



# Beaches

James Christou + Partners Architects upgraded the Cable Beach Club Resort to create a fresh feel while maintaining the traditional approach established in the early 1980s.

## THE BRIEF

The studio guestroom accommodation's bathroom, dressing area, bedroom and verandah were renovated and the suite bathroom was upgraded within the existing bathroom location and key fixture positions. The transformation of Sunset Bar Café (formerly Lord Mac's Bar) included the design of new deck areas, pizzeria pavilion, display open kitchen and a back of house upgrade.

## THE SOLUTION

James Christou + Partners Architects collaborated with Carr Design Group to produce the contemporary interior design approach for the guestrooms. The resort's existing buildings and external spaces were analysed to determine how they could add further value to the resort. Bathrooms were reoriented to provide 100 percent effective use of space, and upgraded with modern furniture and light fittings. New restaurant decks, cocktail bar, display kitchen and pool surrounds have increased user capacity and food and beverage turnover.

The refurbishment provided a contemporary interior within the Asian and Colonial lines of the existing architecture. The fresh palette utilises subdued and citrus tones that reflect both the coastal and cultural environment. The ebony coloured timber is extensively used in the new works, co-existing with the original Jarrah floors and cream mini orb.

The studio bathroom walls have been detailed with timber to create a 'Japanese box'. The tea chest TV cabinet is detailed with perforated metal doors to reflect the principle of a 'Coolgardie Cooler', echoing the existing Colonial architecture. The fabric choices seen on the traditional Chinese desk chairs reflect the multicultural influences of the resort.

The studio interiors are naturally shady and cool within the existing structure of high ceilings and deep verandahs, which were maintained to avoid the need for excessive use of the air conditioning. The swing doors to the balcony or verandah

were fitted with operable louvers, offering the opportunity for natural breezes to cool the rooms. VRV technology has been utilised in all room air-conditioning systems, which will see a 40-60 percent reduction in energy consumption compared to the previous systems.

There has been a strong emphasis on reusing existing materials such as the timber floors and mini orb wall lining. Non-fixed furniture in the studios, clip on wall panels in the bathrooms and the lift off panels of the bar allow for future upgrades to re-use materials. The use of C-Bus Lighting Automation System also provides the option for future changes.

The existing studio bathroom location was retained for cost efficiency, but the entry was relocated to the bedroom/sitting area to extend the view and borrow space from the room. The bathroom was re-oriented to include a new shower with ceiling rose, and toilet hidden behind obscure glazed sliding panels. A new marble vanity and basin replete with full height mirror sits between the wet facilities and wardrobe, which is hidden behind mirrored sliding doors adding light and depth to the compact addition.

For the new Sunset Bar Café, a state of the art open kitchen has been inserted in an under-utilised area of the existing dining space. A cocktail bar has been located centrally within the existing dining area to better serve and connect all spaces. A timber pizzeria pavilion was inserted between existing decks, which were stepped down to a brick paved external area to increase and enliven the outdoor area.

The increased occupancy and charge out rates resulting from the facelift by James Christou + Partners Architects has ensured the upgrade cost and increased returns have balanced. The Cable Beach Club refurbishment is a multi award-winning project.

## KEY FEATURES

**ASIAN AND COLONIAL** lines of the existing architecture were carried on throughout the new fitout.





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## ABOUT James Christou + Partners Architects

James Christou + Partners Architects was founded in Perth in 1985. Their range of completed work shows the diversity and innovation achieved by the firm in creating the differing architectural resolutions required for each individual client.

James Christou + Partners Architects work on a wide range of architectural projects, including civic, masterplanning, commercial, community and corporate designs.

The firm is committed to achieving high quality design and individual client service, and the pursuit of professional excellence in design. To maintain commitment to individual service, a limited number of projects are undertaken at any one time, ensuring the directors and associate directors are directly involved throughout stages of the service.

It's this management approach to projects which ensures clients are always kept fully informed on progress throughout briefing, design programme, contractual matters and budgets.

## KEY FEATURES

**THE NEW BATHROOMS** include a new shower with ceiling rose, obscured glazed sliding panels, marble vanities and basin replete with full height mirror.

**STUDIOS** are kept cool through clever design features which combat the elements, operable louvres and reduced consumption air-conditioning.

**THE NEWLY ADDED** restaurant decks, cocktail bar, display kitchen and pool surrounds at the Sunset Bar Café attract a larger number of patrons.

**SUBDUED**, citrus tones reflect both the coastal and cultural environment, and paired with ebony coloured timber and original jarrah floors.

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