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JEWELS SHINE IN PORT COOGEE CROWN



When asked to design homes for two unique house and land packages at the prominent Port Coogee Marina development, Designer Chris McMahon from Concept Building Design was basically given creative carte blanche. The resulting designs are individual, innovative and indicative of the David Reid Homes commitment to raising the standard in luxury homes.

Situated right on the canals, the homesites not only offer spectacular views of the ocean and waterways, but also act as a focal point themselves and Chris enjoyed the freedom to create a purely striking aesthetic.

"This is a landmark development site for Port Coogee Canal Inlet and the blocks lend themselves to the sorts of designs we've come up with," says Chris. "The second home, for example, was designed around the idea of an Amphitheatre."

The first home has a geometric architectural feel and is based around a central cube enclosed in glass. That cube will be the upstairs entertainment area with glass walls, floor and roof allowing a view through the house to the water beyond.

The second home is designed to act like an Amphitheatre with centre stage occupied by

the stunning view of the ocean and canals. Its sweeping arc takes in views of the water from almost every angle.

That arc is also positioned to take into account the position of the sun. Both homes are designed not only to a high aesthetic standard but also around Solar-Passive energy efficient principals. Chris McMahon said, **"It was refreshing to work with David Reid Homes on designs where I had the freedom to really encapsulate the concepts of aesthetic excellence and environmentally sound principals."**

The Port Coogee Marina is a world-class recreational marina and residential estate offering a diverse range of premium coastal living options and is fast becoming one of Perth's most prestigious addresses. These spectacular designs from Chris McMahon and David Reid Homes represent the highest level of luxury and innovation; a level well suited to an address such as Port Coogee.

If you'd like to know more about these particular house and land packages at the Port Coogee Marina please contact David Reid Homes on 08 9473 0288.



Australasia's most awarded builder, David Reid Homes has completed its first Western Australian project. The Swanbourne home is a superb example of how David Reid Homes is raising the standard in unique custom home design and quality craftsmanship.

Custom design is a David Reid Homes specialty and the design of this home included two separate living areas and a 2000-bottle wine cellar, complete with its own special wine-tasting area. The two-storey plus basement home is serviced by its own private elevator, taking luxury to the very top level.

Timber has been used as a feature throughout the home with cedar window frames and huge cedar doors that open up to a large balcony entertainment area with cedar lined ceiling overlooking the grass tennis courts opposite. The ensuite features hand-cut black and white marble strips that line the freestanding bath to create a geometric effect. The upstairs dining, kitchen and family rooms are in an open plan arrangement with a massive cathedral ceiling, creating space and plenty of natural light.

As an experienced Property Developer, Owner, Stephen Ramsay, was realistic about the building process, yet was impressed with the flexibility of David Reid

Homes. **"As with any build, there were changes made along the way and Wayne (Robins, Construction Manager) was always accommodating. Any changes I suggested were taken on board and carried out without query."**

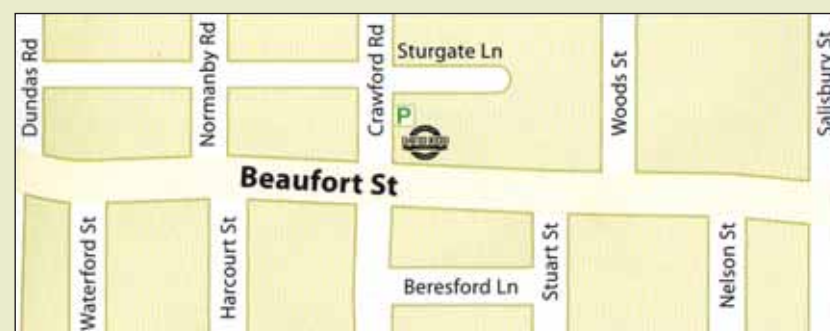
Creating homes of distinction is the forte of David Reid Homes and this is reflected in their attention to detail across all aspects of the build process. As a boutique builder, they only take on a small number of projects, so each build is strictly monitored by a Project Supervisor and by the Construction Manager, ensuring that quality is maintained at its highest standard from initial design to final delivery.

"I wanted this home to have a truly up-market finish. I wanted it to be a home that, when you walked in, you were immediately struck by the quality and level of finish. I think David Reid Homes have achieved that."

In an area where exceptional homes are the norm, David Reid Homes has created a home that stands out as truly exceptional. More importantly, the Builder has delivered a home that easily meets client, Stephen Ramsay's, high expectations. Built in just over one year, the finished home has all the features you'd expect to see in a prestige home and a finish that has to be seen to be appreciated.

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DESIGNING YOUR LUXURY HOME

Ian Poleykett and his partner Thomas Corlett are preparing to build their dream home and it's not an undertaking they've considered lightly.

"We plan to live in this house for a long time, so we want to make sure it's exactly what we want," says Ian. "When you plan to build your ideal home, you don't want to cut any

corners." Ian and Thomas took their ideas to David Reid Homes to work up a design. *"The home is basically centred around entertaining, so the focus is on the living, dining and alfresco areas. We had some pretty specific ideas of what we wanted and it was great to finally see all those ideas come together as a plan*

that you could visualise as a home." Often, during the design process, the design grows beyond budget, so having David Reid Homes design their home within a budget, meant that the prospective home owners weren't too surprised by the final costing. *"We haven't really 'shopped around', but we do know the finish you can expect from David Reid Homes and*

so we weren't expecting a 'mass-produced house' price." There's still a long way to go before Ian and Thomas can give the go-ahead on construction and both are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding creative process.



Selecting your materials & interiors

Building a home begins with a concept that with a little effort, grows into a design and then that design grows into a reality. For many first home builders, that reality first hits them in the form of the Selections process.

It's not enough to just select your design, you then need to select everything from the bricks, roofing and exterior finishes to the internal tapware and floor coverings. It can be an overwhelming process. That's why every David Reid Homes' client is teamed with their own personal Interior Designer.

Troy Nguyen and his new wife Anne are about to begin construction on two luxury, two-storey townhouses: one as an investment and one as the family home. That means Troy has twice as many selections to make!

Teamed with David Reid Homes interior design consultant Priscilla, Troy and Anne did their homework before their first selections meeting. *"We went around and took photos of other homes we liked and then took those to Priscilla to give us a starting point. Priscilla was great to work with. We literally gave her an*

idea of what we wanted and she'd come back with just the right materials."

"We haven't got as far as selecting the interiors yet, but having someone there who knows design and who knows what materials are available was really helpful." Troy said.

Photographing homes you like or collecting images from magazines is a great way to start your Selections process. Once you have an idea of the overall look you want your home to have, you can then work on selecting specific materials to help you achieve that look.

Making note of colour combinations you like can also be a step in the right direction and try to remember to pay attention to texture, too. One selection may not give you the look you are after, but combining colours and textures might.

Your selections are crucial to the overall look and finish of your home and, by providing each client with a personal Interior Designer, David Reid Homes goes that little bit further when it comes to creating a home of distinction.

Creating Space



Even the owner of this City Beach home admits that this was an "adventurous" renovation.

Andrew Dart added around 200-square-metres to the family home and discovered that the flexibility offered by David Reid Homes became not just an added advantage but an absolute necessity.

"As we started to do the demolition, we discovered views of the Wembley Golf Course; far more extensive views than we expected," says Andrew. "We made awkward changes - right back to engineering - and they were extremely accommodating. There was never a whinge from them, they never came back saying it would cost more, they just did it."

David Reid Homes are renowned for their flexibility. As boutique builders of custom designed homes, they only build a small number of homes each year, enabling them to better accommodate changes in projects and enabling better scheduling.

Construction Manager, Wayne Robins puts his thirty-plus years experience as a builder to good use in ensuring that each project is carefully managed, saving clients time and money. *"We could not have built at a busier time and that must have put pressure on David Reid Homes, but with time and budget I could not fault them. The timing and organisation of trades and fulfilling what they say I couldn't fault them. That's where they were unusual."* Andrew said.

A renovation can be more difficult than a complete new build and good communication between client and builder is vital to keep things running smoothly. Andrew says, *"Working with Director, Kim March was very good. She was always willing to take things on board. Her customer service was excellent."*

Even after all the stress that can come with a renovation, Andrew Dart is happy with the end result, *"Yes. It's very unusual. The main family area is a room of 100m² and the kitchen is also very different. It's what we wanted."*



PORT COOGEE SHOW HOME

The concrete has not only been poured on the first Western Australian Show home by David Reid Homes, work on the second storey is practically complete with the roof currently being built.

Located just 250m from the glorious Port Coogee beach, the home has been designed to suit a lifestyle near the water, with ocean views from upstairs and expanses of water surrounding outdoor

living spaces. *"Because of this home's location, we really designed it with a beachfront lifestyle in mind. We also wanted to bring that lifestyle home by incorporating a number of water features and a below-ground pool."* said Chris Pham, Director of David Reid Homes in Perth.

The home is also designed to bring contemporary resort living to the suburbs with a seamless blending of indoor

and outdoor areas and a level of luxury finish to rival any six-star boutique hotel. Downstairs areas are dedicated to entertaining with an alfresco area which is surrounded by a stunning ornamental pond. Upstairs areas are a very private retreat.

On the second storey, the Master Bedroom, with expansive walk-in robe and ensuite, opens out onto a generous sitting room with its own private bar and

balcony. The room's high raked ceilings are complimented by internal views of the ornamental pond and entertaining area.

According to Construction Manager, Wayne Robins, construction has gone very smoothly to date and he is happy with progress so far. He expects the home to be finished on schedule, with the home open for inspection later in the year.



Craftsman Profile

Name: Daaron Holmes
Position: Plastering Contractor

As an independent contractor Daaron Holmes' business charter is "Problem solved" and it's that work ethic that sealed the deal with David Reid Homes.

Daaron has been plastering since the Trade "found him" at age 18 and he continues to really enjoy his chosen career. His work has earned him a reputation for excellence and he came very well referred to David Reid Homes.

"I like to leave good work. A lot of my work comes from word-of-mouth and I like to leave people happy with the work - particularly on luxury homes where you often develop a

more personal relationship with the client."

Daaron's passion for his work is obvious from the finish he achieves, making him the ideal choice for David Reid Homes. *"I'm a bit of a larrikin, drive the ute and all and I like to have a bit of a laugh at work and these guys are good blokes. They're also professional."*

"If something needs to be done, it gets done and Wayne (Robins) is on the ball 100%," says Daaron. "They're very helpful and if there's a problem it simply gets fixed and that's very much how I work."



New Team Member

Name: Mark Berresford
Position: Building Supervisor

Until last year, Mark Berresford was his own boss. In August he brought his management and building experience to David Reid Homes.

"It was just a matter of opportunity, really," he says. "The opportunity came up to work with David Reid Homes and with Wayne (Robins) - to learn from him - and I took it. So far, they've been very good to work with, I'm enjoying it"

David Reid Homes is known for unique design and quality and no two of its homes are ever the same. *It's the variety that Mark enjoys, "No build is the*

same: everything is a one-off. It keeps it interesting."

"Working with luxury homes, it's even more important to get the right outcome. Good communication with owners is vital to making the build a good experience. I work very closely with clients to make sure we get the right outcome and there's no corner-cutting."

Mark looks forward to continuing his work with David Reid Homes, finding the experience of creating homes of quality highly rewarding.