



SHORTLIST

## 8/04 FIREFLY WINE AND ESPRESSO BAR

LOCATION WALSH BAY, DAWES POINT, SYDNEY, NSW  
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 BUDGET \$280,000 INCLUDING KITCHEN  
 SIZE 52.5SQM (22.5SQM FOOD AND DRINK PREP, 30SQM SEATING)  
 TIME TO COMPLETE 6 MONTHS  
 INTERIOR ARCHITECT KATHY ARNOLD  
 PROJECT DESIGN TEAM KATHY ARNOLD, CHRISTOPHER LANE



### HOW HAVE YOU CREATED A SENSE OF THEATRE WITHIN YOUR HOSPITALITY INTERIOR?

The client brief was to create an interior that was a 'Melbourne genre' neighbourhood wine bar, within what is essentially an external space.

We responded with a very theatrical experience, a nod to the Sydney Dance and Theatre Companies that neighbour the site. Patrons wine and dine on an elevated viewing platform that punctuates the regular flow of the promenade, providing a stage for socialising.

Custom illuminated bollards mark the boundary of the upper tier adding drama to the space by night. Candles add a warm ambience. The screening element conceals the service area and the sense of theatre is complete when the 'props' (tables, cocktail tables, bollards, chairs, cushions and candles) are removed and the entire operation is packed up overnight and concealed behind glass bi-fold doors.

### WHAT SETS THIS VENUE APART FROM ALL THE OTHERS?

The execution of the typical 'outdoor' dining experience at bars and cafés on the edge of Sydney Harbour is temporary and casual.

Our design approach focused on exploring and manipulating the outside space. There were two main design objectives: to achieve a stand-alone space and to reinforce connection to site and remain sympathetic to the surrounding building fabric of the wharf precinct.

The location became the principal driver so that the design sits seamlessly and harmoniously within the greater context of the heritage precinct.

The design attempts to advance the idea of outside dining to create a moody, intimate and theatrical space, essentially outdoors. A suspended glass canopy provides the only shelter from the elements.

