



There are gorgeous river views from every room in this Applecross home. Pictures: Joel Barbitta

Stunning build a first and last

■ Maya Anderson

A clever design gives a stunning river view from every room in this beautiful Applecross home.

Just completed after a 20-month build on a 1025sqm waterfront block, the home was built by Signature Custom Homes and designed by Shane Le Roy in conjunction with Signature Custom Homes

managing director David Steadman, who also managed the design process.

Mr Steadman said the spacious home was designed for a couple wanting a luxurious family home.

"This is the first and last home they want to build in a dream location so they wanted a family home that took full advantage of the views and the north light," he said.

"It has a contemporary resort-

style open-plan design with multiple zones to accommodate the changing family dynamic.

"It's also easy-care with lots of natural stone and timber details."

A large pivot door, an ingredient of each Signature Custom Homes build, opens on to a foyer where a picture window overlooks a water feature.

To the right, a cavity sliding door opens on to the ground-

floor lounge, a spacious light-filled room with its own kitchenette that overlooks the river as well as the pools and covered alfresco entertaining area.

There is a lap pool as well as an entertainer's pool, which sits beside a tall stone-tiled feature wall.

Here, a floating staircase connects the garden to the upper-floor balcony to create an expansive free-flowing entertaining area.

The centrepiece of the home is upstairs, the open-plan kitchen, living and dining that connects to the balcony, which was designed to wrap around the home to make the most of the views.

Mr Steadman said the design ensured there were water views from almost every angle.

"The site was a dream to work with due to its northern orientation and size," he said.

"We were able to orient the whole house to take full advantage of the view and northern aspect."

The bedroom suites are separated into three wings.

There is a guest suite at the front of the home.

The main suite is upstairs at the back of the home, with a home office nearby, as well as the home theatre.

There is a children's wing on the ground floor, with two large

bedroom suites and a children's study area with built-in desk.

Large north-facing windows make the most of the natural light while also giving the interiors strong connections to the gardens and the views.

Mr Steadman said the layout of both the minor bedroom and the main suite wings were stand-out features.

"I love the gallery-style passages on both levels, which enabled us to firstly incorporate huge amounts of north-facing glass, and the way the home wraps around the pool. Almost every room has beautiful city views," he said.

"The home has a contemporary resort style with a fusion of modern and classic lines."

His and her home offices are one of the features.

Marble and granite feature extensively, particularly in the open-plan kitchen, living and dining on the upper floor.

The large kitchen has an island bench that gives entertainers sweeping city and river views while cooking. The kitchen encompasses a spacious wet kitchen or scullery that can be tucked away behind glass cavity slider doors.

The triple garage is at the back of the block.

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