



“environmentally tailored architecture that inspires your lifestyle, and connects to your landscape and place”

Practice Profile

Bark is a Sunshine Coast, Queensland based design practice, directed by architects Lindy Atkin and Stephen Guthrie, a combined experience of 47 years in the industry. They have worked together since 1995 and won a competition to design the Caloundra Regional Art Gallery in 1997, which provided the catalyst to establish Bark.

Atkin and Guthrie draw from their international architectural experience, having studied and worked in the USA, Bahamas, London, Melbourne and Sydney. Bark has designed projects in Australia for international clients in Romania, London, Amsterdam, Singapore, Switzerland, Canada and the USA. Projects have been awarded, widely published and exhibited in Australia and internationally.

Bark Design Architects are now working through their second decade of design projects in South East Queensland as an energetic and collaborative team of six people, working from a custom designed Noosa hinterland 'barefoot' studio.

Many of Bark's clients reside internationally and generously entrust Bark with the professional design and delivery of their projects.

Bark Design Architects is a design focused practice (six people currently) who have designed and administered a multitude of projects.

Bark has demonstrated experience and passion in designing tailored residential environments as well as outstanding community, civic buildings and commercial architecture.

Bark creates architecture that responds sensitively to its place, climate and occupants, creating memorable, enjoyable, and sustainable environments.

Bark's design approach carefully considers the landscape, particular microclimates and unlocking the 'spirit' of each site, with projects focused on the broader intention of enhancing people's lives through contemporary design, which reveals the essential and nurturing qualities of 'place'.

Like bark, our architecture is an environmental living, growing, and changing skin or structure which offers protection, whilst affording our clients a sensitive and inextricable link to the landscape which they inhabit.



Maleny House Courtyard, Sunshine Coast Hinterland, Queensland



Why choose Bark

Bark is a **local Sunshine Coast based** practice. This ensures availability, contactability, knowledge of local climatic, social and economical conditions and Council requirements.

Bark has a very strong focus on **sustainability in residential architecture**, planning, landscape and interiors.

Bark has been in **continuous practice since 1997** and has had over seventy five individually designed projects constructed over 16 years on the Sunshine Coast,

Bark's strong track record comes from the design directors in their 40's leading a group of young architects and graduates, which ensures both **longevity and endurance** required for medium and long term projects.

The practice has received over **20 architecture & industry awards** including the 2005 Queensland 'Beatrice Hutton' Award in Commercial Architecture for the Bark Studio

Bark brings a wealth of **relevant experience** through its team members, spanning two decades locally, both on the Sunshine Coast and in Queensland, as well as large international former project experience in the UK.

Bark's Practice Management systems have been continuously independently audited to achieve **Quality Assured international standards to ISO 9001:2008**

Bark's directors provide **'hands-ons', personal continuity** throughout the duration of project, supported by a dynamic team of people and subconsultants dedicated to making great projects.

Bark director, Lindy Atkin, won the **Outstanding Business** Woman of the Year 2010 in the Sunshine Coast Business Women's Network Awards. Lindy is a Chapter Councillor for the Australian Institute of Architects and also the Community Director and Deputy Chair of the Noosa Biosphere Governance Board.



Multi award winning Marcus Beach House, Sunshine Coast, Queensland

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Spoonbill House, Peregian Beach, Sunshine Coast, Queensland



“Variable in colour, texture, density, character, it is invariably the role of bark to define the line between inside and out; to negotiate the relationship between the internal and external environment; to contain, protect, house.”



Noosa Sound House, Noosa Heads, Sunshine Coast

Design Philosophy

Our aim is to create contemporary sustainable buildings with very little environmental impact.

Lightness, transparency, natural breezes and indoor / outdoor spaces, environmental sustainability, light and shadow, climate awareness and response, integration and respect for the landscape are themes which reoccur in each Bark Design project.

Projects are designed to suit each individual brief, which is developed closely with the client. Our designs reflect the functional aspects of the brief, the climate and environment, economical considerations, the natural qualities of the site and location, as well as a broader intention of enhancing peoples lives through excellent design.

We recognise the importance of climatic consideration when designing in order to achieve high levels of amenity and comfort for occupants. In coastal Queensland good design can minimize or avoid the need for active heating and cooling, to some spaces.

As with any site, the specific climatic conditions of subtropical coastal Queensland impose special design considerations, which will contribute to the architectural language of the buildings.

Through passive mechanisms such as natural cross ventilation, solar gain in winter, deep shading in summer and maximizing natural daylight, Bark always seeks to create environmentally sensitive and comfortable year-round sustainable living environments.

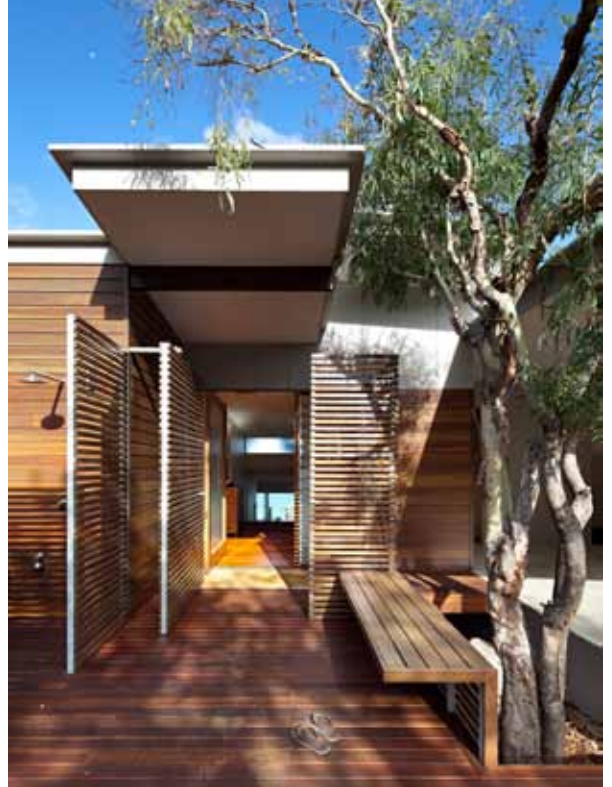
“Bark has made a significant contribution to the strong reputation and regard for the architectural style and reputation of the Sunshine Coast region, recognised and celebrated on a national and international level”.



Spoonbill House, Peregian Beach, Sunshine Coast



Beachside House, Coolum, Sunshine Coast



Award winning China Beach House, 1770, Queensland



Award winning Sunshine Beach House, Sunshine Coast, Queensland



AIA A+ Member



Quality Assured Practice



Biosphere Partner

Design and Project Management Services

Bark Design Architects provide full architectural and project management professional services from concept to completion or combinations of partial services as required. Comprehensive services are tailored to each project and client from the range of professional services summarised below.

Sketch Design, Design Development, Contract Documentation and Contract Administration categorise the essential four project stages for the best outcomes.

Directors Lindy Atkin and Stephen Guthrie maintain a genuine 'hands-on' involvement for the entire project.

Bark provides architecture, interiors and landscape design on tailored commercial, civic and residential projects.

Inspections

- Pre-purchase
- Site Evaluation

Project Management

- Planning and Programming
- Program Management
- Budget Management
- Administration
- Building commissioning
- Public Relations

Expert Witness

- Preparing expert report
- Giving expert evidence

Master Planning

- Preparing concept masterplanning options
- Key site attributes, views and vista analysis
- Aerial photographs of precinct overlaid with base drawings indicating shade patterns
- Shadow analysis and sun lighting analysis
- Climate analysis
- Staging framework for future development

Record Drawings

- Measured drawings and report on existing building

Concept Design

- Site meeting and analysis
- Client meetings
- Brief analysis
- Concept options
- Concept design

Sketch Design (SD)

- Return design brief
- Sketch Design options
- Strategy, design, 3D sketch design drawings
- 3D BIM Software process

Illustration

- 2D Perspectives
- 3D Models
- 3D digital Model 'Flythroughs or VBE
- Digital animation DVD

Design Development (DD)

- Develop the approved concept design
- Provide documentation to explain it to the client
- Coordinate the work of specialist consultants
- Provide a schedule of proposed finishes
- Review the developed design against budget and time
- Coordinate QS to provide estimate of the cost of the works
- Safe Design report
- Development Application (DA) documentation

Construction Documentation (CD)

- Building Application (BA) documentation
- Specification
- Construction documentation
- Specification
- Safe Design report

Tendering and Builder procurement

- Builder research and selection
- Pre tender & contract negotiations
- Tender documentation
- Tender administration
- Tender evaluation

Contract Administration (CA)

- Contract preparation
- Full contract administration services

Furniture and Interior Fittings Procurement

- Furniture design and drawing
- Furniture selection and arranging quotes and prices
- Ordering and procurement
- Furniture delivery and setup co-ordination

“choose Bark Design Architects to design your personally tailored house”



“your collaborative architecture professionals”

Bark projects have been recognised with over 20 design and industry awards and have been widely published in many national and international books, magazines, and websites.



Award winning Hervey Bay House, Queensland



Noosa Hinterland House, Sunshine Coast, Queensland



Tinbeerwah House, Noosa Hinterland, Sunshine Coast



Maleny House, Queensland



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