

DESIGN DESTINATION

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Pacific Palms in NSW is mostly known for its great waves and natural beauty, but a designer house at Boomerang Beach is taking the area's allure in a new direction

POOL (right) The 13m lap pool makes for a refreshing dip at any time. **GARDEN** (inset) One of the manicured lawns gives way to wild greenery lining the back of Boomerang Beach. **LIVING** (below right) Made for entertaining, the fully-equipped gourmet kitchen has a generous adjacent dining area with 10-seater Poliform table. Green modular sofa, Castlery. **EXTERIOR** (opposite centre) The house is big on cross-ventilation and sea views. **BALCONY** (opposite top) A pair of CH25 Easy Chairs by Hans Wegner are just one of the outdoor seating options. **MAIN BEDROOM** (opposite right and below) A Castlery bed draped in silky-soft linen from Montauk Style lays on the luxe. Behind statement joinery is a cleverly concealed shower.



EAT HERE

Kembali Cafe Fans of Asian-fusion will love this place and its menu bursting with bright flavours. Try the Kembali Vego Bowl, a generous Javanese-inspired dish that's filled with grilled vegies, satay tofu, fresh radish and a devilish chilli sambal.

188 Boomerang Drive, Blueys Beach; (02) 6554 0889

Hueys At Blueys The perfect ending to a big day at the beach, Hueys offers pizza perfection and delivers locally. Add a Long Reef (pepperoni, artichoke and molten-soft bocconcini) to your order for a guaranteed good time. **201 Boomerang Drive, Blueys Beach; hueys.com.au**

Pacific Palms Recreation Club Known affectionately as 'The Recky', this local hangout is best enjoyed at sundown, cold drink in hand, while overlooking the lovely lake-side lawn. **3957 The Lakes Way, Elizabeth Beach; pprc.com.au**

SHOP HERE

Heidi Beau With a luscious array of boho homewares and clothes, this has everything you'll need to boost your beach vibe. **@heidibeau1**

Jenz At Blueys Just a short walk past the main shops at Blueys, Jenz is an inviting bazaar of exotic gifts and home-related wares. Stop in for a coffee and browse. **204 Boomerang Drive, Blueys Beach; @jenzatblueys**

MUST SEE

The Green Cathedral An open-air sanctuary crafted under a canopy of rainforest trees overlooking Wallis Lake, it's a truly uplifting visit.

4451 The Lakes Way, Tiona; greencathedralministries.com.au

Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse Built in 1875, the lighthouse sits at the end of an easy, paved walk and is Australia's second most-easterly point. During whale-migration season, it's the perfect place to sight a fin or two. **75-77 Lighthouse Road, Seal Rocks; nationalparks.nsw.gov.au**

To those in the know, the small coastal township of Pacific Palms in the mid-north coast of NSW, is a local piece of paradise. Just three hours' drive from Sydney, seaside devotees have been booking in for generations, and it's not hard to see why. To the east, it has sheltered coves amid kilometres of pristine sand and turquoise waters, and, to the north, rugged cliffs and verdant native flora flows through the expansive Booti Booti National Park.

A haven of sleepy seaside enclaves make up the district known as Pacific Palms, with Blueys Beach, Elizabeth Beach, Smiths Lake, Sandbar and Tiona just a few of the relaxed hideaways that dot the area. But one of the best for swimming and surfing is Boomerang Beach. Balanced at each curved end with rock ledges that create Boomer's famous surf conditions, the stretch is also home to a new design destination – 88SOUTH.

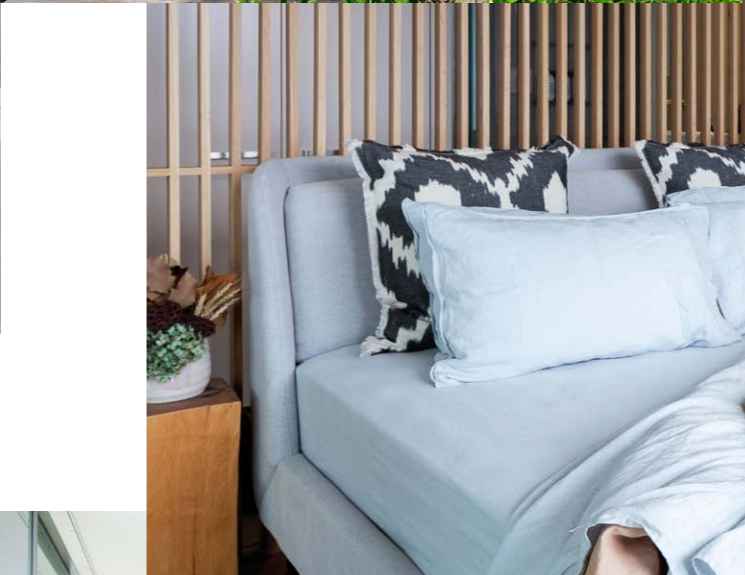
Purchased in January 2021 by long-time Pacific Palms-goers Kersti and Stuart Faulkner, the spectacular house was originally designed by Sydney-based Collins and Turner and won the Aaron Bolot Award for residential architecture in 2009. The Faulknors have given it a refresh, taking Australia's obsession with the beach shack and elevating it to new designer heights. They've added a fifth bedroom and ensuite, completing the

upstairs retreat and offering visitors even more accommodation options for their families or friends. 88SOUTH's moveable walls make the floor plan really flexible, allowing guests to switch between an experience that can range from all-in open-plan to secluded slip-away. It's a truly impressive home-away-from-home, for friends, families, or combinations of both.

"Ultimately, this is a gathering place," says Kersti. "Our guests want their loved ones and friends around them, without having to compromise on luxury or the overall experience." And compromise, you do not. The multiple living spaces feature an alluring merger of Carrara marble, soft American oak, and formed and polished concrete, with huge floor-to-ceiling windows showcasing the surroundings from every angle. But most importantly for a beachside property of this calibre, the indoor-outdoor living is as seamless as it comes. Step outside onto the manicured lawn, flanked by rows of unbridled bush, and it's only a few steps to the sand.

And while you're more than encouraged to venture out of the beach-to-home loop by the curated suggestions of 88SOUTH's inhouse concierge (yes that's right), it's hard to imagine anything more blissful than chilling out on one of the decks and having the soothing sounds of gentle waves crash your afternoon drinks. **10**

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88SOUTH at Boomerang Beach starts from \$1800 per night, with a minimum stay of four nights. The house has five bedrooms and bathrooms. It's walking distance to the beach and a five-minute drive to shops. View it at 88south.com.au