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The owners of this tight, cliff top site with spectacular ocean views left the hustle and bustle of Sydney's eastern suburbs behind for the tranquility of the northern beaches. They wanted a cutting edge, energy and water efficient home with the potential to house a growing family, along with that elusive 'wow' factor.



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The sloping property faced to the south and had potential view obstruction issues for the neighbours. Strict council regulations regarding site coverage, height limit and setbacks posed a challenge to designer Peter Downes, but not one he couldn't overcome to create a coastal house with a difference.

The main living area was located on the top level, facing south to maximise views and allow for north-facing highlight windows for winter sun and summer breezes. Cascading the residence down the hill further extended the potential access to the magnificent views.

The ship-like bough at the southern end, as well as the zigzag shape on the western side, orients the building to the beach and ridge views, ensuring that all of the bedrooms overlook the lap pool, which was also located on this side to capture the best of the available vista.

The design takes advantage of the sloping site by keeping the roof level low from the street. This approach gives the illusion that the house is a single storey dwelling, thus preserving the existing views for the northern neighbours.

High above the pounding surf, this cliff-top house is a perfect family home for entertaining and relaxing, for both parents and children alike.

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