

Contemporary Country Retreat



Located at the foothills of the Cathedral Ranges, this rural home by multi-award winning custom builder Hedger Constructions, provides the perfect, lock and leave, low maintenance place for a Melbourne couple to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and immerse themselves in tranquil bush surroundings.

The approach for the project was based on simplicity, balance and restraint - enabling the home to sit harmoniously with its surroundings whilst having a contemporary design and feel. Pared back, but highly detailed, the material and form selection incorporated textured materials, subtle plays on matt and gloss, graphic shape and unexpected colour to create the perfect contemporary, country retreat.



Designed by Detail9 Architects, the property maximises both thermal efficiency and available views, having been cut into the hillside of the sloping building site and centred around a spacious and inviting open-plan living space.





A concrete bench seat padded with tan leather anchors the central fireplace to create the perfect window seat to relax and enjoy the rural vista. The glass behind is double-glazed and toughened and the angled edge of the fireplace makes for a comfortable back rest. Above it a rattan pendant casts a warm light, contrasting with the greenery outside.



Large sliding doors enable the main living areas to spill out onto the surrounding deck areas – doubling the living space, bringing the outside in and allowing the clients uninterrupted views of the beautiful landscape beyond.



Custom-made concrete basins match the shape of the curved walls in the bathroom which also feature textured, handmade Moroccan tiles beautifully complemented with brass tapware.

Two wings, each containing two bedrooms and a bathroom are connected by glass linkways on either side of the main living space, creating a mirror image floorplan that provides privacy and separation for the owners and overnight guests.

With interiors by Doherty Design, pendants, surface-mounted spots, recessed downlights and circular wall lights create the perfect ambience, complemented by sensory fabrics, soft colour and objet d'art.

This contemporary country home is understated, yet highly detailed through its architectural design and the expert craftsmanship that can be seen throughout - a testament to the skill and experience of the award-winning Hedger team.

For over 30 years, Hedger Constructions has been winning awards for their innovative custom created homes in Melbourne and regional Victoria. Ongoing referrals and second builds for clients, bears testimony to this company's track-record of building beautiful, sustainable luxury homes over and over again.

Renown for homes created on sloping blocks and hilly terrain, Hedger's firm commitment to sustainable building practices, fostering strong, collaborative client relations, combined with reassuring attention to detail and the latest innovation features and products, ensures constructions which clients are proud to call home.



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