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City Chic meets Coastal Calm

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Palm Beach is the northernmost of Sydney's beach suburbs, located about 30 kilometres from Manly and less than an hour's drive from the CBD. Situated at the end of a landmark peninsula, it is home to many of Sydney's 'rich and famous' and boasts breathtaking views of the Pittwater, the Pacific Ocean, golden sandy beaches and pristine bushland. Luxurious homes and historic cottages happily coexist in this part-suburb, part-beach resort.

The clients' brief to the architects was for a relaxing, yet chic, home away from home for the entire family. They wanted to encapsulate the feeling of beachside living in all aspects of the interior.

The 200-square-metre house was an original 1950s beachside property set up high on a hill with panoramic ocean views. A mix of organic shapes and materials such as cane and timber was chosen as a bold contrast with the stark geometrics in the original carpet designs. Modern minimalist furniture and mid-century iconic furniture juxtapose the Asian-inspired florals and toiles; outside, a beachy, casual feel is accentuated with paddlepop lounge chairs and Milan stripe and paisley prints. The colour palette is restrained with the use of natural timbers, soft blues and yellows.





