



LONG AWAITED BIRTH OF A DISTINCTIVE NATURAL HOME

Inspired.

THAT IS JUST ONE OF THE SUPERLATIVES THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN EXPERIENCING THIS STUNNING RESIDENCE AT BLUEWATER, LOVINGLY DESIGNED AND BUILT BY PIET AND VICKIE BAXTER OF MODERN RUSTIC.



It is so different, so spectacular in its individuality, a refreshing change for Cairns.

“We are very happy with the end result, but this is just a tiny sample of all the many different styles planned in keeping with our unique, sustainable and personalised building methodology,” says Vickie.

“Ideas abound and the sky’s our limit – we’re sourcing fantastic products, and achieving amazing results by thinking, and sourcing, outside the square.

“Wherever possible, we utilise local suppliers. We’re delighting in finding amazing locals with unmatched quality of raw materials on our doorsteps, like our beautiful old Queensland maple that was tucked away in Kuranda,” says Vickie.

Warm country meets cool industrial in this stunning house of perfect combinations and creativity. Superb feature walls comprising gently stained pallet wood meet rustic concrete floors polished and polished yet again for longevity of sheen and to achieve non-porosity and a truly natural ambience.

Exterior quality Hardie panels give the appearance of tempered concrete, lining the wall behind a neat indoor garden running the length of the living area. High louvres combine with opposing doors and windows to draw breezes to

naturally cool the interior in the tropical summer.

“Available local supplies don’t always match our vision, so we’ve been very creative in sourcing materials, requiring a degree of flexibility in design. But sometimes, perfect resources just reveal themselves in the oddest places, and it all helps in achieving a more affordable high-end finish.

“and if we cant find it, we make it, the front door handles came from scrap steel . Look at them now, really sexy!” Vickie says. The solid, gloss black handles are nothing short of fabulous.

“We’ve aimed to create a beautiful, liveable space. It’s an insulated timber frame, which is sustainably produced, covered in cypress, naturally termite resistant, and weathers to a beautiful silver over time.

Space, light and air abound. Subtle hues and the occasional splash of vivid colour blend perfectly with natural elements, combining with the tactile delights of cleverly selected materials and textiles used to perfection to create a truly exquisite, yet wholly practical living space.



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