



The three-storeys are completed with the highest quality finishings.



Feature-packed with river views

■ Maya Anderson

Right on the river in Rossmoyne, this grand three-storey home is just as beautiful as its scenic surroundings — and well worth the trouble it took to start building it.

The narrow 530sqm block came with extensive design and building challenges. It is 800mm below the water table, meaning the site required extensive pumping and damming, and came with tricky environmental issues that needed to be resolved before any work on the home could begin.

Built by boutique home builder Devrite Homes of Distinction, it was completed six weeks ago for clients who requested a low-maintenance, lock-up-and-leave home that would make the most of the block's uninterrupted water views.

Devrite co-owner and operator Ron Mangano said the finished result was well worth the initial extensive site work.

"I think the standout feature is the practicality — everything is easy to use and there's a high level of attention to detail," he said. "Everything about the home works, there's a really good flow."

The entry foyer sets the elegant atmosphere for the home with its porcelain floors, recessed feature nooks, high ceilings, shadow lines, textured wallpaper and sweeping staircase, the centrepiece of which is three chandeliers.

The entrance gives way to light-filled rooms fitted out with only the highest quality finishes. The main suite has feature wallpaper set with tiny Swarovski crystals and an array of mood lighting including an up-lit coffered ceiling. In the fully tiled ensuite, pearlescent

mosaic feature tiling contrasts against the smooth essastone vanity benchtop. A freestanding bath by the window lets bathers soak away stress while enjoying the river view. A dressing room and a spacious private balcony overlooking the river add to the main suite's hotel suite feel.

At the rear of the home is a guest wing with its own study featuring flocked blue and white wallpaper. Two large guest bedrooms are serviced by a powder room and a bathroom which has fully tiled walls, an oversized shower and a twin vanity with stone benchtop.

Devrite co-owner Jay Mangano said the lighting, installed by Creative Lighting & Electrical, was one of the home's standout features and in the guest bathroom there were three kinds of feature lighting to create a hotel-like atmosphere.

Also on this level is a home office with built-in blackbutt

veneer cabinetry and desk positioned so one can enjoy a view of the river while working.

On the upper floor is the living and entertaining hub: an open-plan kitchen, living and dining opening up onto a huge balcony with alfresco kitchen where the clients love to spend time with their family enjoying the river vista.

The clients wanted the home to have an uncluttered, contemporary, modern feel with lots of natural light. It was achieved here with skylights, a clean colour palette with white walls accented by the warm tones of blackbutt features. A white kitchen enhances the sense of openness and to the living area a gas fireplace flanked by built-in mirrored display nooks adds to the modern look.

This level also encompasses a powder room and a home theatre with dramatic blue LED

feature lighting to the ceiling, built-in cabinetry and a projector screen.

In the back garden, an alfresco area overlooks a fully landscaped space designed to have the feeling of intimate garden rooms, creating zones for outdoor entertaining. Garden edibles include bay trees, a range of citrus and olives and a vegetable garden at the rear.

The lowest level of the home encompasses a triple garage, a gym, storage areas and a wine cellar that features blackbutt cabinetry with feature inlays, made by cabinetmaker Hugo Vriezen and all lit from behind with a lightbox.

As the clients wanted a home they could remain in when they were older, the home was fitted with a lift.

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