

Optimising Space

A tiny cottage continues to grow and reinvent itself with each loving addition

Water Edge on the North Shore has been in a steady state of revitalisation with recent additions of the west and north bathrooms taking advantage of the lush gardens and spectacular view of the Atlantic Ocean.

Ted Wood, a partner in Botelho Wood Architects, says Water Edge “was purchased as an abandoned cottage and has been expanded as family and available funds grew. In order not to fragment the simple geometry and restricted space in the original cottage, bathrooms have been designed into additions. The size and shape of these additions were determined by zoning restrictions and setbacks, and, as a consequence, the design challenge was how to make small bathrooms enticing as well as functional.

“We achieved this by engaging the outside ocean view to the north and the dense vegetation to the west. The bathrooms are intentionally special not squeezed in spaces within the house.”

Both bathrooms are an illustration of the elegance that can be achieved in small spaces.

The north bathroom has an unobstructed view to Dockyard, which makes relaxing in the Aquatica freestanding soaking tub especially soothing, particularly at sunset.

The west bathroom’s glass wall engages the lush gardens. The unusually large areas of glass and side windows help give the illusion of rooms much bigger than they are. In addition, the uncluttered ceilings, painted



Dense vegetation provides privacy and visual interest

The ocean view is actively engaged



pale blue to symbolise the sky and reflections off the water, help add to the perception of a larger-size room.

The Decotec wash basin and Porcelanosa faucets are stylish elements that provide an extra touch of elegance.

Carefully detailed, understated cantilevered vanities with tile tops to match the floors, are visually unobtrusive and help to make the rooms feel larger.

Both bathrooms have some polished cement plaster and contrasting glazed tile walls that extend into the shower

zones. The showers do not have doors or thresholds, and the floor tile continues into the showers for visual continuity and ease of cleaning.

The north shower's curved wall is a

special feature – both inside the bathroom as well as outside on the water frontage of the house.

Heated floors keep the bathrooms dry and bare feet warm.

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