

RESORT ARCHITECTURE

# Kingfisher Bay Resort



Fraser Island is now World Heritage listed & the Resort is surrounded by National Park. It was a key design issue to design buildings & swimming pools that harmonised with the site & minimised any impact on the environment.

The buildings are generally 2 stories and of hardwood construction with corrugated steel roofing and hardwood weatherboards and on driven hardwood piles. Materials were used that could be readily brought to the island by barge and landed at the Resorts jetty and ramp. The forms of the buildings with their curved profiles replicate the forms of the tree covered, rolling sand dunes and the pools represent the suspended lakes of the island. The buildings reflect our philosophy of integrating architecture and the landscape. The indoor and outdoor spaces flow seamlessly into each other particularly in the Main Hotel building with its low, free form shaped decks extending out into and encompassing the landscape.

The Hotel has 152 rooms on two levels arranged along a curve, featuring suspended corridors between rainforest gardens. There are numerous private villas and freehold housing blocks. A Shopping Village, Beach Bar, Pools and Tennis Courts cluster around the Hotel. A Backpackers Hostel, Staff Accommodation, Maintenance Buildings, Sewerage Treatment Plant and Plant Nursery are located at the rear of the site.

The new Beach Bar and beach front pool, Art Gallery, Spa Massage Centre and an Interpretive Centre are planned for the site together with some Medium Density Units along the beach front.

**PROJECT DETAIL**

Client: Tourism Leisure Corporation  
 Location: Fraser Island, Queensland  
 Completion: 1992 & ongoing  
 Cost: \$65m approx.  
 Project Team: Tim Guymmer, Ralph Bailey, Mark French  
 Awards: RAIA - FDG Stanley Award as well as numerous Eco-tourism awards

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