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DURBACH BLOCK JAGGERS



BELLEVARDE

Welcome to Building with Belvedere: Insights.

An exciting project to cover in this special edition.

One of our largest ever residential jobs was recently completed in Point Piper.

The concreting was some of the most complex we have ever undertaken. This was also the most material we've ever air-freighted in for a house. There is stone from Switzerland and Indonesia, metal from France, and timber from Holland.

The steep block presented some challenges but site manager, Lewis Townsend, and the Belvedere team kept everything on track and delivered an excellent result.

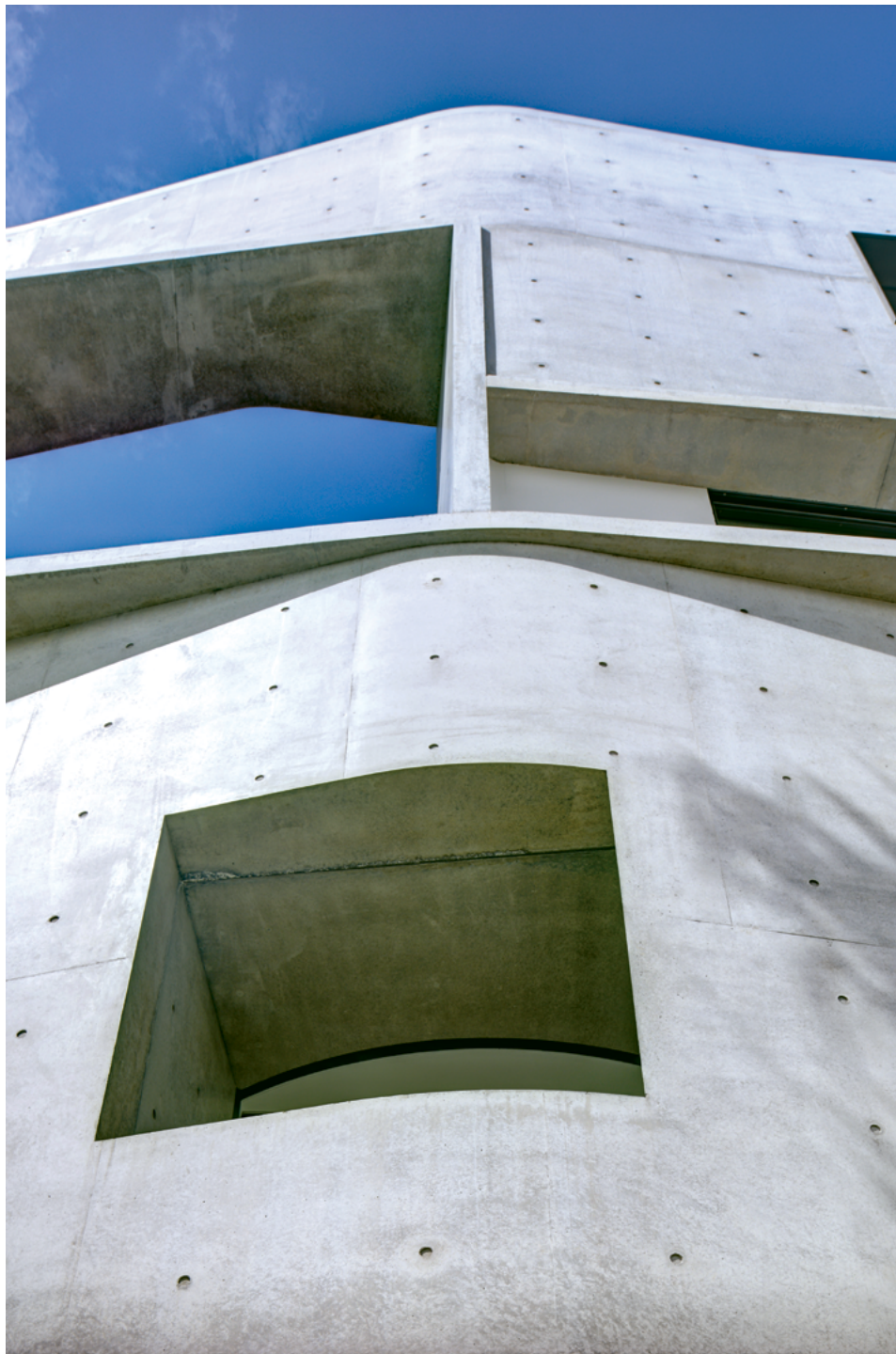
Architect Neil Durbach of Durbach Block Jaggers talks of his experience working with Belvedere.

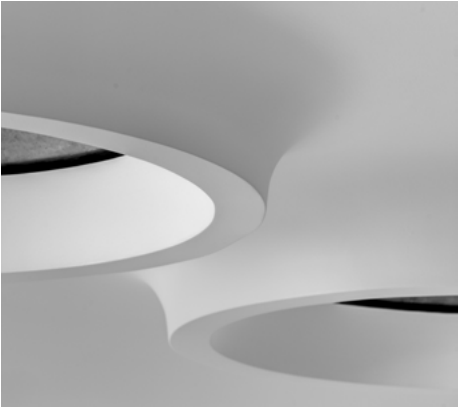
We hope you enjoy this look into what we think is one of Australia's most iconic homes.

As always, we welcome any questions, feedback or opportunities to discuss your next project.

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JOHN FIELDING
AND THE BELVEDERE TEAM







NEIL DURBACH

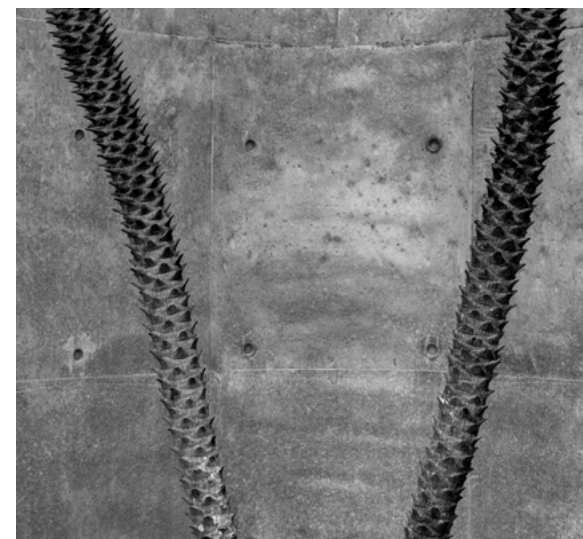
{*Architect*}

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The beautiful thing about concrete is that it's a liquid substance—frozen at a particular moment. Belvarde are the coolest craftspeople to work with—responsive and inventive too. We had no idea that concrete could be so sensuous until they showed us how.

I doubt if there is ever going to be a better concrete house built anywhere ever!!!!







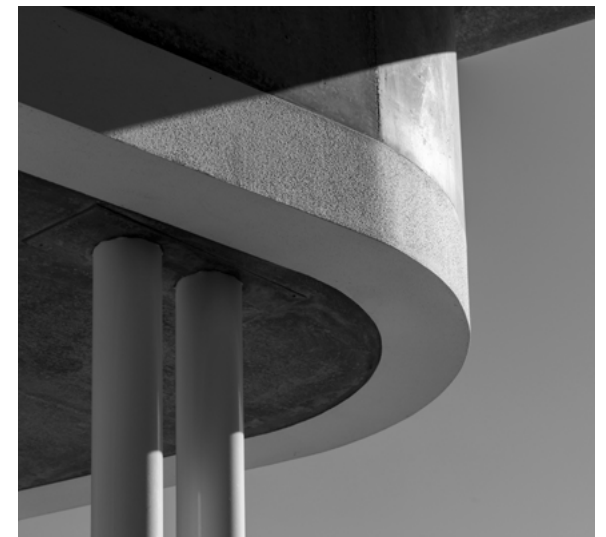


SARAH KIRKHAM

{Architect}

Fantastic result and amazing concrete to which all future buildings will be compared.

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At Belvelarde, we have four principles that have served us well in ensuring we maintain standards across every job.

{First Principle}

FIND THE BEST PEOPLE

It is about searching until we find the people who share our love for building houses as well as they can be built.

That's what Belvelarde is—a team of us who just want to build extraordinary houses. It is an attitude that can't be driven or constrained by external factors. It's innate.

We employ apprentices to artisans and experienced site managers—the rest are tried and trusted contractors. Many of our people have been with us for over 20 years and a few for more than 40.

{Second Principle}

KEEP ON LEARNING

Everything we have learned in building some of this country's most complex and challenging houses is formalised in our 200-page Belvelarde Construction Manual.

It details step-by-step instructions on how best to perform every critical task.

It is on every site and is constantly reviewed and updated as our knowledge grows and as building techniques, materials, equipment, and technologies, evolve.

We visit completed builds and catalogue the best of each project to continually improve and refine our methods. We also keep a library of our favourite architecture and building publications to stay informed of the latest developments and learn from others.



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{Third Principle}

FORM A BUILDING TEAM

It takes three key players to create a great house: owner, architect and builder. That is why, on each site, we form the building team headed by our site manager who lives the project start to finish. The trio meets regularly to review, discuss, and guide every aspect of the project. This ensures everyone knows just where we are, where we are going next—and ensures that the team make the best decisions.

It is the best way to deliver an extraordinary house that only ever costs what it should cost, and brings great joy to all of us.

{Fourth Principle}

MAINTAIN THE HOUSE

This came from listening to owners. They asked us to take care of their houses as well as we built them. So we formed our own specialised Belvelarde Maintenance division. It benefits from access to all information about the build. Plus we can often call on the very tradespeople who built it.

Each new home has its own maintenance manager, who thoroughly understands the house and cares deeply about maintaining it to the highest standards.

According to owners and architects, we deliver the most efficient and skilled post completion care they have ever worked with—indeed several have asked us to take care of other properties we didn't build.

We welcome any questions, feedback or opportunities to discuss your prospective projects.

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