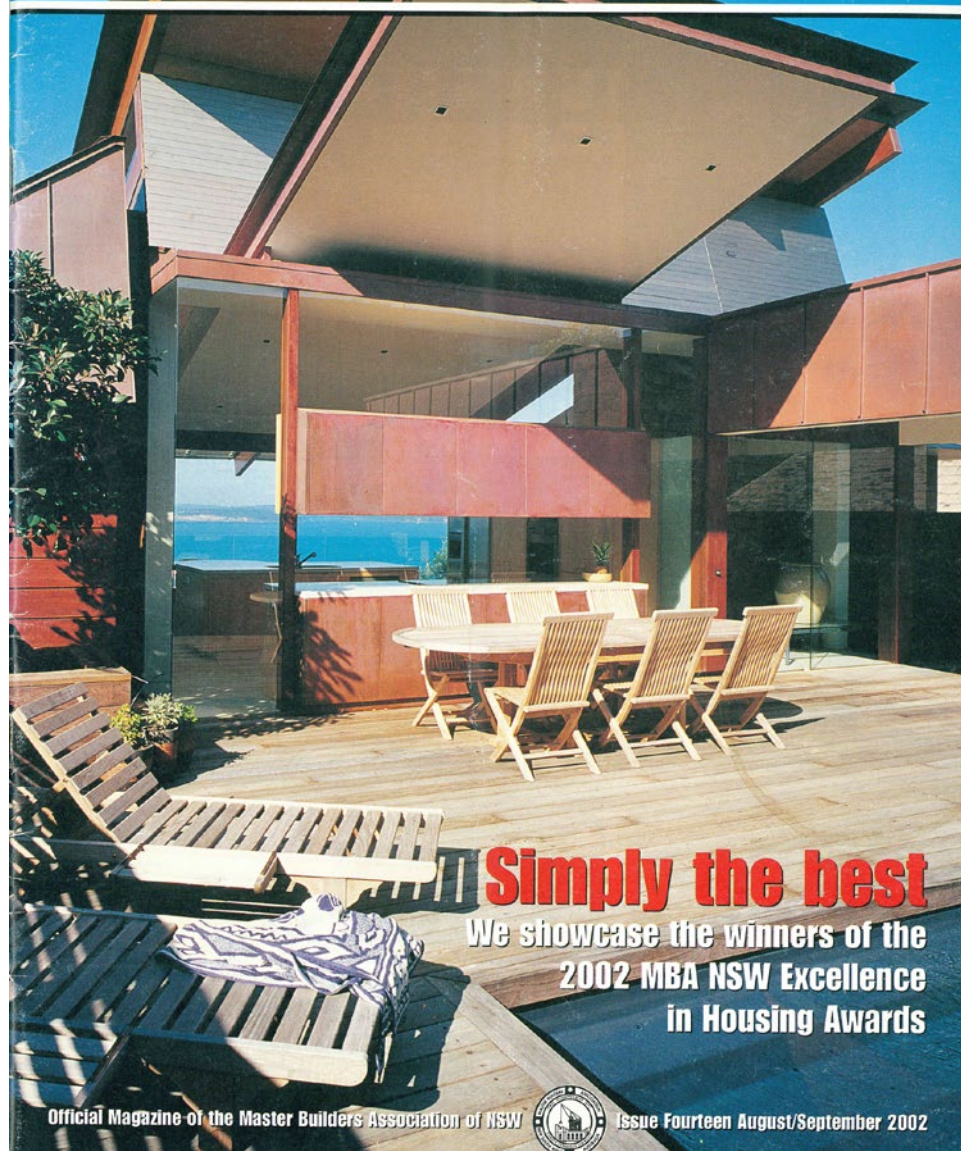


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Bellevarde's most difficult projects to date. An unstable site, the juxtaposing of contrasting materials, convex and concave tapering sandstone walls, huge laminated rafters and square-set internal plaster works — to name a few — all contributed to the building difficulty. The house has a base of tempered dry stone walls and enormous openings for glass doors and windows. "It was a crazy house. Architecturally it took things beyond the limit," said John Fielding of Bellevarde Constructions.

THE TOP HONOUR IN THE 2002 MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF NSW EXCELLENCE IN HOUSING AWARDS — MASTER BUILDER OF THE YEAR — has gone to a building company who builds for the Who's Who of Australian architects, Bellevarde Constructions. Bellevarde Constructions is known as a perfectionist with a flair for devising elegant solutions to vexing problems.

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The house consists of two pavilions — north and south — which comprise residence and guest quarters respectively. The north and south pavilions are connected via an external cloister walkway that passes the central swim-



JUDGES' COMMENTS

On the south-facing site, Bellevarde Constructions has produced a client's wish and an architect's dream. Finishes and details throughout were completed perfectly. A worthy winner for the Master Builder of 2002.

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ming pool and leads to the kitchen and living areas.

Two stonemasons were enlisted from the Snowy to build the extensive sandstone walls, which make up the entire ground-floor level of the house, the retaining wall which forms the central courtyard between the two pavilions, and the dominant central fireplace and chimney which visually secures the main living area. Skilled carpenters were also needed for the extensive timberwork in the house. The residence is a steel portal frame construction but clad totally in timber, with giant exposed blackbutt beams.

The house has two swimming pools, both with timber decks. There's a generous-sized splash pool in the courtyard for use when the southerlies are blowing, and a pool with a glamorous wet-edge feature right on the edge of the cliff.

The client's request to nurture the remnant vegetation was successfully met with every banksia tree remaining intact. From the beach, the house dissolves into the bush with a thin slice of roof and a study sandstone chimney elegantly anchoring it to the edge.