



# toby's HOUSE

A masterpiece by O'Shea & Sons Builders  
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**DETAILS**

**HOUSE** Toby's House  
**LOCATION** Brisbane  
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In the pursuit of timeless beauty and unwavering allure, O'Shea & Sons Builders proudly present Toby's House, an architectural gem standing proudly along the banks of the Brisbane River. Embracing the spirit of innovation and refinement, this outstanding residence encapsulates the expertise of renowned professionals and premier suppliers.

Meticulously designed by The Artificial, Toby's House features Haus Collective's Blue Steel stone cladding as its defining element. Enchantingly layered with deep steel blues, dove grey and rustic coppers, this exquisite cladding effortlessly harmonises with the surroundings.

Despite the flawless results, the construction of Toby's House was not without challenges. "The site is quite narrow, only 10m wide and quite steep as it falls away to the

river, says Salvador Farrajota, project architect and director of The Artificial. "Being conscious of construction and buildability whilst achieving the clients spatial and architectural brief was challenging. We designed a two-three story house working with the natural slope of the site and further stepped down the lower lever and pool terrace to minimise cut and fill."

As well as the narrow and steep nature of the site, construction of the pool also proved challenging, though not impossible. The engineering that went into the over hanging pool design was incredible," explains Andrew MacKay, project manager and foreman from O'Shea and Sons Builders. "Not only was the pool built into the side of a hill, but it also hangs over the hill. Careful consideration went into the placement of pool equipment so it didn't interfere with outdoor living spaces, lighting and the fully tiled interior."

Ideal for both interior and exterior residential and commercial designs, Blue Steel stone cladding serves as one of the main attractions to Toby's House. Its random cut installation instills a modern, almost industrial vibe that complements the washed-out brick, off-formed concrete and timber screens. Equipped with a sawn back for maximum adhesion, this premium stone cladding adheres seamlessly to any substrate, adding an everlasting charm to Toby's House.

Enhancing this charm and breathing life into the home is a collection of internal and external garden spaces designed and implemented by LARC Collective. "Working with the clients' idea for their ultimate garden, we broke the site in two: the entry/street gardens and the river-front gardens," explains Luke Jones, LARC Landscape Architecture. "LARC developed a native and resilient mix of species that screen

the building from key river views. The second part of the landscape design was to add colour and fragrance while creating a vibrant entry experience from the street side of the property. The design intent for the gardens was focused on smaller pockets of garden cascading from the building and down the steep riverfront, which you can interact with as you move through the home."

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