

Byron home takes NSW MBA award

Atlanta Building continues to gain national attention

CAMERON PATON, Paul Osborne and the team at Atlanta Building are no strangers to awards.

On Saturday night they added to their long list of accolades at The Master Builders Association of NSW Excellence in Housing Awards 2018.

Atlanta Building won the best freeform/natural pool in NSW open category and runner up in the best house for \$4 million to \$5 million, and was a finalist in two categories: the energy efficiency award and the environmental award. In all categories, the project was a spectacular home in Byron Bay.

The project, one which Cameron described as being "of grand proportions", includes six bedrooms, six bathrooms, 12 showers, sauna, wine cellar, visitor quarters, indoor/outdoor

dining, beach front sunset bar, rooftop garden, outdoor amphitheatre, copper clad double garage, and a free-form infinity edge pool with an island deck and bespoke firepit.

As with all of Atlanta Building's work, no detail was overlooked in executing this contemporary design.

"All internal/external walls, floors, ceilings and external soffits are lined with either select grade spotted gum or American oak," Cameron said. "There are no gyprock sheets used in the residence. To compliment this all joinery, carcasses are lined in mild steel. "The tapware is black powder coated Agape fixtures from Italy and the basins/showers are custom basalt slabs, also imported."

In terms of energy efficiency, the home is second to none. The project



GRAND SCALE: The project includes six bedrooms, six bathrooms, 12 showers, wine cellar, guest quarters, beach front bar, rooftop garden, copper clad double garage, and a free-form infinity edge pool with island deck and firepit. PHOTO: ATLANTA



is designed to work in harmony with the back drop of the protected coastal Littoral Rainforest and sand dunes. This is done through the placement of the natural free form swimming pool, timber batten external walls and roof top garden.

The residence is north facing with cross ventilation achieved wherever possible in each separate construction module. The complete dwelling is clad externally with a carbon neutral magnesium oxide board. Every external and internal wall is insulated with r 2.5 batts. To further enhance the energy efficiency all walls,

internally and externally, are clad with spotted gum shiplap cladding board or external batten as the photographs illustrate.

The roof is insulated using magnesium oxide board and insulation blanket. Further to this, the rooftop garden has cement bedding to facilitate drainage falls. Soil and garden adds to the insulation characteristics of the house. On the roof are 20KW of solar panels backed up by three Tesla batteries enabling the house to be completely off the grid. Consequently, all appliances are electrical with no gas connected to the house. The hot water system is solar

tube with electrical back up.

Cameron and his team worked with the homeowner to comply with strict approval conditions rules.

Not surprisingly in a project of this magnitude, there were various challenges the project faced, however he and his team were able to hand over the home to the client within twelve months (well within the fifteen month contractual period).

Atlanta Building also won a host of accolades at the recent 2018 Northern Rivers MBA Awards.

The company has won the Best Contract Houses \$2 million-\$5 million; House

Additions, Alterations & Renovations Under \$200,000; Kitchen Projects Over \$80,000; Bathroom Projects Over \$100,000 and Swimming Pools Over \$600,000 (this pool is the free-form mentioned above).

"It is a great honour for us to be recognised on such a scale for our workmanship," Cameron said. "It goes a long way in cementing our reputation not just locally but statewide. We would like to thank MBA and everyone associated with awards process."

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