth and intimacy introduced within the cool, gallery like environment have been explored throughout as counterpoint to the cool rationality of the precast concrete and to connect the Display Suite to the homes that it will be promoting.



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