

Out of the Ashes

Modular Building Helps Rebuild Fire Stricken South Coast

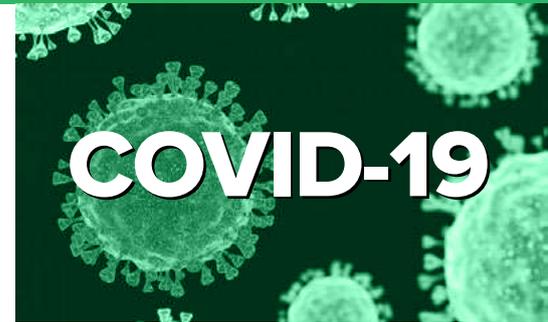
Amidst the scorched fields and burnt bush of Shoalhaven's Dolphin Point – a village in New South Wales' South Coast – sits a fresh and contemporary new home.

The home is a modular construction, made from local company Parkwood. Modular houses are built in a factory environment and transported to the site when complete, which allows for speedy manufacture and installation.

This off-site production process meant that when much of the South Coast caught ablaze, the building work was safely out of harm's way. Construction could be completed and the house could sit – ready to go – in waiting for the fires to be put out, the region to stabilise and the roads to reopen. Incredibly, within three weeks of the fire, the house was securely installed and the couple happily moved in.

The couple had spent many family holidays in the nearby area and wanted to enjoy the tranquilly of the region year-round. This knowledge of the local area helped to guide Parkwood's design. The house is a neat three-bedroom with long 'hi-lite' windows that maximise the warm northern light.

Moreover, the house was constructed to accommodate future modifications. The modular design, here, enables for the floor plan to be altered and extensions to be added in if and when the couple's needs change in the coming years.



COVID-19

A Message From Parkwood Management.

We are committed to the safety of our staff, visitors, and suppliers during the challenges we are all facing with COVID-19.

In line with decisions made by the National Cabinet as communicated by the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Parkwood has limited access to our premise to help protect the health of all visitors and staff and minimise the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in the State.

We need to play our part to keep everyone as healthy as we can in the coming weeks and months. Any update to these restrictions will be communicated by the NSW Government in due course.

Parkwood, at this time is considered to be an essential service and will remain accessible to you through our website and by phoning our office on 0243 404077. You can find us on Facebook . We'll be sharing our progress, so please stay connected with us.

Our staff will continue their important work behind the scenes. We look forward to welcoming you back to our factory facility as soon as circumstances allow.

In these extraordinary and challenging times...Take care,



John McDougall
Founding Director



The Australian Construction Award for “Regeneration project of the year 2018’ went to Parkwood for the “Fishermans Wharf Project “

This commercial project was buoyed by strong collaboration between the clients, the architect and Parkwood Modular Buildings and showcases the creative talent of the company’s design team. The refreshed design comprises three separate modular components, which were constructed off site and transported to the location for completion.

With seafood and takeaway businesses also in operation, the clients wanted to minimise construction time to ensure their trades weren’t disrupted. Parkwood Modular Buildings erected the restaurant as soon as the new foundation piers were installed, which reduced interference to just one day.

Specialising in modular structures, Parkwood modular Buildings is able to tailor its designs to suit specific sites. By employing an innovative telescopic roofing technique, the company was able to achieve the eye-catching height that the clients wanted.

Commercial sliding doors and louvre windows connect the indoor dining area with the deck, while illuminating the interior with an abundance of natural light. Showcasing polished Australian-hardwood flooring and exposed timber beams. Innovatively designed to take advantage of the surrounding inlet views, this project exemplifies the flexibility of Parkwood Modular Buildings’ bespoke designs.



BEST HOME UNDER 500K

PARKWOOD HAD HUGE SUCCESS AT THE NEWCASTLE MASTER BUILDERS 2019 AWARDS

A modern architect-designed, multi-level modular home that makes the most of its stunning waterside location . A triumph of light and airiness. The central void is a prime example, with low-lite windows providing light at floor level and hi-lite windows bringing in added light without the owners having to view the homes that sit close-by on either side.

The interior boasts many standout features. There is a custom-made, recycled timber singlestringer staircase and a sunken lounge, made possible by the split-level design which draws your eye to the river frontage right at the back deck. There is also a concealed, sliding frosted-glass privacy wall to the main bedroom which glides out of the way to reveal the spectacular view.

Moving to the home’s exterior, it combines different cladding materials to add texture and contemporary style to the multi-level build. Most notably, this includes the rusted Corten steel ladder effect over the front window.



The site posed a variety of challenges, all of which were successfully resolved by Parkwood. Because the terraced site was quite narrow and dropped steeply down to the waterfront, a 130-tonne crane was used during installation. This in turn meant the power lines had to be dropped and the 6m-wide cul de sac blocked off for the hours the crane was operating on site. Also, due to the waterside location we had to galvanise the steel components of the home and ensure the use of salt-resistant materials throughout.

Sometimes, people mistakenly believe that a modular build won’t work on a tricky site, or that they may have to make design compromises, but as this contemporary bespoke home proves, that is not the case.

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