

## About Founder Lindy Shaw

Lindy Shaw is a Queensland-based building designer and the founder of Waltz Studio, a design practice focused on curated dwellings, boutique stays, and atmospheric small spaces with strong material and visual identity.

With more than 12 years of experience across residential, commercial, and heritage projects, her background combines technical architectural delivery with a deeply creative and landscape driven design approach. Lindy holds a Diploma of Building Design & Technology, a QBCC Building Design Licence, and has worked across schematic design, development applications, building approvals, consultant coordination, and construction documentation throughout her career.

Her early years working alongside heritage architects at Riddel Architecture formed a lasting appreciation for proportion, contextual sensitivity, adaptive reuse, and enduring materials – principles that continue to shape the studio's philosophy today. Experience across practices including Studio Workshop and Conrad Gargett further developed her involvement in residential, cultural, and heritage-based projects ranging from boutique homes through to significant institutional and conservation work including the Africa Hall Redevelopment in Addis Ababa.

Alongside architectural work, Lindy's broader creative background spans photography, illustration, fashion and 3D design, and the founding of the architectural homewares brand We Are Waltz, which received editorial recognition across Australia and New Zealand.

Influenced by both heritage practice and permaculture thinking, her work is grounded in a strong connection to landscape, atmosphere, and emotional experience. She is particularly interested in smaller, expressive spaces that feel immersive, environmentally responsive, and deeply connected to place – architecture that prioritises feeling, longevity, and thoughtful living over scale or convention.

Today, Waltz Studio works across curated secondary dwellings, retreat spaces, adaptive renovations, and boutique environments for clients seeking spaces with individuality, restraint, and lasting presence.



## Curriculum Vitae

### Experience

#### **Waltz Studio / Designer**

JULY 2024 – CURRENT

Design and documentation of small projects from schematic design to construction documentation.

- Queen Street Brisbane – documentation of historical significant fabric of existing heritage building at 180 Queen Street for Pendergast Heritage Architects
- Cintra – documentation of a new extension to a heritage listed building for Pendergast Heritage Architects
- Tweed Heads residential, internal layout revision. New deck, ensuite, double garage and carport
- Tallebudgera residential, internal layout revision, new bathroom and wet areas.
- Little Snapper swim schools. Design of floor plan layout for two swim schools.
- Currumbin Valley residential, New kitchen and laundry.
- Mermaid Beach residential , internal layout revision, new carport, facade treatment.
- Partner with Town Planners to provide clear documentation to assist in clients' Development applications, Plans of Subdivision and Material Change of Use.

#### **Studio Workshop / Designer | Project co-ordinator**

JANUARY 2021 – JULY 2024, MERMAID BEACH, QLD

Design and documentation of residential and commercial projects from schematic design to construction documentation. Coordinating consultant, working directly with clients.

- 52 Avanti Street, schematic design, DA and BA for 2 new detached 2 storey residences in Mermaid Beach
- Riviera Road, schematic design and DA for 6 new 3 storey townhouses with rooftop terraces in Miami
- Monaco Street, schematic design and BA for a new 2 storey house in Broadbeach Waters
- 37 Ventura, schematic design and DA for a 3 storey block of 2 units with rooftop terraces in Mermaid Beach
- 85 Seagull Avenue, schematic design, DA for a new 4 storey apartment block with rooftop terrace in Miami
- 1157 Palm Beach, schematic design, DA, for new 3 storey residence in Palm Beach
- Abalone Avenue, DA for new 4 storey apartment block in Paradise Point
- Lake Crackenback, BA for a new dwelling and attached studio in Thredbo Valley, NSW
- Bal Harbour, Schematic Design for new 3 storey residence in Broadbeach Waters
- 29 Karbunya Street, schematic design and BA for new 2 storey residence in Mermaid Waters
- 63 Avanti Street. DA for 3 new freestanding 3 storey detached dwelling on a 700sqm block in Mermaid Waters

## Experience continued

### **We are waltz / Founder & Creative Director**

NOVEMBER 2018 –2021

Lindy led the creative direction of the brand across product design, visual identity, photography, styling, e-commerce and marketing.

### **David Hanson Architect / Project Coordinator | Senior Revit Draftsperson**

APRIL 2017 – NOVEMBER 2018, MERMAID BEACH, QLD

Implementation of Revit, staff Revit training. Developing and managing 3D models and families. Design input and documentation of residential projects from schematic design to construction documentation.

- MTP Palm Beach, refurbishment and new addition, from single residence to duplex
- BRD Highgate Hill, refurbishment of character building, design of new multi res development
- RPP Palm Beach, refurbishment and new development, from single residence to duplex
- BLP Palm Beach, refurbishment and new development, from single residence to triplex
- DGP Palm Beach, refurbishment and new development, from single residence to duplex
- PHU Mermaid Beach, design of new residents

### **Conrad Gargett Architects / Project Coordinator, Revit**

APRIL 2013 – APRIL 2017, BRISBANE CBD, QLD

Architectural drafting and project support for various types and scale of projects. Projects include:

#### Heritage

- Africa Hall Conservation and Refurbishment, Addis Ababa, FFE
- Mayne Medical Building (UQ) Herston, External Repairs
- Queensland Parliament House, Fire Services Upgrade
- Fernberg, Government House, Fire Hydrant Upgrade
- RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane, Archival Recording

#### Residential

- Swann Road, Taringa, Refurbishment and new additions
- Maritimo, Norman Park, Refurbishment and new additions
- Kitawah, East Brisbane, Refurbishment and new additions

#### New Projects

- Kingaroy Police Station and Watchhouse, CD
- 161 Breakfast Creek Road, New building on heritage site, SD
- Jimbelunga Nursing Centre, DD
- Sydney Ferry Terminals, Measured Drawings

### **Riddel Architecture (Heritage) / Marketing & Submissions Coordinator**

NOV 2011 – DEC 2012, FORTITUDE VALLEY, QLD

Promoting Riddel Architecture through media, events, awards and communications. Liaising with media, coordinating photography, maintaining web and social media. Responsible for the preparation of marketing material, award entries and client presentation. Preparing EOIs and facilitating business development. PA to the Directors.

## Education

GEOFF LAWTON / Permaculture Design Certificate

2022–2023

Southbank IT / Diploma of Building Design & Technology

2009 – 2013, SOUTH BANK QLD

TAFE / Clothing & Textile design

2000–2002, Ashmore QLD

Griffith University / 3D Design

2004–2005, Southport QLD