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Super guarantee contributions must be paid for employees who are:

- 18 years old or over, and
- earn \$450 or more (before tax) in a month.

You can check the ATO website for superannuation for businesses for more information about who you need to pay super for as an employer.

Choosing your default super fund

A default super fund is the super fund that your business nominates as the best fit to take care of the superannuation needs for all your employees. It must be a 'complying fund' which means it is registered with APRA to offer an approved MySuper product. It's important to choose a fund that acts in the best interests of your business, and your employees.

By choosing Cbus as your default super fund, you'll join the leading industry super fund for the construction, building and allied industries. The Cbus website has a dedicate page about making Cbus your default super fund, including a contact form to request help from the Employer Services team.

Giving employees 'choice' of super fund

When a new employee is eligible to choose their own super fund, you need to provide

them with a Standard Choice Form within 28 days from their start date. If your new employee doesn't elect to choose a specific super fund, you must pay their super contributions into your nominated 'default' fund

Keeping your records

As a business, you need to keep the following records in English for five years:

- records showing the Standard Choice Form has been provided to all eligible employees
- details of employees who do not have to be offered a Standard Choice Form
- documents issued by the super fund showing you have made super contributions to an employee's chosen fund (for example, annual record of contributions statement)
- records confirming that your chosen default super fund is a complying fund and offers a MySuper product. This is usually found online, on the super fund's website

Supplying Tax File Numbers

When an employee provides you with their Tax File Number (TFN), by law as their employer - you're required to provide this information to their super fund within 14 days or alternatively, when you make their first super contribution.

If a TFN is not provided, your employee will be unable to make any additional personal super contributions and they may pay more tax on their super as a result.

Understanding 'SuperStream'

Under the 'Stronger Super' legislation, businesses of all sizes are now required to make super contributions for their employees electronically. SuperStream is the approved standard for submitting super information and payments online. It is Government initiative aimed at simplifying super for employers.

- Businesses with 20 or more employees should already be paying super via an online payment system since 31 October 2015
- Businesses with 19 or less employees need to start paying super contributions via an online payment system by 30 June 2016.

*If you are unsure about the SuperStream rules, or need help getting set up on an approved payment system, just call Cbus Super Fund on 1300 361 784.

Cbus super solutions for businesses

Cbus offers two options when it comes to online payment systems for businesses. Both are available for Cbus employers to use at no cost, and both will allow you to meet your obligations as an Employer under SuperStream.

Cbus Clearing House

The Cbus Clearing House* is an online payment tool provided through Westpac, which allows you to submit multiple employee super contributions into multiple super funds, including Cbus, using one data file and one payment. Super contributions are then received, and distributed to the various super funds on your behalf, helping you to save time on paying super for each of your employees.

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Employer SuperSite

Employer SuperSite is an online employer account and payment facility that allows you to lodge contribution returns and make super payments using BPAY®, Direct Debit or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). It also allows you to manage your employer super account online with the ability to view and update your super records, including employee details plus full transaction history and payment reports.

Salary sacrifice contributions

One of the main ways for your employees to boost their super balance is to make salary sacrifice contributions.

Salary sacrifice is an agreement made between an employer and an employee where the employer pays an amount of before-tax salary into the employee's super account. These salary sacrificed super contributions are currently taxed at a standard rate of 15%.

However, the Government places limits on the amount which can be contributed to an employee's super each year, so it's important for employees to monitor these contribution amounts to make sure they don't exceed their

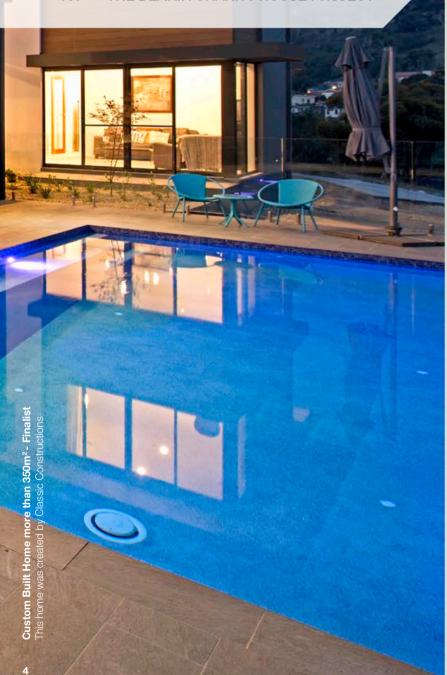


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Not so very long ago 'the great Australian dream' of home ownership rested on a modest house on a modest block with progressive renovations and additions over a life time. The home was a true labour of love that started with the bare bones and expanded progressively, often without much of a master plan. A proper garage to replace the carport or another bedroom and bathroom out the back. Maybe a pool room come teenagers retreat and so on

depending on family composition and budget. The end result was often a much loved Frankenstein 'castle' with flaws and faults that were plain for all to see but ourselves. Indeed the flaws were part of the narrative of the home, part of the charm.

Fast forward to 2016.

How the world has changed. Today our lifestyle at home often advances through sale and acquisition rather than incremental renovation.

This is a good thing!

A friend bought an ex-govie in an inner suburb in Canberra. We went over the plans for hours trying to work out the best renovation. It took a sensible builder friend to suggest the knock down rebuild. The new plan came at great cost to the local hardware store and our 'home handyman' pride, but the end result was more than worth it.

As you will see in these pages, the design dividend of modern homes is profound. It starts with energy efficiency and builds quickly to every day amenity. It incorporates modern comforts and materials with layouts that deliver spaces ranging from the striking to 'kick your shoes off' comfortable. The home is immediately an inviting and comfortable place to share with family and friends. Gone is the long term incremental construction site that we endured rather than enjoyed. Sure, we miss the charm of Uncle Ted's first tiling job and the shadow play of the wall we plastered together, but now we get so much more from a well plan remodelling job or knock down rebuild.

Home is a place you come to relax and connect with the people who are important, rather than the second job with a never ending list of projects that are at best disruptive and at worst destructive.

Home is open living spaces that naturally draw family and friends together. People in the kitchen connect with those in the living room which connects seamlessly to the outdoor BBQ and entertaining areas. Comfortable, efficient inclusive spaces that flow. twelve fantastic examples can be seen at our Master Builders Display Village at Moncrieff.

With a new home it's all there to enjoy from day one. No walls to knock down or rebuild, no bathroom or kitchen renos, no dust, dirt, dollars and delay.

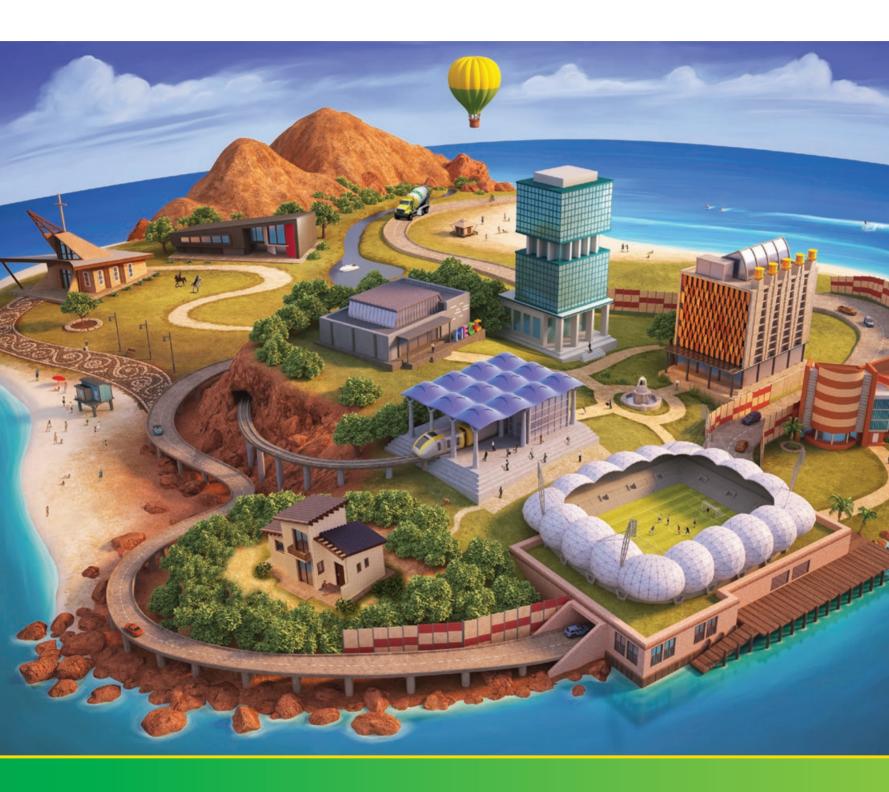
Suddenly there's time for new projects. Home brew anyone?

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1. Product Range

An ever-growing range of products continue to meet the demands of ACH client requests. Four years into existence ACH has built a fleet totalling 370 units. That number is expected to exceed 450 units by the end of 2016.

ACH current fleet consists of;

- > 250 electric scissors lifts across all sizes and functionality
- > 40 rough terrain diesel scissor lifts
- > 60 rough terrain knuckle and straight booms
- > 20 fork lifts and tele-handlers

ACH have built a range of speciality equipment which includes; spider knuckle lifts, bioenergy booms, electric rough terrain scissors, tipper trucks and work utes. This diverse range of products, built from our customers' needs, allows ACH an advantage over other national hire companies.

2. Sales Team

ACH have a dedicated sales who are committed to solving problems for their customers. Any issues are considered and resolved with competency, care and timeliness.

The well-respected reputation of the account managers is qualified by their actions. From general questions to site inspection, the team prides themselves on being there for their customers.

With 40 years of combined experience in client service and a 'customer comes first' attitude, the company is one, people know they can rely on.

3. Operational Support

Many factors are considered when deciding which company to hire construction equipment from. One of those factors is how well the equipment is maintained and how quickly will the company respond when a break down or problem occurs.

ACH has five full time mechanics, three based at their workshop and two on the road completing repairs and mandatory inspections. ACH understand the cost to the customer if down time occurs due to faulty equipment and have on hand, fully qualified plant and auto mechanics to resolve problems quickly and accurately.

4. Administration Team

Communicating accurate financial transaction for every hire saves time and frustration. This is why ACH has a team who understand the importance of collecting accurate and concise information relating to the hire, which is speedily converted into an invoice—meaning the customer has all the relevant information at hand.

The paper work will be completed smoothly and when a query is raised the team at ACH will listen and respond quickly.

"We have listened to our customers and have established our systems based on what they need and want. I believe the client shouldn't have to problem solve that's our job and I have the team and equipment that can deliver on all accounts"

ACH Founder, Darrell Leemhuis

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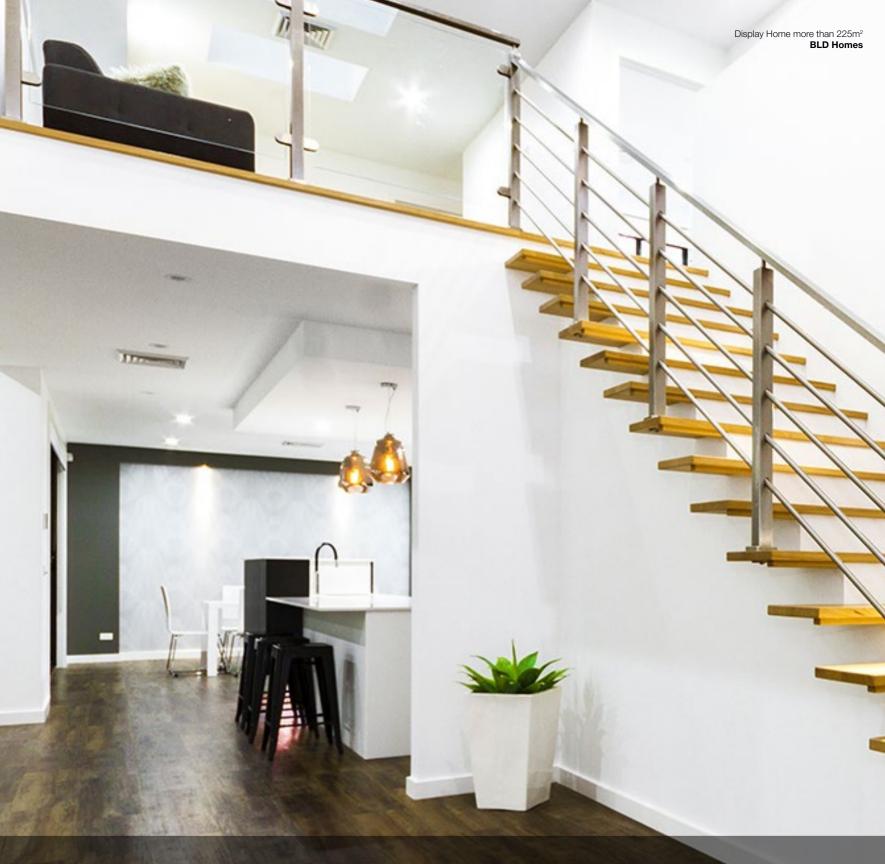




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LOCATION: GOOGONG, NSW

A reimagining of the classic country retreat, the Wells Place Project blends the best of liveability, technology and sustainability to create a home that stands the test of time.

Sited for spectacular views and great solar passive advantage, the home's design features light and airy indoor spaces that integrate seamlessly with the surrounding countryside. The owners can take in the breathtaking natural beauty surrounding them from all angles.

Combining colour, texture and contour, Better Building Services has created a home that complements its landscape, with a modest exterior that belies the grandeur and luxury found within its walls.





A REIMAGINING OF THE CLASSIC COUNTRY RETREAT, THE WELLS PLACE PROJECT BLENDS THE BEST OF LIVEABILITY, TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY TO CREATE A HOME THAT STANDS THE TEST OF TIME.



Designed to protect the home's owners from the elements – particularly the prevailing breezes common to exposed rural properties – a series of internal courtyards provide shelter, privacy and perfect spots to catch the sun's rays.

The home's cleverly-designed wings for guests also offer privacy and a sense of space, while other wings house the indoor swimming pool and living areas. Each wing can be segregated from the rest of the house.







THE HOME OWNERS HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY OF COUNTRY LIVING, AND WORKING WITH BETTER BUILDING SERVICES HELPED THEM ACHIEVE THEIR DREAM HOME.





Virtually self-sufficient, the home demands minimal maintenance, collects its own rainwater and power from the sun, and cleans and recycles its own wastewater.

The use of natural materials lends the residence a strong connection to the site. Natural stone was chosen for retaining walls, while feature columns and internal courtyard planters ground the house to the earth. The brick façade enhances the building's horizontal lines and pitched roof.

The workmanship in this home is of an exceptional quality. While each stage of the construction posed challenges, every effort has been expended to ensure a perfect finish for the lucky retired couple, who are delighted with their 'forever' home.

The home owners have fallen in love with the peace and tranquillity of country living, and working with Better Building Services helped them achieve their dream home.





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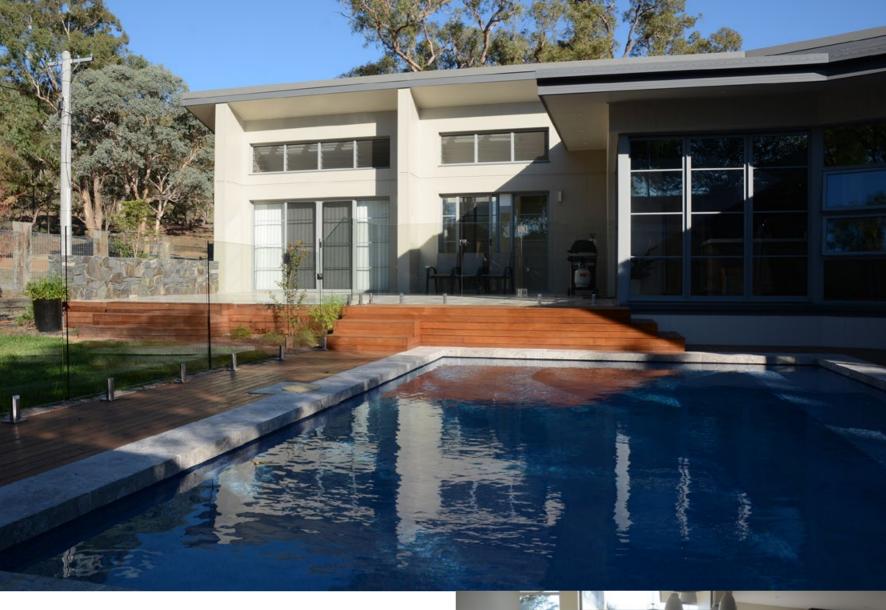
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CUSTOM BUILT HOME: 250M² - 350M²

COMPANIES: CHAMPNESS BUILDERS PTY LTD

SUGAR DESIGNS

SUBURB: HACKETT

A life-long car enthusiast, the owner of this stunning layered house was looking for a safe and secure space to showcase his collection. The avid entertainer also wanted open living spaces that connected with the outdoors for intimate or large gatherings, and a design that would make the most of the home's site at the foothills of a Canberra mountain reserve. The result? A complex, sophisticated home that has met the client's brief and created a perfect place for both man and automobile.



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CUSTOM BUILT HOME: 150M² - 250M²

COMPANY: EWER CONSTRUCTIONS SUBURB: CHIFLEY

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CUSTOM BUILT HOME: LESS THAN 150M²

COMPANIES: 360 BUILDING SOLUTIONS

THE MILL ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

LOCATION: COOMBS

The client's brief was clear: create a warm and inviting family home that achieves the best energy performance possible on a limited budget. Making the most of the site and local climate, the home boasts an eight star energy rating. Featuring sundrenched living spaces on the ground floor, and private retreats on the upper storey, the home is quiet and sunny. Living and dining spaces are divided by a feature brick wall, with the kitchen flowing to the alfresco area and terraced garden beyond. Three north-facing bedrooms, a study and generous bathroom are a smart use of space and create one easy-living home.









EMERGING RESIDENTIAL BUILDER OF THE YEAR

DEAN STRUYS

COMPANY: 360 BUILDING SOLUTIONS

After completing Year 12 in 2003, Dean embarked on a carpentry apprenticeship which laid the foundations for a career in the construction industry. After completing a Certificate IV in Building and Construction in 2008, Dean began building homes for family and friends before launching 360 Building Solutions. Dean is passionate about building, and has a special interest in environmentally-sustainable design. As Dean continues to advance his knowledge in his chosen profession, he has become a keen contributor to design conversations and continues to innovate to help his customers achieve their dream home.





YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND TRAINING

CHRISTOPHER WALMSLEY **COMPANY: WALMSLEY BUILDING SOLUTIONS**

Owner of Walmsley Building Solutions, Chris has developed a strong relationship with MBA Group Training. After completing his own carpentry trade certificate with MBA Group Training in June 2008, Chris established his own business focused on new homes, renovations and extensions. Today, he's committed to giving back to his industry by hosting young apprentices at the start of their careers. Apprentices value Chris' patience and dedication, with one young gun saying he has learnt 'heaps' from Chris and valued the placement opportunity.





PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

PETER LEARY

COMPANY: PEAK CONSULTING

A building consultant with 35 years of experience in construction, renovation and investigative work, Peter is a licensed builder who has spent nearly two decades focused on building repair. Peter and his firm, Peak Consulting, specialise in the diagnosis of defects in buildings, and provide expert assistance to owners, managers, law firms and building service providers around Canberra. With a reputation for reliability and honesty, Peter handles complex and challenging projects on a daily basis. With a deep understanding of local legislative and building code requirements, Peter is held in high regard by his clients and peers.





SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR

COMPANY: SOUTHERN INNOVATIONS

Nearing its 40th anniversary, Southern Plumbing Plus is a Canberra institution that supplies the building industry with everything from plumbing products to fully-imported German kitchens. With a solid reputation for customer service, a dedicated team ensures that Southern Plumbing delivers on every promise. Fiercely independent and local, Southern Plumbing and its retail arm, Southern Innovations, consistently present the Canberra community with the latest trends in bathroom and kitchens from leading manufacturers in Europe and Australia. Its recently refurbished showroom in Fyshwick is a must-see, and the company is determined to continue to match quality products with great customer service for many decades to come.







CHIEF MINISTER'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING

COMPANY: CHASE BUILDING GROUP (CANBERRA) PTY LIMITED PROJECT: BENHAM APARTMENTS, CHISHOLM

Built with adaptability and flexibility in mind, the Benham Apartments in Chisholm showcase how affordable housing and liveability can go hand in hand. The building's eye-catching façade features a range of materials, including face brickwork, painted concrete, cemintel cladding and aluminium composite cladding. Careful material selection extends to the interior, with vitrified floor tiling throughout the living areas, and beautiful hardwood decking to the wintergardens providing a perfect place for residents to catch the sun. Each apartment has been designed to accommodate people at all stages of life and all abilities, ensuring the homes are resilient for many decades to come.





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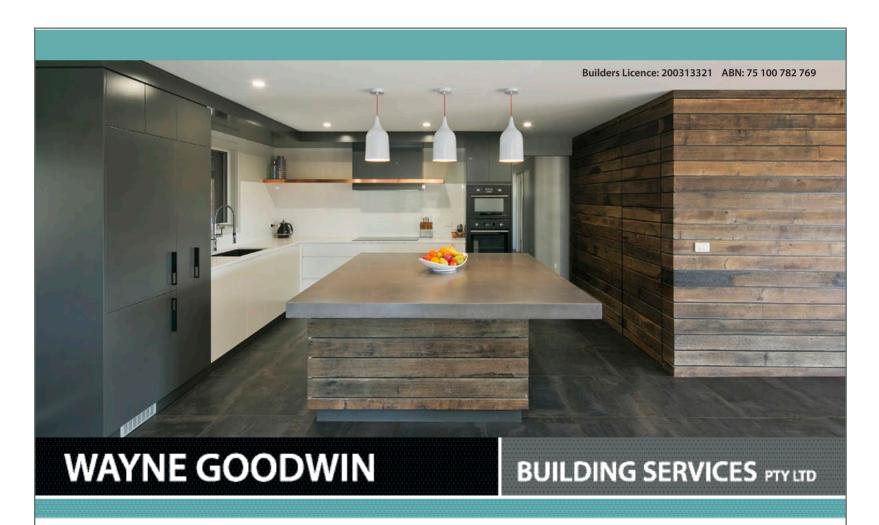
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APARTMENTS AND UNITS FOUR STOREYS AND ABOVE

COMPANIES: MILIN BUILDERS PTY LTD

ARCHITECTS RING & ASSOCIATES

PROJECT: **BROOKLYN, TURNER**

Residents of this boutique-style apartment enjoy a spectacular roof top terrace garden, expansive views of the beautiful Black Mountain and the buzz of the city on their doorsteps. This unique eight-storey apartment features a four-storey base and four-storey tower and incorporates painted off-form concrete, precast panels and decorative metal screen elements. The 34 trendsetting apartments showcase modern industrial interior design, with high quality inclusions and contemporary open plan spaces delivering sophistication, style and a new way of living in the heart of Canberra.



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This year, CHC is proud to have two of its recently completed projects as finalists in the following categories:

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- Residential Apartment and Units up to 3 storeys
- Residential Chief Minister's Affordable Housing

We would like to acknowledge the teams of builders and consultants who help us achieve quality results for our renters and purchasers alike.

In particular, the teams who worked with us on the above two projects:

- Kasparek Architects and Renaissance Homes
- Kasparek Architects and PBS Building

Thank you all for helping us to continue to achieve our mission for our Canberra community.





APARTMENTS AND UNITS 4 STOREYS AND ABOVE MIXED USE CONSTRUCTION

COMPANY: CHASE BUILDING GROUP (CANBERRA) PTY LTD PROJECT: ELEMENT APARTMENTS, KINGSTON

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APARTMENTS AND UNITS UP TO THREE STOREYS

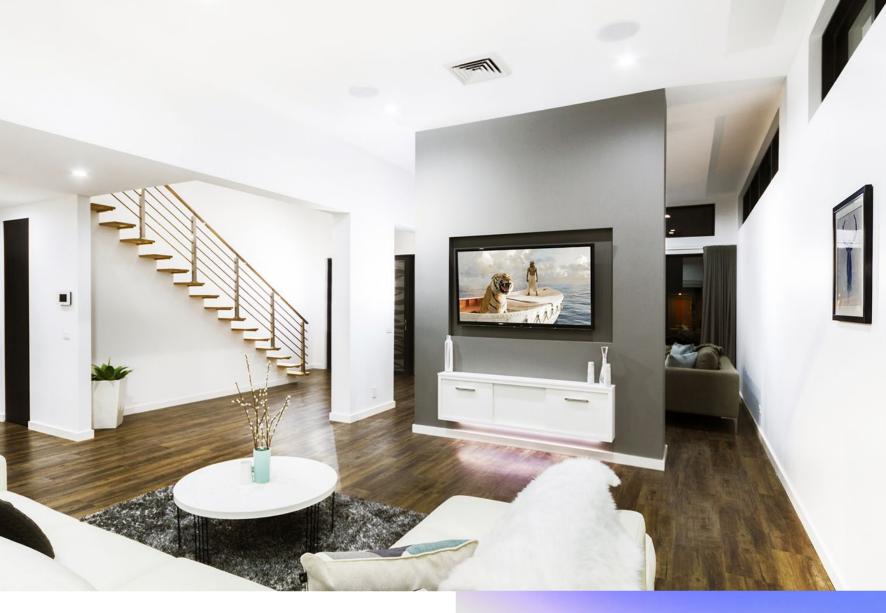
COMPANIES: CHASE BUILDING GROUP (CANBERRA) PTY LTD

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PROJECT: AMAYA APARTMENTS, GRIFFITH

An elegant development in one of Canberra's oldest and most exclusive suburbs, adjacent to the heritage listed Griffith Oval, Amaya epitomises modern luxury. Set out over seven individual buildings, each structure rises only two or three storeys, remaining respectful to Griffith's leafy heritage and harmonising with the existing landscape. The luxurious one, two and three bedroom apartments and penthouses provide an exceptional level of accessibility and flexibility, allowing for ease of living over time with lifts to each floor, wide corridors and doorways, large rooms, functional kitchens and bathrooms, and large fully enclosed garages.





DISPLAY HOME MORE THAN 225M²

COMPANY: BLD HOMES SUBURB: COOMBS

Designed for rest and play, The Hampton embodies the essence of modern living. An open plan kitchen, dining and living area forms the hub of the home, with the alfresco entertaining space directly adjacent. A generous and practical butler's pantry is nestled behind the kitchen, while a secluded theatre room offers an extra living space. The master bedroom is an isolated sanctuary featuring a spacious walk-in robe, palatial ensuite and a luxurious free-standing bath. A sleek lined timber staircase leads to the upper level, where another leisure room and additional bedrooms can be found. Functional and stylish, The Hampton reinvents family living.













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DISPLAY HOME LESS THAN 225M²

COMPANY: J&F HOMES PTY LTD SUBURB: MONCRIEFF

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PROJECT HOME MORE THAN \$300,000

COMPANY: CLASSIC CONSTRUCTIONS SUBURB: GRIFFITH

Boasting a range of indoor and outdoor living spaces, flexible bedroom layouts, a double-height lounge room and high quality inclusions, the clever, compact design of this home demonstrates how intelligent design can make the most out of any modest block. The design maximises space, with a covered alfresco area and Merbau timber deck integrating outdoor living with the informal internal living space. A private north-facing balcony off the formal lounge room provides a sanctuary for home owners to enjoy the morning paper or an afternoon glass of wine. Designed to exceed energy efficiency requirements, the home's north orientation provides excellent solar access.





COMPANY: KOLAK LIVING SUBURB: COOMBS

A four-bedroom home offering a dynamic use of space and light, the Bedbrook Project features flexible, generous living spaces and secluded retreats. Parents can escape to the lavish master bedroom located within its own wing to unwind and relax, while the cleverly-designed open plan living and meals area creates a natural hub for busy family life. Careful consideration of materials adds to the overall stylishness of this home which demonstrates a highend result can be achieved on a modest budget.





MEDIUM DENSITY - TOWNHOUSES

COMPANIES: BELLEVUE BUILDING

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PROJECT: **ELEVATE CANOPY LIVING**

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REMODELLING MORE THAN \$450,000

COMPANY: PROHAUS PTY LTD SUBURB: LYONS

The vision for this remodel was to create a minimalist yet functional family home. The original entry was relocated to present a grand entrance revealing clean lines that flow from the external façade through to the light and airy interior. Transformed into a family retreat with ample living and storage space, the Launceston Project boasts impressive indoor and outdoor entertaining spaces that can be combined or separated by full-height concealed sliding doors. By retaining its original floor area while extending its footprint, the home is now a minimalist masterpiece three times its original size.





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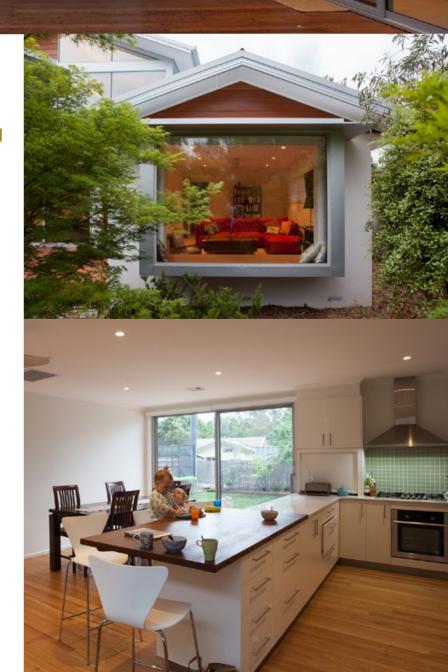
REMODELLING \$250,000 - \$450,000

COMPANIES: TORRES BUILDING GROUP

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SUBURB: DICKSON

A sustainable, light-filled home was the brief for this well-designed addition and alteration. Maximising site and orientation, the design now features a void space which has dramatically increased the home's solar access, while also serving to link the upper and lower levels. The interior and exterior are cleverly connected to the garden, making this home both lovely to look at and very liveable. The use of glass captures the glorious garden views and encourages sunlight to stream throughout the internal spaces. Attention to detail and beauty have delivered a home finished to the highest standard.





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REMODELLING \$150,000 - \$250,000

COMPANIES: BROTHER PROJECTS

MMM INTERIORS

SUBURB: MELBA

What a transformation! Changing the access points and internal walls in this house eliminated loads of dead space, creating easy open plan living that is both functional and comfortable. A tired fireplace in the lounge room was re-faced to create a spectacular centerpiece. The kitchen, once boxy and inaccessible, now functions as a multipurpose space perfect for a busy family. A stunning oversize window now runs the full length of the kitchen and dining room, providing living art and a stunning backdrop to this spectacular family home.







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and create a spectacular result. In this remodelling project, timber was used as a feature – from the cedar-lined double car port, gate and fence at the home's entryway to the solid spotted gum timber used throughout the living area and hallways.

Freshening up the entrance by retiling the front

porch, and building a pergola over the entry, have given this home's façade the wow-factor.





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PROJECT: BANKSIA RESIDENTIAL CARE VILLAGE

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URBAN RENEWAL

COMPANY: FUTURE BUILDING SUBURB: AINSLIE

Looking to add a second dwelling to a large block, Future Building set out to transform an existing heritage-listed garage into one half of a new home. Built in the 1930s, the structure's brick work contained no damp course, termite barriers or protection, and was dramatically out of kilter. The makeover is truly magnificent. The new two-bedroom home features a hand-fabricated steel loft bed and ladder, burnished concrete floors and soaring raked ceilings. A modest industrial style kitchen incorporates a unique peg board splashback, while glass mosaic tiles in the bathroom bring some bling. A cosy fireplace adds atmosphere and warmth to this glittering little gem.





KITCHEN PROJECT MORE THAN \$30,000

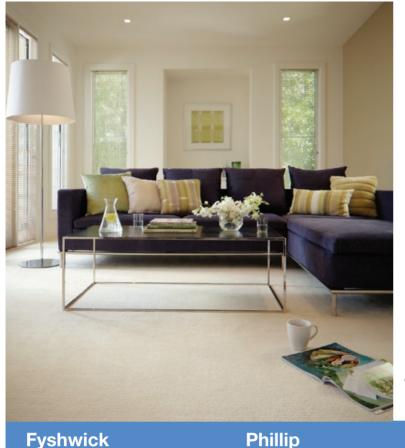
COMPANIES: CAPITAL VENEERING

MMM INTERIORS

SUBURB: FORREST

A clever tweak to the wall between the dining room and kitchen of this renovation has improved functionality and reinvented this living space, creating room for an island and a large integrated fridge. By cutting a new doorway into the window sill, the kitchen now provides much-desired access to the home's back veranda, while new double-hung windows over the sink lend the space extra light. Slim-top glassed joinery ensures the island sits comfortably in the kitchen's heart, providing great storage solutions and a lovely display feature.





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KITCHEN PROJECT LESS THAN \$30,000

COMPANY: TWENTY20 PROJECTS PTY LTD SUBURB: COOMBS

This open and inviting kitchen is all about practicality and ease. Overlooking the large dining table and outdoor area, the space is perfect for large-scale entertaining, while the breakfast bar is the perfect spot to sip a coffee or grab a quick bite. The custom-built Tasmanian Blackwood joinery around the dishwasher and the selection of copper add additional eyecatching appeal to this open space. Equipped with modern and easy-to-use appliances, this kitchen is made for aspiring chefs and busy families alike.







BEST USE OF MATERIAL - EXTERIOR

COMPANY: TWENTY20 PROJECTS PTY LTD SUBURB: COOMBS

The natural earth tones found in this house are carried through to the exterior, with an impressive alfresco deck made from attractive Iron Bark Timber. Incorporating an old telegraph pole as a support for the alfresco area adds a talking point, while the careful selection of copper for the essential downpipe has transformed a typical eyesore into a beautiful backyard feature. Copper is cleverly used as an accent throughout the alfresco space, such as in the Vitrabond cladding, to spectacular effect.





BATHROOM PROJECT MORE THAN \$30,000

COMPANY: P&K JOINERY SUBURB: FADDEN

Smart design, creative workmanship and harmonising finishes come together in this gorgeous ensuite. Carefully-considered storage and lighting make for a functional bathroom, while a custom-made single vanity with two basins creates better flow through the space. A custom-made shaving cabinet on the wall above the vanity provides additional storage and a unique element. A lavish shower and free standing bath were positioned to promote a sense of space. The finishes, comprising of Caesarstone, Jarrah and melamine, convey warmth and luxury, and were chosen to complement the existing family home and to stand the test of time.





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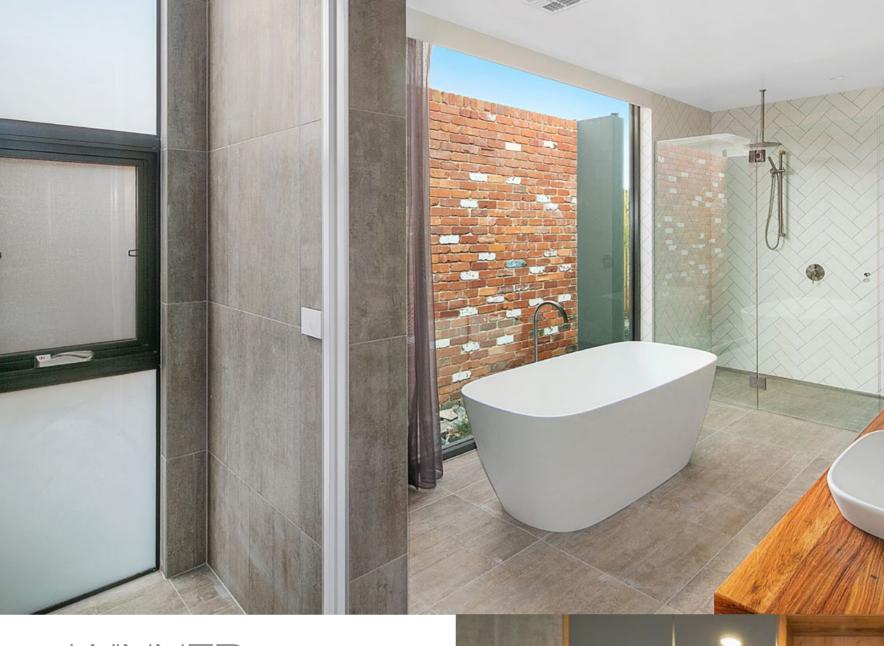


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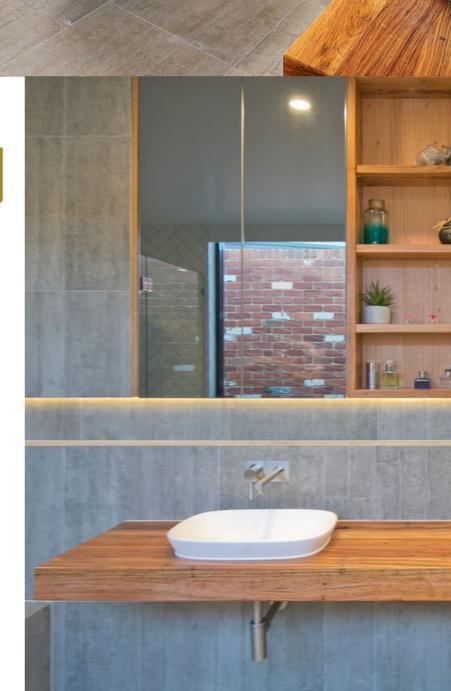


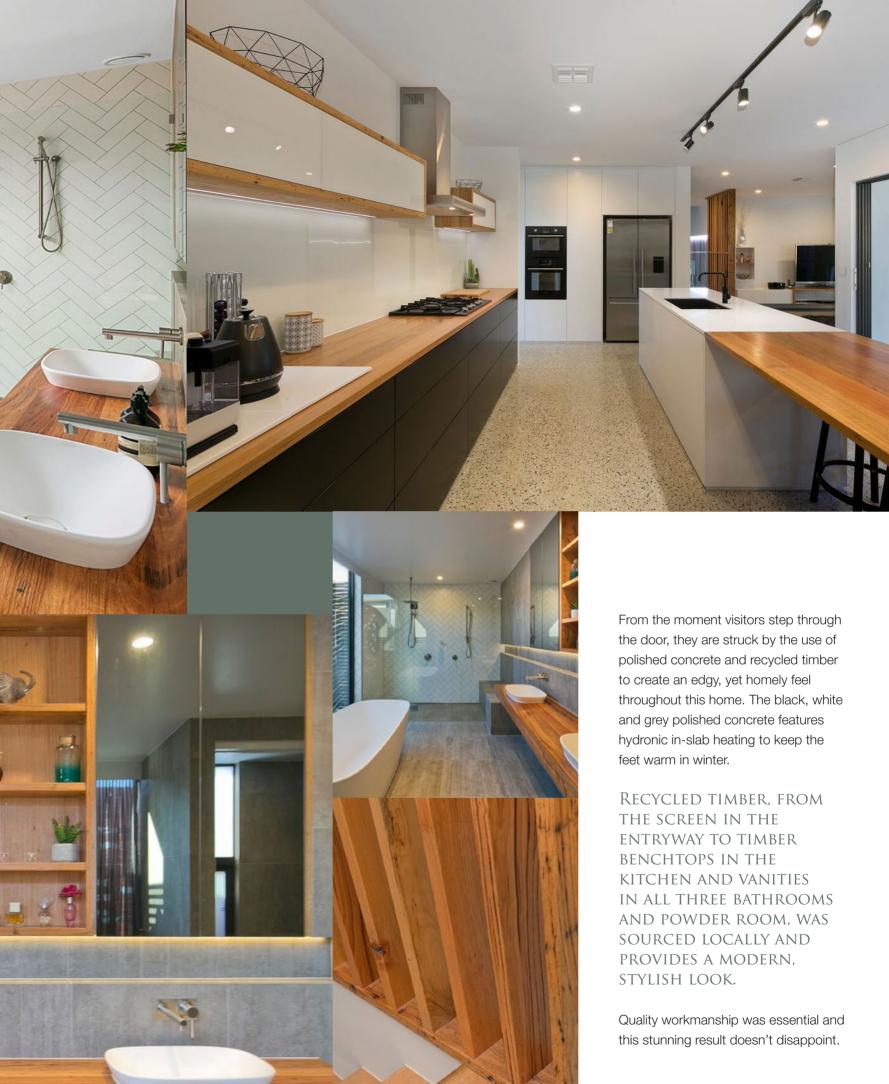
BATHROOM PROJECT LESS THAN \$30,000 & BEST USE OF MATERIAL - INTERIOR

COMPANY: MCDONALD & CO

SUBURB: CRACE

Luxury and practicality were the two ideas behind this lavish master ensuite. The spacious bathroom features twin basins sitting on a recycled timber vanity top, while a generous shower includes two wall-mounted rails and one ceiling-mounted rainwater head. The ensuite's centrepiece is its free standing bath with floor mounted mixer, which looks out to a private courtyard lined with recycled red bricks. Storage is plentiful with extra-deep built-in shaving cabinets and a recessed tiled shelf below. The herringbone tile is 'on trend' and complements the sophisticated style found throughout the house.







LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

COMPANY: THE LIVING ROOM LANDSCAPES SUBURB: FORREST

A new gentle outdoor aesthetic complement the architecture and character of this renovated classic. Integrated indoor and outdoor living spaces were designed with comfort and practicality in mind, and cater for large family gatherings and intimate affairs. Extra car parking and a large play area for children and pets adds to the home's liveability, while the outdoor entertaining and pool area functions well all year round. Low-maintenance plantings reflect the quintessential Canberra gardens of the era; links to local history continue with recycled Tharwa bridge timbers and Mt Majura Winery stone. The west-facing area required creative solutions to deal with the extremes of Canberra's climate, but the project team has delivered in spades.







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COMPANY: GEOCON

PROJECT: WAYFARER, BELCONNEN

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WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY - SMALL SCALE RESIDENTIAL

COMPANY: BREMA GROUP

PROJECT: LOOSE FILL ASBESTOS

INSULATION ERADICATION PROGRAM

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SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION

COMPANY: IDEAL BUILDING SOLUTIONS SUBURB: GUNDAROO

Nestled into the bush, this modest home treads lightly on the surrounding landscape. Twenty years in the planning, this custombuilt sustainable home is sensitive to its site, and embodies solar passive design principles. Inspired by an old farmhouse, the grey ironbark cladding was chosen for its bushfire resilience and longevity. Double-glazed windows provide 180 degree views to the north, and the winter sun penetrates the house to warm a polished concrete floor. Energy efficient appliances, custom designed louvre awnings to shield the summer heat, and two solar arrays ensure this home is not only low in environmental impact, but a fabulous place to live.

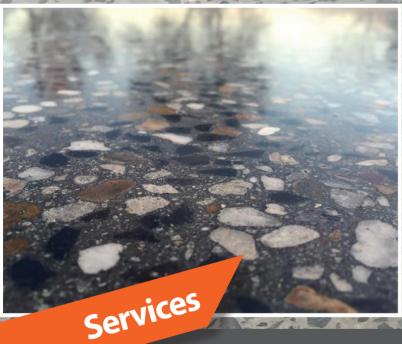




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WINNER

OUTSTANDING ASBA STUDENT OF THE YEAR

MITCHELL CASSIMATIS

Commencing and completing his Certificate II in Construction in 2014 as a school-based apprentice, Mitchell then accepted a full-time carpentry apprenticeship with MBA Group Training. Recognised for his commitment to excellence, Mitchell was a WorldSkills Australia medallist in 2015.



WINNER UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA STUDENT OF THE YEAR

ZIQI CHEN

With a strong commitment to professionalism and quality, Ziqi was an outstanding student who made a valuable contribution to her classes. Winning the Dean's Excellence Award for each of the three years she was enrolled at the University of Canberra, Ziqi studied at an accelerated pace and achieved well above a Distinction average. Always keen to learn and participate in class discussions, Ziqi completed a cadetship and is now employed with Rider Levett Bucknall.





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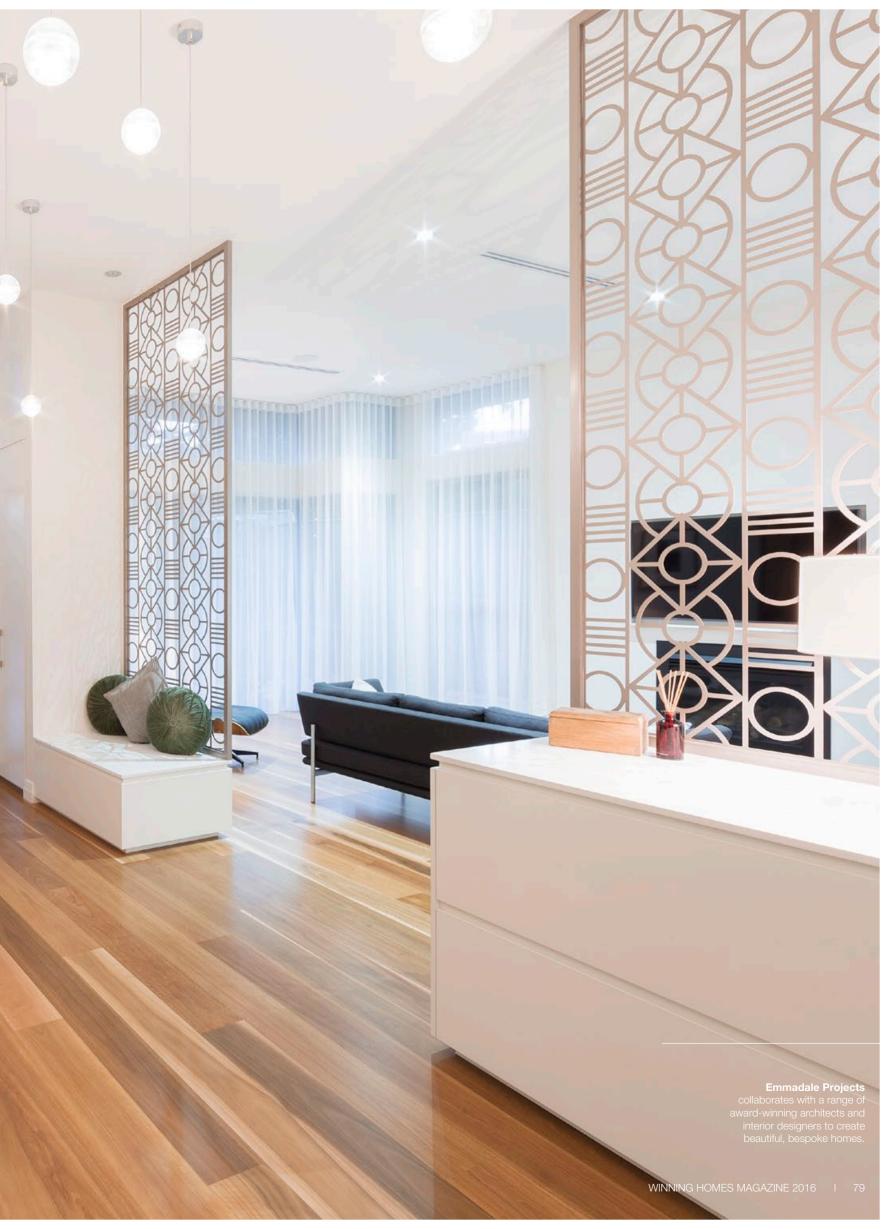




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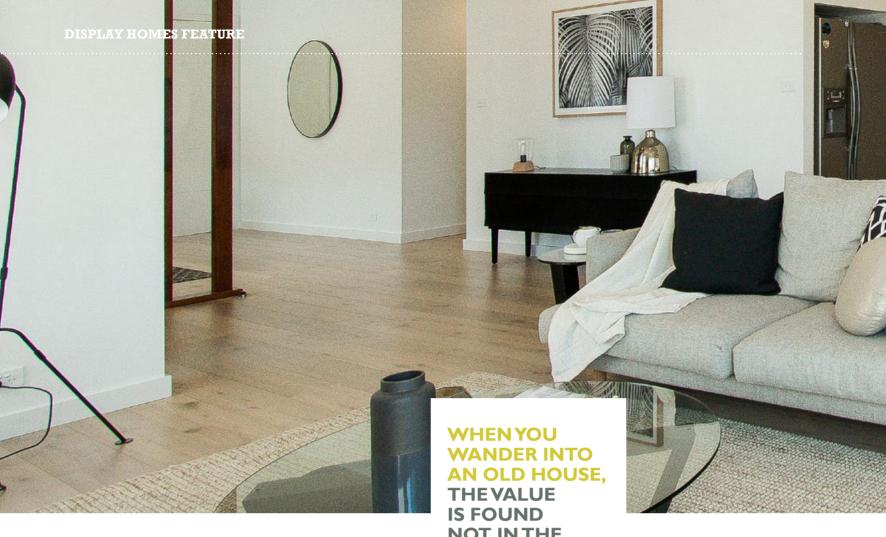
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"Trying to make a design work that isn't right for the site can add tens of thousands to the cost of the project, leaving you with less to spend on inclusions, and even eating into the size of your living spaces."

Emmadale Projects' owner, Rod Jenkins, agrees.

"Use the block – the way it sits on the street, how it catches the light – to your advantage. This isn't just smarter in terms of design, it can also save a small fortune in excavation costs."

GOOD DESIGN DELIVERS DIVIDENDS

Rod says many people who visit display homes are dazzled by the furniture and landscaping, and can forget about the functionality of the home.

"Don't get seduced by the bells and whistles when you're looking at designs. Instead, think about the way your family lives. The design of your dream home must reflect your family first," Rod explains. RAM Living's managing director Anthony O'Brien warns people to look beyond a home's floorplan to how the spaces work together.

"Smaller floorplans can often be more efficient if they are well designed. Focus on the way the rooms work with each other – where the windows sit, the height of the ceilings, and how you can bring the outdoors in to create a sense of space," Anthony says.

While stone benchtops and glass splashbacks might be seen as adding value to a home, our experts all agree that the real value is found in the design.

"Don't get trapped into thinking that the cost of your home is the dollars divided by square metres, or that the inclusions list is central. Everything is disposable but good design," Anthony adds.

"When you wander into an old house, the value is found not in the dilapidated kitchen or dated bathroom. It's found in the sense of space or light. Does **NOT IN THE** DILAPIDATED **KITCHEN OR DATED BATHROOM. IT'S FOUND IN THE SENSE OF SPACE OR LIGHT. DOES** A HOME HAVE **'GOOD BONES'?** THAT'S WHAT **YOU HAVE TO ASK IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT A FLOORPLAN OR WALKING THROUGH A DISPLAY HOME.**

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS COUNT

The old saying "don't judge a book by its cover" isn't applicable to property. First impressions count, and street appeal can increase the value of your home significantly.

"Where once Canberrans were conservative when it came to the look of a house from the street, people now understand street appeal means more than a well-watered lawn," says Project Manager of J&F Homes, Tony Palombi.

"Increasingly, our clients want to combine brickwork with cladding. People are prepared to be more adventurous, and the huge range of new products on the market makes it easy to find a unique look."





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Lysaght understands how to make homes look good, and the company's manager in Canberra, Justin Tierney, says cladding does more than protect the outside of a home against the vagaries of the weather. It can also create bespoke and beautiful façades.

"A growing trend is combining cladding materials to create a unique, contemporary look," Justin explains.

"Using more than one cladding material can break up large expanses of brickwork and define different areas of a home. Another trend is to use a single cladding material in two or more contrasting colours for eye-catching street appeal."

OPEN PLAN OR PRIVACY?

Most modern homes make a feature of open plan living, connecting indoor and outdoor spaces and encouraging family interaction. "Open floor plans with less wall space means more access to natural light, which can give the illusion of space, especially when combined with high ceilings," explains Tony Palombi.

While small, pokey rooms and rabbits' warrens of corridors may be a thing of the past, be careful not to swing to the other extreme.

"A home that is too open can become uncomfortable to live in – particularly when you have a large family living together in the one space," Tony warns.

Emmadale Projects' Rod Jenkins says that while "big family areas that open onto central courtyards or outdoor entertaining spaces are big favourites", the trick is to factor in a secluded 'retreat' away from the hustle and bustle of family life.



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"Most parents want their own private space away from the kids, and floorplans are adjusting to accommodate this," Rod says.

Careful consideration of furniture can also make or break an open plan space.

"Furniture can act as a clever room divider to make the most of an open plan design and create separate living zones within the one space," says Dan Power, who owns and operates Canberra institution, Uneke Furniture.

"Think open book cases or custom-designed credenzas – but remember they need to look good from all angles," Dan says.





WINNING WINDOWS



In a climate of extremes like Canberra, investing in insulation will provide a generous payback – both in energy savings and in resale value. In fact, one study undertaken by the ACT Government in 2008 found that a higher energy efficiency rating translates into a two per cent increase in a home's value.

Karen Porter, the woman behind Solace Creations, says home buyers need to consider the long-term payback, as well as the upfront cost. This is especially the case when it comes to double-glazing.

"Double-glazing during a build will deliver savings in the first year," Karen says.

"While it will cost about \$10,000 more than single-glazed windows, that's just \$450 a year in mortgage repayments over the life of an average loan. And you'l save as much as \$1,600 a year in energy bills — so the numbers well and truly stack up." Karen explains.

GR8 CONSTRUCTIONS

Grant Wilson and Robert Petrovic were both highlyexperienced and respected tradesmen before joining forces in 2003 to create GR8 Constructions.

Passionate about homes, Grant, Rob and their team pride themselves on delivering quality results, on time, on budget and above and beyond their clients' expectations.

"We get our greatest thrill from handing over the keys to a new home, knowing we've played an essential role in helping someone create a dream home," says Grant.

"And being Canberra locals, we understand how to build beautiful homes that suit the Canberra climate and are great to live in all year round," adds Rob.

GR8 Constructions' provide experienced inhouse sales and drafting services with Peter Hawke as part of the team.

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Company director Rod Jenkins, who has worked in the construction industry for 25 years, plays a hands-on role with each project, and is committed to delivering quality homes that exceed expectation.

"We take a maximum of five projects at once, which guarantees a carefully-planned and controlled job, and ensures our clients get the personalised service they deserve," Rod explains.

"When my clients sign a contract with me, they know I'm the person who will be building their house. We want our clients to enjoy the experience of building their dream home – and we want to be remembered for building good quality homes," Rod adds.

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LET IN THE LIGHT

Solar access policies in Canberra mean every home must be designed to get at least three hours of sunlight each day – and all new homes must meet a minimum six star energy efficiency standard.

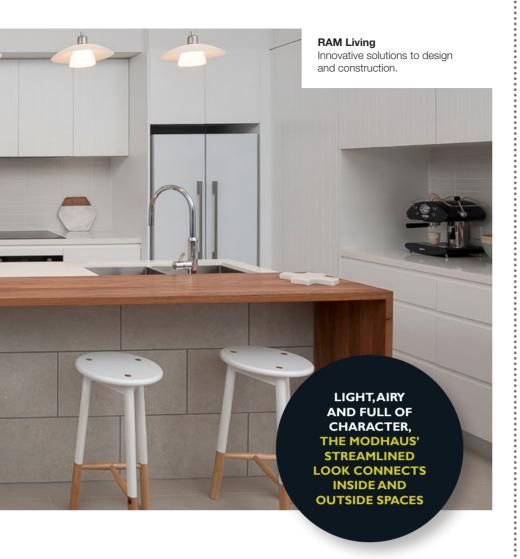
"If you're building your own home, it is important to orient your block to maximise free solar heating. There's no block in Canberra that can't be solar passive. Sometimes it takes a little more thought, but it can be achieved," says Karen Porter, who operates Solace Creations double-glazing in Fyshwick.

With costs coming down, Porter says double-glazing is simply a "no brainer".

"Single-glazed homes seem outof-date, and increasingly, buyers see single-glazing as something they'll need to upgrade, which

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can make them think twice about purchasing an existing dwelling. Double-glazing ensures a home is more energy efficient and comfortable, and it also increases the resale value.

"While wall and roof insulation is mandatory in all new homes, double-glazing isn't. This means your investment in insulation is compromised by single-glazed windows and doors. "When you double-glaze, you get a comfortable home that is warm in winter and cool in summer, and the extra money you outlay will be repaid in savings on your energy bills," Karen adds.



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Building in the region for more than 40 years, the RAM Living team know the lay of the land in every Canberra suburb.

Designed to make the most of Canberra's four glorious seasons, RAM Living homes reflect classic design and modernist style: clean lines, sturdy build and a perfect finish.

The ModHaus, RAM Living's statement home at the Moncrieff Display Village, combines classic modernist architecture with the latest in sustainable design.

Light, airy and full of character, The ModHaus' streamlined look connects inside and outside spaces in an energy-efficient home that packs a punch.

"Modernist design combines form and function – and that means everything we put into our homes not only looks good, but is functional and useful," says RAM Living's managing director, Anthony O'Brien.

"By focusing on fundamental elements like light and space – elements that never go out of style – we strive to create beautiful, functional and affordable homes."

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"The outdoor room adds an extra entertaining space – and features such as ovens, fire places and radiant heat lamps mean Canberrans can make the most of the space all year round," Tony Palombi explains.

You don't need to have green fingers to add value through landscaping either. Many drought-tolerant, low-maintenance gardens look great, make an outdoor space more inviting and can provide an attractive focal point in living spaces.

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"It's about creating an interaction between your internal and external spaces," says RAM Living's Anthony O'Brien.

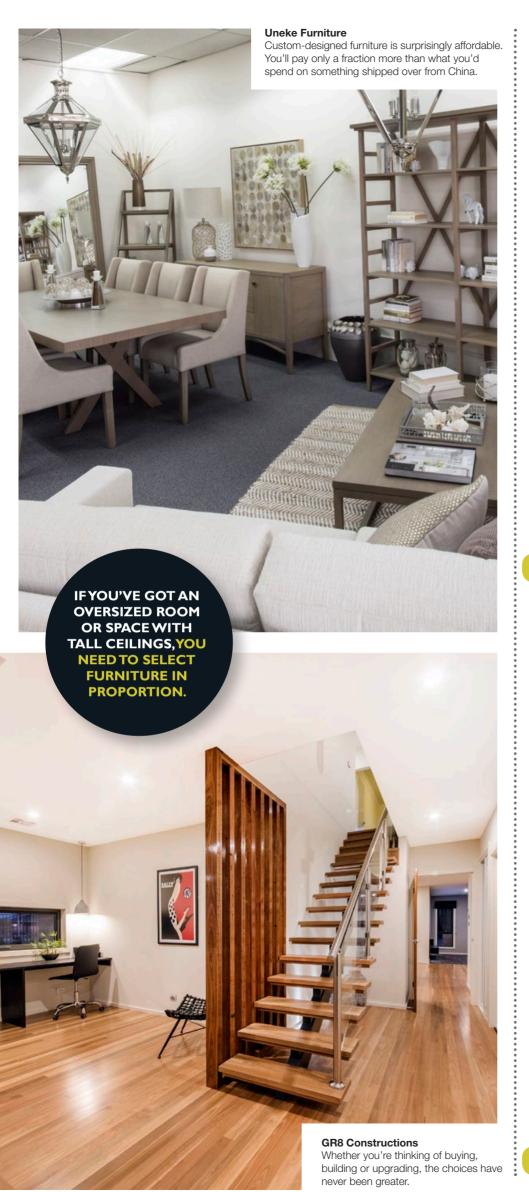
"Landscaping can add a sense of space to a room, and a courtyard can 'frame' a small room and add dramatic impact. It can also add a substantial amount when it comes time to sell, as it is part of what gives a home that 'feel good factor'."

HIGH TECHNOLOGY HAVENS

'Smart' homes that hum with automation and interconnectivity are now within reach of most homeowners, as costs come down and game-changing innovations shake up the market.

"People are looking to control their sound systems, lights, security – the works – with the press of a button," says the other half of GR8 Constructions, Rob Petrovic.





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"Buying Australian-made is very important, as you can be guaranteed the product has been designed to meet the Australian standard and can perform in our harsh climate," says owner of the award-winning Canberra business, Karen Porter.

Karen has spent more than a decade helping Canberra builders and home owners save money on their energy bills and cut their carbon footprints.

"More and more, people are wanting a home that is not just stylish, but also sustainable. We've worked with many new home builders and architects to ensure their home designs feature double-glazed windows and doors that are well-insulated and ventilated," Karen says.

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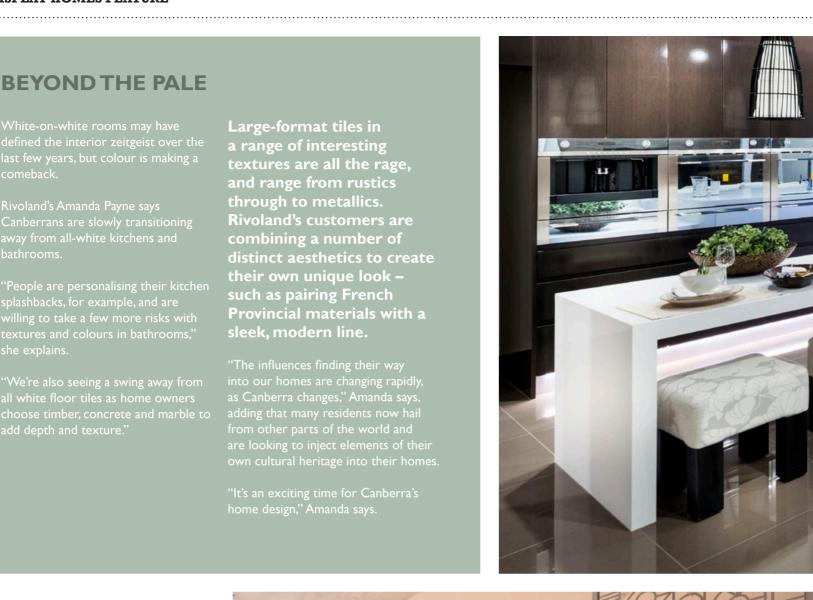
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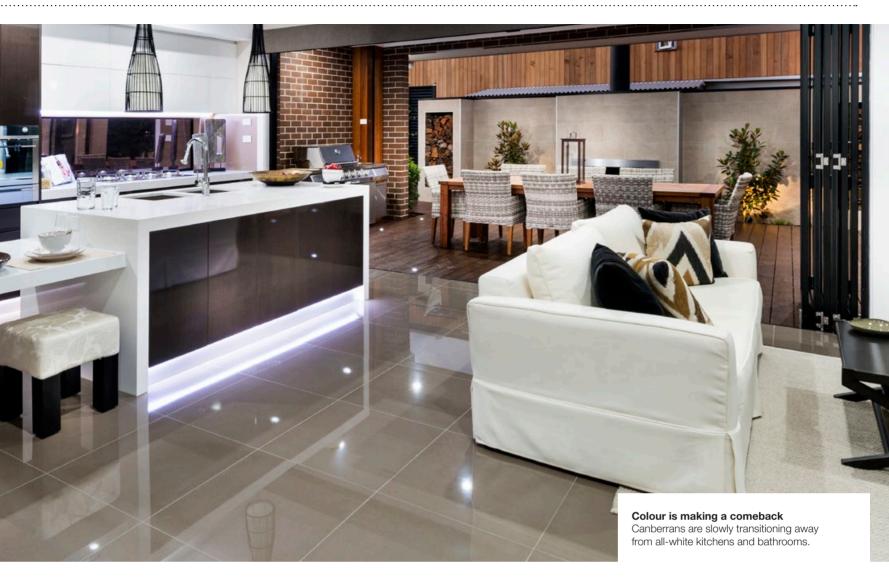
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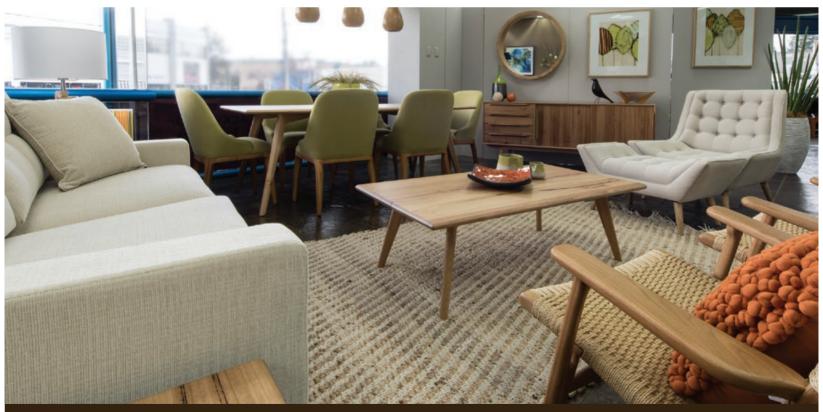
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And GR8 Constructions says technology is also giving people more confidence in their design choices.

"Styling is loosening up, as 3D design software helps people visualise their home. It removes that element of risk that you'll

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make the wrong design decision - and that's helping people to be more adventurous and creating homes that really have the wow factor," Grant Wilson

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CHARITY STARTS AT HOME – OR IN MASTER BUILDERS' CASE WITH TWO HOMES.

THE **DEAKIN CHARITY HOUSE PROJECT** IS THE BRAINCHILD OF MASTER BUILDERS ACT, AND AIMS TO RAISE MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THREE LOCAL CHARITIES THIS YEAR.

The Deakin Charity House project is the brainchild of Master Builders ACT, and aims to raise more than a million dollars for three local charities this year.

The Land Development Agency has contributed two adjoining separate title infill blocks in Deakin, and members of MBA ACT are donating materials, professional services and labour as the homes start to take shape.

"Our industry is made up of many long-time Canberra families with an enduring commitment to this city," explains MBA's Director of Commercial Operations, David Leitch.

"Our members value the opportunity to give back to their community, and have donated more than \$750,000 in time, hard work, expertise and materials to get this project off the ground."



CRT's Managing Director Tim Wilson (L) with Renaissance Homes'
Andrew Kerec at the Deakin Charity
House project site.

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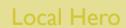
Renaissance Homes is the project's principal partner, and for director Andrew Kerec, the project is deeply personal.

Andrew, a "born and bred Canberran", established Renaissance Homes with his father, Lud in 1996. Six years ago, Lud was involved in a bicycle accident that left him with quadriplegia. **"OUR MEMBERS VALUETHE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR** COMMUNITY, **AND HAVE DONATED MORE THAN** \$750,000 IN TIME. HARD WORK, **EXPERTISE AND MATERIALS** TO GET THIS **PROJECT OFF** THE GROUND."

"Our family learnt first-hand the challenges and lack of support faced by people with high levels of disability," Andrew explains.

Andrew and his team are now determined to help other families in Canberra through the rehabilitation process, and to "gain some life choices back".

"It hasn't been hard for us to get commitment from the industry," Andrew adds. "All the subbies and MBA members have been unbelievably supportive. The experience has been quite humbling for Dad and I.



Building a better Canberra

CRT Building Products is manufacturing and delivering the homes' frames and trusses at no charge.

"We have a strong relationship with Renaissance Homes, having worked with Andrew and Lud for 20 years. As this project is close to Andrew's heart, it's close to ours too," says Tim Wilson, CRT's managing director. "We're a locally owned business that's been around for 50 years, and we want to support the people who support us."



Lending a helping hand

Kitchen Link's owner, Peter Greenberger, has gone "above and beyond" to support the project, says Andrew Kerec.

"Peter didn't just think about how he could contribute. He got in contact with six other companies that supply his business and engaged them in the Deakin Charity House vision," Andrew says.

Peter and his suppliers have saved the project a whopping \$30,000 through their generosity – but he doesn't do it for recognition.

"My son was diagnosed with cancer when he was just eight weeks old, so I understand the important role that local charities play in helping people. Today he's a pilot in Darwin, but when he was a baby we needed an extra hand - so we like to give back where we can today." Peter says.

Charity House streetscape AMC Architecture designed the properties with two different lifetyles in mind.

"It's really exceeded everyone's expectations - and we've now raised nearly half a million dollars in contributions from contractors and suppliers alone."

All bar one of the 53 project partners is a local Canberra company, and some contractors are contributing time and talent valued at more than \$70,000.

"This is great for the charities that benefit, but it also speaks volumes about the strength of our local industry," Andrew explains.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Three charities will benefit from the funds raised. Boundless, an all abilities playground on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, will receive 70 per cent of the profits from the sale of the homes.

According to Boundless Canberra's board member, Kristen Connell, the money will support the delivery of Stage Two of the park, which

WITHTHE **KNOWLEDGE GAINED AND THE INCREASED SIZE AND** SCALE OF THIS **NEW PROJECT, WE'RE HOPING TO RAISE MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS," DAVID EXPLAINS.**

will mean "more fun, more accessibility and even more children able to enjoy the benefits of play."

Hands Across Canberra, which raises funds for more than 120 small charities across the Canberra region, will share its 20 per cent windfall with local groups providing important support services to people with disabilities.

Hartley Lifecare will use its share of the profits to rebuild and refurbish some of its

properties that help people with complex disabilities.

"We've had success with two charity houses in the past – in 2006 with the Jenolan Charity House and in 2013 with the Franklin Charity House. Together, these projects raised just over \$850,000. With the knowledge gained and the increased size and scale of this new project, we're hoping to raise more than a million dollars," David explains.



Launching the project Mix 106.3's Rod and Kristen officially launch the project at the

GRAND DESIGNS TAKE SHAPE

The one and two storey homes, designed by AMC Architecture, are now at lock-up stage, and will be open for inspection in September.

The project's architect, Alastair MacCallum, says being able to design two homes side by side has been an unusual opportunity and ensured each dwelling benefits from maximum solar gain and attractive garden areas, while delivering loads of street appeal.

"The material palette picks up on the character of the area. with classic red bricks, white weatherboard and darker metal cladding arranged to give the homes a distinctly Deakin feel," Alastair says.

With four generous bedrooms, a study and three separate living spaces, the two storey home is ideal for a family. The three children's bedrooms and play area downstairs are connected to a common decked courtyard, while the lounge room at the front of the home, with its fireplace, provides an intimate sanctuary for the adults.

A lavish chef's kitchen is sure to be the heart of the home, while upstairs, the master bedroom and study provide privacy and extra flexibility for those needing to work.

"The design of this home was all about creating a sense of space and light with attractive views to different garden areas while affording the flexibility demanded of modern family life," Alastair explains.

The single storey dwelling has been designed for downsizers, and meets Livable Housing Australia's Gold level certification. Offering three bedrooms, including a separate master, the residence has two external and two internal living areas which are separated by a sunlit courtyard.



"The main living areas take advantage of the morning sun, with garden courtyards again a feature of this residence. This home is ideal for those wanting to downsize in their local area," Alastair adds.

BUYERS AND INVESTORS WILL BE IMPRESSED

The doors to both homes will be opened to potential owners in August, and the project team is confident buyers and investors will be impressed.

Peter Blackshaw Real-Estate is providing pro bono services and advice, and will auction off both properties in October. Agents Louise Harget and Dan McAlpine have been involved with the project since its inception, and will be marketing the properties.

"Projects like this only work when everyone collaborates and this has certainly been the case with the Deakin Charity House," Louise says.

"We worked closely with the architect to provide initial advice on what would be most saleable in the area to ensure the project maximises its return," Louise says.

"We're inspired to play a role in the project, and are impressed with the team's commitment





to quality – there have been no corners cut. The end result will be a great house suited to the market."

In the meantime, Andrew Kerec and his team continue to work on the two new homes, and are confident that they'll help three of Canberra's charities make dreams come true.

Andrew Barr, ACT

Chief Minister at the official launch with representatives from Renaissance Homes and the three charities.

More information is available online: www.mba.org.au/aboutmba/charity-house-project/



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