

**Exordium Apartments, Zetland, 2016, City West Housing**

**Winner** in the **2016 UDIA NSW | Awards for Excellence** in the following categories - Excellence in Medium-Density Development and Excellence in Affordable and Not-for-Profit!

The Exordium Apartments at Zetland is a new \$41m development comprising 104 contemporary apartments provide highly needed affordable, high quality housing solutions to key workers within the City of Sydney.

The new development features communal gardens and BBQ areas, a small cafe, a single level basement with parking for 40 cars and ample bicycle storage; all to cater to the requirements of inner city living.

Sturt Noble used a variety of materials including face brick walling and planters, brick pavers, timber decking and timber screen cladding to provide interest in the communal open space areas. A range of seating areas are created both by timber bench seating and sitting walls. A simple water feature provides interest and a reflective element at the front entry. This minimal design is constructed with face bricks and glass mosaic tiles and minimises ongoing maintenance costs whilst creating a point of interest to the main entry point for residents and visitors alike.

Robust planting is used throughout to minimise ongoing maintenance costs and provide a striking contrast to the Architectural elements of timber cladding, face bricks and strong primary colours.

