



Plain Sailing



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Project Cost	620000
Site Area (m2)	198
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Organization overview

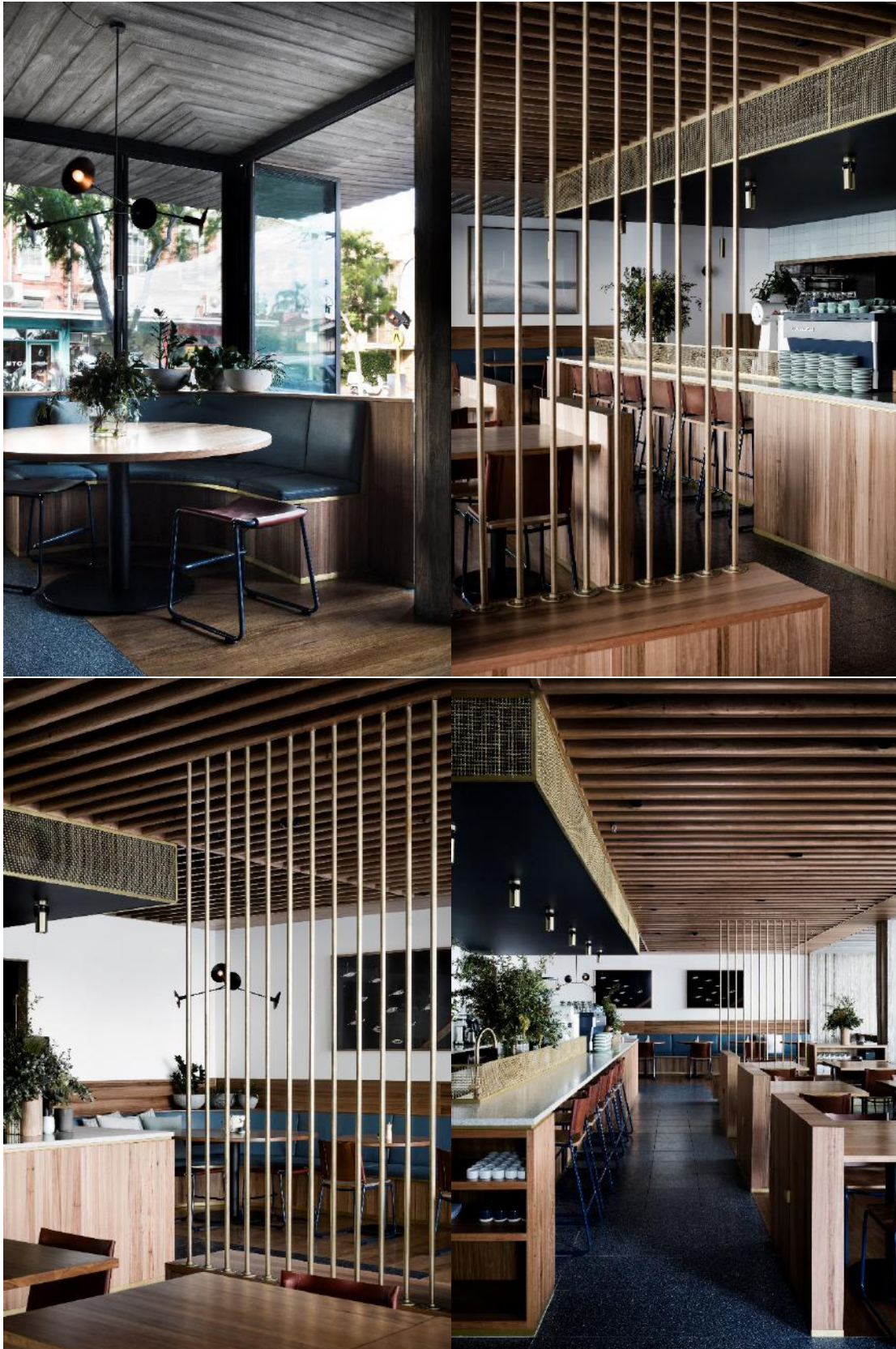
Fiona Drago Architect is a practice based focused on the delivery of innovative, sustainable and contextual design outcomes in the built environment through a process of collaboration. The practice was established in 2010 and has completed more than thirty projects in the residential, hospitality, commercial and leisure sectors.

Brief description

Plain Sailing is a cafe anchoring a new apartment block at the gateway of a busy bayside shopping strip. It is designed to be a relaxed, welcoming setting that adjusts seamlessly to different seasons and times of day.

Response to key selection criteria

The cafe anchors a new boutique apartment block at the gateway of the busy Ormond Road shopping strip. It has been designed to take full advantage of this prime position through a fully openable facade which blurs the division between inside and outside. It is a welcoming, comfortable setting for people to connect with each other over a meal or a drink. There are 84 seats inside and 30 seats outside, and plenty of space for dogs and prams. The north-facing double-glazed facade fills the interior with natural light in winter, whilst the deep awning provides shade in summer. The main dining zone is defined by low timber walls, which provide screening below table height. Durable natural materials - timber, terrazzo, brass and leather - interplay with the texture of the timber-formed concrete walls. Materials are used sparingly and with function in mind, an approach which aligns with the health-oriented menu. The furniture and feature light fittings are made in Melbourne. Circulation flows of staff and customers are streamlined through an efficient plan layout. The lower height of the front counter provides a more relaxed front of house presence and, together with the open kitchen, allows strong visual connections between all the zones. At the same time, screening is used to provide a sense of enclosure. The ceiling system incorporates two types of acoustic insulation; one provides acoustic comfort to patrons by reducing reverberation within the space, and the other protects residents in the apartments above from noise generated in the space. The timber battens lining the ceiling also conceal the building services.





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