

“environmentally tailored public architecture that connects to landscape and place”.





Practice Profile

Bark is a Sunshine Coast, Queensland based design practice, directed by architects Lindy Atkin and Stephen Guthrie, who share 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 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.

As a design focused practice, Bark Design Architects is who have designed a multitude of award winning projects for Queensland State, and Local government agencies delivering public buildings, infrastructure and transport projects.

Bark has demonstrated experience and skill when designing sustainable environments as well as outstanding community, civic buildings and commercial architecture. The Noosa Visitor Information Centre, Noosa Junction Bus Station, Caloundra Art Gallery, Mission Beach Arts Center, Cairns CBD and James Cook University bus projects, demonstrate the passion and creative excellence the Bark team bring to all projects.

Bark is a pre-qualified company supplier of design services for Sunshine Coast Council, Rockhampton and Tweed Shire Councils and a registered as a

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"



Bark Design Architects' Multi Award Winning Studio in the Noosa Hinterland



Why choose Bark

Bark is a local Sunshine Coast based regional practice with directors registered in Queensland and New South Wales. In South East and regional Queensland this ensures availability, contactability, knowledge of local climatic, social and economical conditions and Council requirements.

Bark has a very strong focus on sustainability in civic and commercial 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 experience 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 their 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 Quality Management Systems have been continuously and 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 Queensland Chapter Councillor for the Australian Institute of Architects and also the Community Director and Deputy Chair of the Noosa Biosphere Governance Board.



Noosa Visitor Information Center, Hastings Street, Sunshine Coast



Brisbane Road Mixed Use Development, Mooloolaba, Sunshine Coast

“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”.



Award winning Noosa Visitor Information Centre, Hasting Street, Noosa Heads, Queensland

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 community and 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.

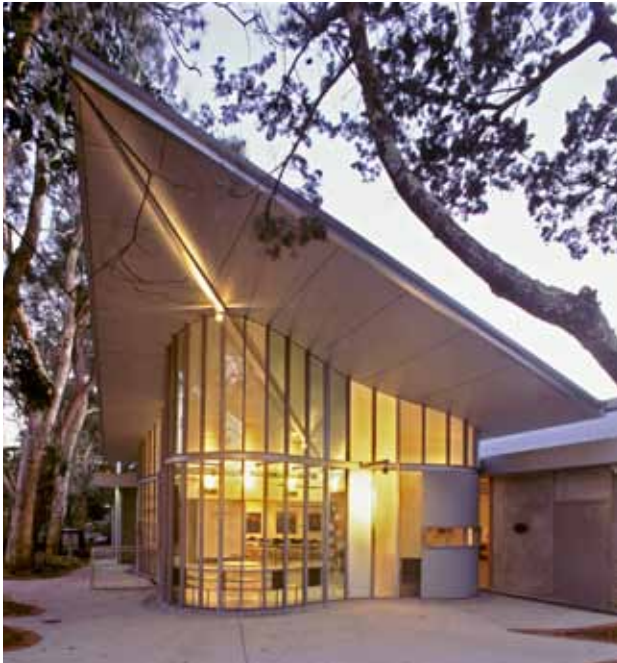
Our Clients

- Sunshine Coast Council (SCC)
- Noosa Council
- Translink (QLD Government)
- Tourism Noosa
- SCC (Caloundra City Council)
- SCC (Noosa Council)
- SCC (Maroochy Council)
- TMR -Transport & Main Roads
- Petrac Pty Ltd
- Pearson Property Group
- Thistle Pty Ltd
- Seaside Pty Ltd
- AECOM
- Mission Beach Artists Incorporated
- Devine Property Group
- Cairns City Council
- Sinclair Knight Mertz
- JCU - James Cook University, Cairns
- Sky Homes Pty Ltd Yellow Oyster Pty Ltd
- Zingaro Pty Ltd
- Yellow Oyster Properties Pty Ltd
- MBQ - Murphy Builders Queensland
- Seaspray Pty Ltd
- Bond University



Multi award winning Noosa Junction Station, Sunshine Coast, Queensland

Exterior and Interior Views, Category A - Caloundra Art Gallery, 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.”



Bottlebrush Avenue Housing Development (53 Units), Noosa Heads, Sunshine Coast



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 for your next public project”

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.



Ba Vigo Restaurant & Bar, Cotton Tree, Queensland



'Coast' Apartments, Sunshine Beach, Queensland



AIA 'Beatrice Hutton' State Award for Commercial Architecture, Bark Design Studio



Caloundra Art Gallery, Queensland



Multi award winning Noosa Junction Station, Sunshine Coast, Queensland