

modern country

Relaxed Queensland living takes
on a cosmopolitan flavour

Plenty of shade was required
for entertaining in the
harsh climate.





This page A sense of space is created through three metre ceilings. **Opposite page above** Dark granite against white cabinetry gives the kitchen a modern feel. **Opposite page below** Antique wood finishes gives the home a rustic tone that fits well with its surroundings.



A traditional country setting was the choice for these Brentnall Homes clients. They wanted a large block of land in a premium location and decided on Riverstone Crossing, the newest premier estate on the Gold Coast.

Although the style was country, the clients wanted a contemporary twist. And with Brentnall Homes specialising in creating custom-designed home, this was more than achievable.

There was definitely a focus on the outdoors, with one of the main design elements being a connection with the surrounding bush from each room and plenty of space to relax outside. The main alfresco area is huge, with the whole home flowing outside. It was important this patio was under shade so it could be enjoyed under the harsh summer rays and in the winter. The pool is also situated close by for essential cooling off.

The home contains five bedrooms, all with walk-in wardrobes. The master bedroom features an ensuite with therapeutic hydrothermic bath and tiling to the ceiling. Chocolates, mochas and cream colours were used in these rooms to achieve a feeling of calm sophistication. Stone was also used to add a certain roughness and further connection to the outdoors.

The materials in the home's other rooms were kept light and rich, with plenty of timber and natural materials. An Australian red gum bar was built for entertaining, with granite used for the kitchen. White veneer cabinetry was selected to modernise the space. A media room also allows a place for the kids or adults to escape.

One of the things you notice in the home is the sense of space brought about by the three-metre ceilings — a signature in all Brentnall Homes.



In the living room the space was extended up further with a five-metre cathedral roof.

The garage was designed with the client's family in mind. A wide interior makes it easy for car doors to be fully opened and there's plenty of access to the boot. A boat shed next to the home was also designed and supplied by Brentnall.

The nature of the home is very focused towards enjoying the environment and the team at Brentnall was also very aware of incorporating a passive solar design and plenty of cross-ventilation. All living areas were oriented north to avoid the sun and the family uses water run-off from the Colorbond roof.

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A limestone render was applied to the façade to accentuate a rustic feel, with solid timber and stone pillars framing the timber front door. Detailing has been given with forged-iron hinges, and within the home through Victorian mouldings and a careful layering of materials.

The home is a retreat, the premier location matched with premium design by Brentnall Homes. The space was designed to tailor to the clients' every need, something that is very close to the Brentnall team's heart. Delivering dream homes with no exception.