





# PANORAMIC VISTA

## BORN TO ENTERTAIN – GREAT LAKES DISTRICT

Building a home in an established area requires careful contemplation, particularly when considering a sloping block and panoramic ocean views.

Located on a bend and surrounded by multi-storey dwellings, this house site offered fabulous potential as well as its share of challenges.

The resulting home by Bourne + Blue Architecture is a stunning property that considers the view, light considerations and access to cooling sea breezes.

A further design brief was to create a flexible home that could equally cater to a couple or a large family.

Ebony split-face blockwork anchors the building to the ground, while Hardies Newport Primeline weatherboards and Hardieflex were used to clad the main walls, tying the new dwelling to its seaside locale in the Great Lakes district.

An interesting feature is the Perforated Plywood ceilings from brimsply hoop pine,

which allow natural light to permeate throughout the home's centre.

With this in mind, an open staircase further lets the conditions upstairs filter through to the areas below.

The pattern of the ceiling is a feature in itself, while timber accents such as the handrail to the stairs add warmth to the living area.

The entertaining deck is perfectly positioned for panoramic views of the local beach, while an undercover section allows outside access irrespective of weather conditions.

The adjacent barbecue area has a sense of purpose thanks to substantial cabinetry, which reflects the importance of outside living to a coastal lifestyle.

Back inside, and comfortable blue couches echo the colour of the ocean beyond and help convey an instantly relaxed yet stylish feel.

To maximise the use of the bathrooms, while maintaining a sense of space, storage has been concealed in the wall cavities. Large, light tiles

add to the sense of spaciousness, while the frameless glass shower screen continues the sense of flow in the powder room.

At street level, the complementing cladding choices add visual appeal while the wide timber entry deck draws the eye forward.

Garaging level to the road offers easy property access, despite the sloping nature of the block, while the interior has also been designed for easy-living.

The owners can reside on the top floor, with the option for using downstairs bedrooms when extra space is required.

Finished in December 2007 after a 12-month construction period, project designer Sarah Manners, Corr Building and their teams have created a thoughtful home which meets a number of specific design requirements.

The home's clean lines, light-filled spaces and of course the ocean views, are sure to be enjoyed for many years to come.