



capabilty statement

DLA pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we practice, the Wangal and Gadigal Clans of the Eora Nation, and of the many nations all across Australia and the Torres Straight Islands. We pay respect to Elders past and present.

Darren Livings Architecture is a young practice based in Marrickville in Sydney's Inner West. The practice was founded on a passion for good design and a desire to actively strive for healthier, more comfortable buildings through best practice.

Sustainability is at the core of who we are and it's what drives us forward. We are committed to creating buildings that are more conscientious and environmentally friendly.

We have embraced the Passivhaus standard as tool for working towards this ambition, and are Certified Passive House Designers.

For us, sustainability is only a stepping stone on our journey toward our goal of practicing regenerative design.



At DLA we strive to create considered, well designed and responsible buildings for our clients. We enjoy working closely with clients to test and develop their brief, and explore creative solutions that meet and exceed expectations. A collaborative and open design approach can often achieve the best results, and we love to work this way.

We believe buildings can be functional, beautiful, and economical, through the careful selection of materials, considered arrangement of spaces and a respectful integration into context.

Communication is an important factor in achieving good project outcomes, and we work with our clients, their builders, and any specialist consultants to bring the project together. We are transparent and engaged throughout the whole process.

We offer a full suite of architectural services from concept design through to authority approval drawings, contract documentation and construction phase services. Each project is different, and we are able to tailor our services to meet our clients' needs.

We look forward to working with like-minded clients to create exceptional buildings.

- ✓ Concept / Schematic Design
- ✓ Development Application /Complying Development Certificate
- ✓ Passive House (Passivhaus) Design
- ✓ Consultant Coordination
- ✓ Contract / Tender Documentation
- ✓ Negotiations with builders
- ✓ Construction Stage Services





Darren Livingstone Resume

Darren is a registered architect in NSW with over a decade of experience. He has spent much of that time working in commercial offices, acting as project lead on a broad range of typologies, including education, commercial and residential projects. His specialities lie in early education and residential design.

Realising that more could be done within the architectural field to be working towards lower impact, more environmentally conscious building designs, and wanting to be more actively involved in pursuing this goal, Darren took the leap to start his own practice.

Darren has in depth experience working across all project stages, from early concept design through to project delivery. He is experienced in navigating the complexities of engaging a builder and constructing a project, and with a keen attention to detail and a problem-solving attitude he has led the projects he has overseen to a successful resolution.

Darren believes buildings should bring joy, comfort, and resilience to the people who occupy them. He is passionate about the environment, and believes our future buildings have a role to play in protecting the environment and reconnecting people with it.

When Darren is not in his studio you can usually find him out in the garden or exploring the city on his bicycle.

Selected project experience:

- **Chalder House**, Newtown, NSW – project architect
- **Denison House**, Lewisham, NSW – project architect
- **Hearnshaw Passive House**, North Ryde, NSW – project architect
- **Nancy Passive House**, North Bondi, NSW – project architect
- **St Scholastica's College** – Stage 4 Campus upgrade, NSW (DJRD Architects) – lead design architect
- **KU Children's Services Westmead Centre**, NSW (DJRD Architects) – project architect
- **NSW Teacher's Federation Childcare**, NSW (DJRD Architects) – project architect
- **Gowrie NSW Childcare Dubbo**, NSW (DJRD Architects) – project architect
- **Ausgrid Artarmon Depot**, NSW (DJRD Architects) – project architect
- **Erskine Residential Development**, Wellington NZ (DJRD Architects) – project architect
- **Rockdale Library** (Leffler Simes Architects) – design assistant

