

Project: Sun Ranch

Team: Balanced Earth Architects

Size: 1000 m²

Location: Byron Bay, AUSTRALIA



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Project - Nestled in the picturesque Byron Bay hinterland lies Sun Ranch, a 55-acre coastal estate that redefines luxury hospitality. The brainchild of creative visionaries, this meticulously designed property transcends cookie-cutter hotel experiences through its bold design, inventive culinary offerings, and wealth of amenities.

At the heart of Sun Ranch sits The Rambler Longhouse, a five-room guest house exuding '70s California Ranch charm mixed with Spanish influences. Its interiors seamlessly blend vintage furnishings with contemporary accents and locally crafted ceramics. Six additional off-grid, self-sufficient guest barns provide further accommodation.

Beyond the lodging, Sun Ranch's expansive grounds entice guests with spaces like the iconic 25-metre hillside pool, alfresco dining pavilions, a sunken lounge with fireplace, and a floating sauna on the property's private creek. Custom experiences such as horseback riding, cacao ceremonies and astrology readings further elevate the stay.

Guided by progressive design firm Balanced Earth, Sun Ranch's architecture skillfully combines nostalgic and modern aesthetics while implementing eco-conscious building practices. With its fluid indoor-outdoor connection, carefully curated design details, and array of amenities, this estate is a one-of-a-kind destination where guests can relax, celebrate and revel in luxury.

Design Team - Based in New South Wales, Australia, Balanced Earth Architects is led by principals Michael Leung, Jamie Smallwood, and Leo Dewitte. United by a passion for sustainability, the firm creates passive designs using natural materials like hempcrete to

minimize environmental impact. Balanced Earth aims to inspire change in the building industry through handcrafted, carbon-sequestering architecture. Their award-winning recent projects include the hempcrete Zara Springs retreat cabins. With their creativity, eco-consciousness, and dedication to quality craftsmanship, the Balanced Earth team is shaping a future in which humanity and nature can flourish in harmony.