



## SOAKING UP THAT BEACHSIDE ATMOSPHERE

The brief was simple enough. The owners wanted to build a new house on a vacant block that would be in sympathy with the existing houses in the Central Coast suburb of Terrigal.

However, with the site sloping from one side to another, designing a house with a "beachy" feel that would look comfortable on the 13.5m-wide lopsided block was not easy.

Craig Riddle (pictured), whose company Living Green Designer Homes was charged with making it

happen, says the key was using lightweight materials that would look at home in the environment.

"It was a real challenge to fit it on that steep site and try to maintain some street appeal," he says. "But by the time we finished, it looked like it hugged the site and that it belonged there."

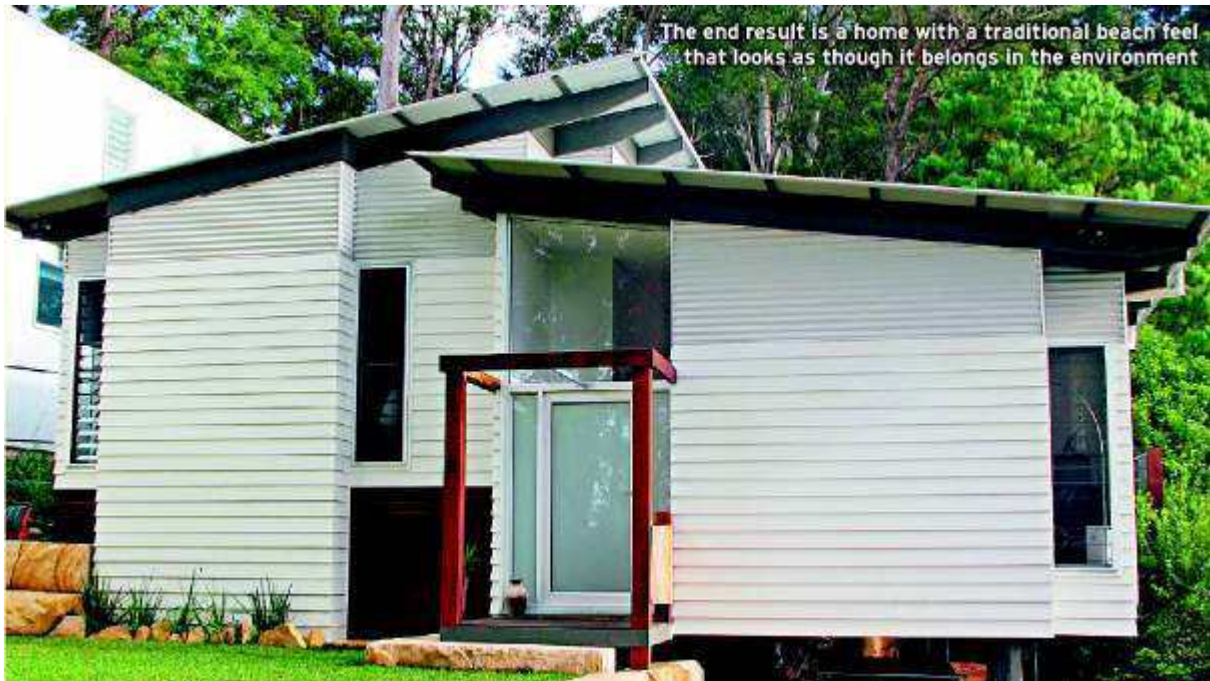
Craig says they chose Scyon Linea, a lightweight cement composite that looks like weatherboard to achieve the traditional beach feel, to clad the house, along with Colorbond steel

for the roof and some of the exterior walls for colour and texture

Timber rafters under the deep eaves, which protect large glass windows from the harshest sun, helped to warm the exterior and make a stronger connection to the natural environment.

Louvred windows add to the look of the exterior as well as allowing the owners to control ventilation from summer to winter.

There was even enough room at the front to provide for a terraced garden. ■





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