

Testimonial

From: John Fraurud. 8 Howson Approach, Floreat Park.

To: Ron & Jay Mangano, Devrite Homes of Distinction.

It is sometimes the small and unexpected that can make such an enjoyable journey.

My wife and I had wanted to move from the Northern Suburbs after our four children had left home to the Floreat Park area. So we bought a 395sq m block of land in the Perry lakes Estate sub-division where the Commonwealth Games Stadium was before it was demolished and rezoned for residential homes to follow on with the period of 1962, with International Contemporary style homes.

It was through the real estate agent who we commissioned to sell our house in the Northern Suburbs that mentioned in conversation that he had just completed a triplex building for himself and his family with a company called "Devrite Homes of Distinction" and suggested we have a meeting with Ron and Jay, husband and wife and Managing Directors of the company.

This was arranged and we met with them at our house before we sold in July 2013.

Karen, my wife and I had a number of homes while our four children were growing up and had experienced the frustrations with the building process with larger building companies. Because of this, our major consideration was to find a smaller boutique builder who was passionate about building our dream home and was small enough that we did not end up another frustrated customer.

We decided that Devrite was to be our builder and that we would put our trust in Ron and Jay to build our new home.

Our journey began with Ron and Jay introducing us to Dean Bell who is their architect and to meet and discuss the style of home we wanted to have built. I had a good idea of the Contemporary Style homes we wanted to achieve and was impressed in the way Dean was able to pick up on our thoughts and incorporate his expertise in the design.

The style of home we wanted to build was to have Horizontal Lines, Contemporary Rendered White, with a simple open plan minimalistic interior and with full length corner windows to incorporate indoor and outdoor living

with a line of view from the entry through the home into the outdoor living areas.

The end result was Dean's design that achieved the minimalistic look and function. The designs were set and final drawing commissioned.

The approval process with Government and Shire bodies was done by Devrite with little involvement by us before the commencement of the build.

Devrite put down the concrete slab in July 2014.

“We were underway”

The building process took fifteen months to complete. The building journey for Karen and I has been wonderful with Jay and Ron overseeing the daily responsibilities of building our home. Communication between Jay and Ron was daily, with updates and forward planning discussions.

Jay Mangano was the instigator of sourcing and the making of the bronze marlin sculpture we have incorporated in our water feature, viewed from our kitchen and hall entry. Jay was also responsible for finding bathroom basins and bath direct from overseas manufacturers.

In all, Jay certainly went above and beyond to give us her undivided attention in detail ensuring that all components of the build were effectively covered.

Mean while.... Ron was busy onsite overseeing each part of the building process.

During this whole building process from the concrete slab to the completion of the house I would meet with Ron onsite nearly every day. I sometime wondered whose house this was, as he just loved being there. Even the new neighbours with their homes under construction with other builders would come over and say to me that “your site is always clean and your builder is always on site and that they did not see their builder or supervisor for weeks.” Ron became friends with our neighbours and other people up and down the street and they would ask Ron for advice on their new homes. Ron was always happy to accommodate when he could.

It also became a standard talking point with us that Ron wanted to live in the back room when the house was finished because he loved it so much.

Most weekends we would meet onsite for a few hours with Ron and Jay to consider options and the next stage of construction. I vividly recall both Ron and I on our knees pushing sand around mapping out the entrance ground levels to incorporate the unique steps we wanted to achieve to the front door.

Towards the end of the build Karen and I hopped we could be in our new home before Christmas 2015. Ron was aware of this and made sure that all his contractors finished before they closed down for their Christmas break. He also allowed for our landscaper and floor covering and curtain people to come in before handover. This was greatly appreciated by us and made our Christmas even more enjoyable.

There is so much more to this story which could be told. Ron and Jay have not only built our dream home but we have gained two fantastic friends and the cooperation of the Devrite team has made the building experience amazing.

Thanks Ron and Jay

John & Karen Fraurud.