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Surf to shower

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Intimately connected with site, this bathroom project is built for an active lifestyle.

Perched on a steep dune across the road from the beach, the residents climb up the timber steps and walk across the grass, effortlessly removing most of the sand from their feet. The rest can be washed off under the open shower.

They hang their towels on long lengths of copper pipes mounted on the walls, and toss their surfboards into a rack. The outdoor shower is ideal for rinsing; adjacent and behind a slatted wall is a more private bathroom, still open to the air. Here the residents can take advantage of a double shower – great for taking off wetsuits – bath and toilet. Sand falls down between the slatted timber floor, a cleaning regime that fits in with the easygoing beach lifestyle.

The close proximity of the indoor and outdoor bathrooms means a crowd can come back from the beach, rinse off, change and then go up to the house. The surfaces are all robust and weatherbeaten (improving with age), providing a carefree bathing area.

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FINISHES

Walls are off-white cement. Flooring is spotted gum, with partitions finished in unfinished compressed cement sheet.

FIXED & FITTED

Copper shower heads by Astol Metal Spinners. Hot and cold bib taps in showers, Caroma Shark 1675 bath and Porcher Heron toilet all from Reece.

