

Multiple residential, aged and affordable housing

Multiple, Residential

'Multiple Residential' covers a spectrum of development types ranging from higher density apartment developments though, town-houses, cluster-housing and villas to duplexes. The NSW mid-north coast has the full range to cater for the diverse market, location criteria and site. The Practice has been involved with the landscape of so many since 1983 that the following project range is a mere snippet.

Understanding that the scale of planting needs to balance the scale of built-form, is a key element in designing for these developments. This giving rise to the Practice's experience in design of roof gardens, ponds, formal & sculpture courtyards & features in these residential landscapes.

Project examples include:

- § **Apartment complexes:-** Harbour-watch, Flight-deck, Horizons, Sandcastle, 36 & 44 William St, and Narromare apartments, in Port Macquarie.
- § **Villa developments:-** Grant Street, Oxley Mews.
- § **Town Houses:-** Abel Tasman & Blue-gum Townhouse developments Lake Cathie.
- § **Cluster Housing Estates:** Heart St. Port Macquarie & Bellingen: sketch & detail design.
- § **Affordable:** Dahlsford Estate mobile home village: sketch design.

Aged Care & Retirement Villages

Aged Care and Retirement Villages: from duplex style self care communities with support on-call through to intensive nursing and dementia care which have developed exponentially to meet varied and progressive needs of the people, SEPP 5 and changing character on the NSW mid north coast's 'Sea-Change' strip. It has been interesting for the Practice to have evolved from providing a 'normal' garden setting and domestic activity for residents with low maintenance for the client in the 80s; to the current completely 'managed' landscapes, with similarities to a tourist resort.

Remaining constant still; is the need for the landscape to provide a setting, where it is comfortable to meet & develop 'new friends' for a caring interactive community; as well as provide the private spaces for more intimate family visiting, 'living' and activities. The practice also specialises in the technical detail of level changes for mobility and drainage requirements to deliver a well rounded and technically sound design.

As research, experience and understanding of Dementia emerges; it is a wonderful opportunity and challenge to provide landscapes (or elements) that will 'Engage', thus assisting the care provider. Landscapes incorporating up-to-date Dementia understanding (along with 'affordable housing') and low care have been an interesting development for landscape development.

Some project examples include:

- § **Seniors Living villages:** Bundaleer, St Agnes Village, Lourdes Village and Bellevue Gardens, which was awarded the Hastings Heritage & Design Award 2003, and Camden View village in Laurieton.
- § **High & Low care Nursing Homes:** Cedar Place & Vincent Court in Kempsey, St Agnes Hostels, Bellevue Gardens Hostel, Port Macquarie Gardens and Moran Nursing Home in Port Macquarie; Bundaleer Nursing Home in Wauchope, and Karingal gardens in Taree.

All the above involved sketch & detail design.

More recent are trends for facilities for the aged and mentally challenged in supervised group housing within the community in suburban areas: these are in Taree and Coffs harbour to date.



Harbourwatch apartments.



Horizons apartments.



St Agnes Village, Stage 1



Bellevue Terraces Nursing-home





Horizons apartments



Blue Gum Towers



Bellevue Gardens, self care units.



St Agnes Village Stage 1, entry.



Karingal Gardens,
dementia courtyard
at 1 year)

