

Mooloomba house, Pt Lookout

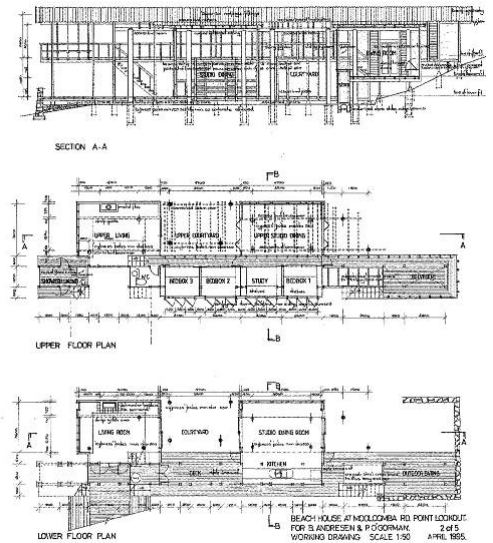
Address Mooloomba Rd, Pt Lookout, North Stradbroke Island, Q

Practice Andresen O’Gorman

Designed c1998 Completed 1999

History & Description Mooloomba house is a two-storey holiday house built in the beach community at Point Lookout on North Stradbroke Island off the south-east Queensland coast. It was built by O’Gorman himself (who died in 2001) together with his friend, Graham Mellor, a boat builder. According to the architects the house “has two key intentions: to fix its location in the landscape by constructing as much as possible of its small (500sqm) site as outdoor rooms, and continue exploring the use of local hardwoods in domestic buildings in Queensland. The search is for the expressive capacity of hardwoods, derived from material properties, geometries and metaphors.” (AA March/April 1998)

The house is narrow and linear and is defined by an exposed frame of black stained hardwood. The main wing, located to the west of the site, comprises a narrow, two-level gallery which links two rooms separated by a small courtyard on the west side and overlooks the main courtyard, filled with mature banksias, on the east. The north façade overlooks the ocean.



Statement of Significance A modest project which well represents the rigours of a small group of works by Andresen O’Gorman – known for their “carefully orchestrated palettes ... often experimental and always finely crafted”. Because it was for their personal use ensures a more uncompromising commitment to semi-outdoor informal living. Their work has been widely published and it was the Mooloomba house in particular which brought it to an international audience.



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