

Simply spectacular features

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Luxury materials, innovative design elements and careful attention to the smallest details are combined in this Halls Head spec home by Mulvay Builders.

The three-bedroom, two-bathroom home has many distinctive features, including a contemporary kitchen designed by Leon House, water features, spot-lit display niches and a big custom-crafted granite bath.

Outside, grey-green rendered walls contrast with shingled roof tiles and are complemented by aluminium window frames.

The central portico has three square niches and the inside walls are decorated with pebbled mosaics forming a wave-like pattern leading to the big timber and glass pivot front door.

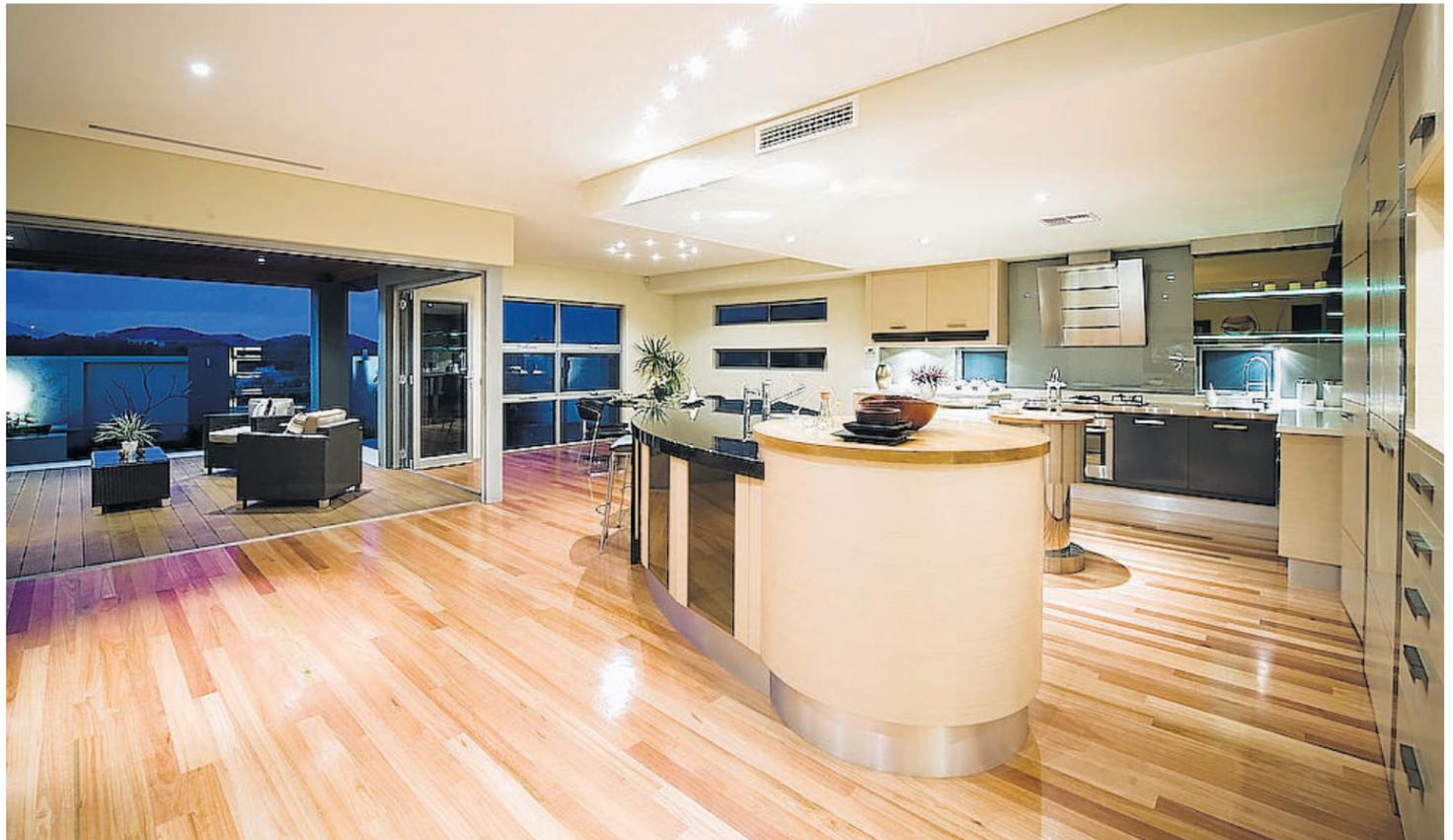
Inside the foyer, the pebbled mosaics form the backdrop for a water feature with a low pond and three textured granite vertical cascades.

To the left, a door opens to the main suite, where there is a curved and coffered ceiling above the bed and a glazed door links to a sheltered private courtyard. The ensuite features a customised marble bath in Palisandro granite.

The ensuite also has a double shower behind a frameless pivoting screen door, with fixed and hand-held shower heads, twin overhanging square basins in a broad marble vanity with Milan oak veneer cupboards, and a row of wall-mounted cabinets.

At the back of the foyer, a sliding door opens to the theatre room, which has a raised and recessed ceiling with mini starburst downlights, rosewood floorboards and steps up to the open-plan casual living zone, beyond aluminium framed stacking bi-fold doors.

Right of the foyer, a short hall also links to the casual zone, passing timber doors to the study or home office, which has built-in shelves behind customised semi-transparent sliding doors.



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In the passage, several horizontal and vertical, shallow and deep art niches with motion-activated spotlights are staggered along one wall, and some incorporate sections of the decorative pebbled mosaic.

A neat powder room leading off the passage has a suspended square vanity basin with a joystick mixer in a circle of glass. The nearby laundry has an underslung trough in a broad cabinet with recesses for the washing machine and dryer, and there is plenty of additional storage space in a row of cabinets parallel to the trough, plus a recessed linen and broom cupboard.

At the end of the passage, steps lead up to the casual living zone, where the family room, dining area and showpiece kitchen are

positioned to capitalise on an alfresco deck.

The mix of materials, colours and finishes in the kitchen works beautifully and includes benchtops in black Galaxy granite, oak, stainless steel and creamy Corian, cabinets in bronze and subtle olive finishes with Milan oak veneer, tinted glass splashbacks and overhead cabinets with semi-transparent doors.

There are defined areas for meal preparation, including a separate larder, appliance cupboards and an internet nook, and boiling and iced water available on tap.

Gas and electric cooking appliances by AEG that include an eye-catching vertically mounted stainless-steel range hood, and broad steel tubes support a futuristic freestanding island bench dubbed "the surfboard" for its elliptical shape.

On the outside edge of a bigger island bench that forms a boundary with the family room lies a breakfast bar at one end, plus display cabinets with curving glazed doors.

In the dining area, a big window with contemporary glazing bars reveals the compact back garden, which includes another water feature plus a rustic copper outdoor shower. Tinted bi-fold doors near the family room open to merge the interior living space with a big, cedar-lined alfresco deck.

The family room also connects directly to the theatre room, through internal bi-fold doors, and to a sunken games or meditation room with cedar-lined recessed ceiling, beyond elegant jarrah and myrtle doors in the back corner of the house.

Two spacious minor bedrooms and a bathroom are positioned for privacy along a short hall near the family room and theatre room.



This home was an entrant in the 2008 HIA-ANZ Perth Housing Awards.