

Gold Coast

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Hurly Burleigh

The hot spot continues to surge, with a new breed of residential development setting elegant beachside benchmarks

The majestic shapes of the towering heritage-listed Norfolk Pines at Burleigh Heads on the Gold Coast provided the inspiration for the eye-catching and evocative multi-residential development, Norfolk Burleigh Heads.

Luxury and landscape blend seamlessly in the impressive north-facing 10-storey development with 15 stunning apartments and a starting price of \$3.6 million each.

All apartments in the sophisticated beachfront living project were sold prior to completion last June.

Melbourne-based Mim Design, a design and architectural practice that's been awarded nationally and internationally for its innovative approach, worked in collaboration with Koichi Takada Architects and developer Forme.

Miriam Fanning, principal of Mim Design, says they are thrilled with the development which aimed to create a respectful yet regenerative build that gently echoes the qualities of the coastal landscape.

The prominent 1012-square metre beachfront site, nestled between the beach and the Burleigh headland's national park on the southern end of famed Goodwin Terrace, inspired the design team to apply a holistic vision that intertwines architecture, interiors and landscape. It is the first multi-storey residential development to be built on Goodwin Terrace in more than 30 years and the early demand for Norfolk's amenities, position, and bespoke finishes suggest buyers had been waiting for this level of luxury by the beach.

Norfolk Burleigh Heads's architectural forms are also faithfully embraced in Mim Design's interior approach, which combines sculptural gestures and soft, curvaceous profiles.

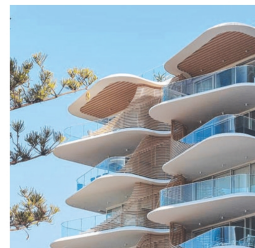
"We drew inspiration from the Modernist era, which was an influential time in the shaping of Burleigh Heads's design history and forges strong synergies with the qualities of the landscape," Fanning says.

The skilful curation of finishes and bespoke elements reinterprets the Burleigh landscape with an abstract hand.

"The tapered kitchen island, meticulously shaped from solid travertine, is a subtle nod to the



Norfolk Burleigh Heads interiors and exteriors. Photographer: Tom Ferguson



precinct's plethora of pine cones, while soft colour accents — namely, verde aquamarine stone — resonate against the development's wide coastal views," she says. "The consistent interlay of polished plaster, solid oak and travertine lends facility, calmness and warmth throughout, fostering a sense of space and calm for residents."

Each material, shape and form is designed to have meaning and reason; a trademark of Fanning's designs.

The series of 15 luxury apartments, including two dual-level penthouses with private rooftop pools and lush landscaping, embrace passive design principles, enriching the project with strong sustainability outcomes.

Koichi Takada Architects' striking arrangement of overlapped, undulating balcony slabs shade the outdoor spaces below, while curvaceous, moveable screens enable residents to temper levels of privacy and sun protection, together generating an engaging, sculpted facade.

Architect Koichi Takada says just like the Norfolk pine cones protect their seeds from bad weather and open when in the ideal natural setting, Norfolk Burleigh Heads's architecture can be adapted to protect residents from the elements or opened up to take in Burleigh's 300 days per year of subtropical sunshine and stunning natural surroundings.

"Living zones prioritise aspect, offering panoramic views across the Norfolk pines and ocean beyond while curved walls guide focus towards key view lines, while softening the relationship between spatial volumes.

Mim Design responded to the lifestyle of residents, arranging utility rooms along the main hallway to ensure beachgoers can wash off the sand from the day before entering their home, while the ground level comprises a pool, sun deck, sauna and gym, akin to the luxury of a boutique hotel.

Their close collaboration with Norfolk Burleigh Heads's architects, developers and builders from early-stage planning through to execution ensures a seamlessness and sense of resolution between each domain.

"Designing for such an iconic site was a very special opportunity for our studio and the outcome sets a precedent for the quality and style of multi-residential living in Burleigh Heads, and the greater Gold Coast area," Fanning says.

"Since embarking on the design of Norfolk Burleigh Heads, Mim Design has continued a wonderful working relationship with Forme, completing Luna Apartments and recently releasing SEA Apartments to market.

"The value we have for our positive client relationships is of the highest regard, and knowing our client trusts us to continue designing for their upcoming developments is testament to the quality, beauty and liveability of the project."

Fanning, who has had more than 20 years experience as an interior designer, has been involved in many types of design projects over the years, ranging from residential both individual and multi, through to hospitality, hotel, retail and large-scale retail.

"I believe in continually being inspired by surrounding environments and seek a strong sense of design and rational use of purpose for each individual project," she says.

She has a passion for visually exploring and achieving high quality standards to ensure each project is well considered, crafted and designed for a reason.