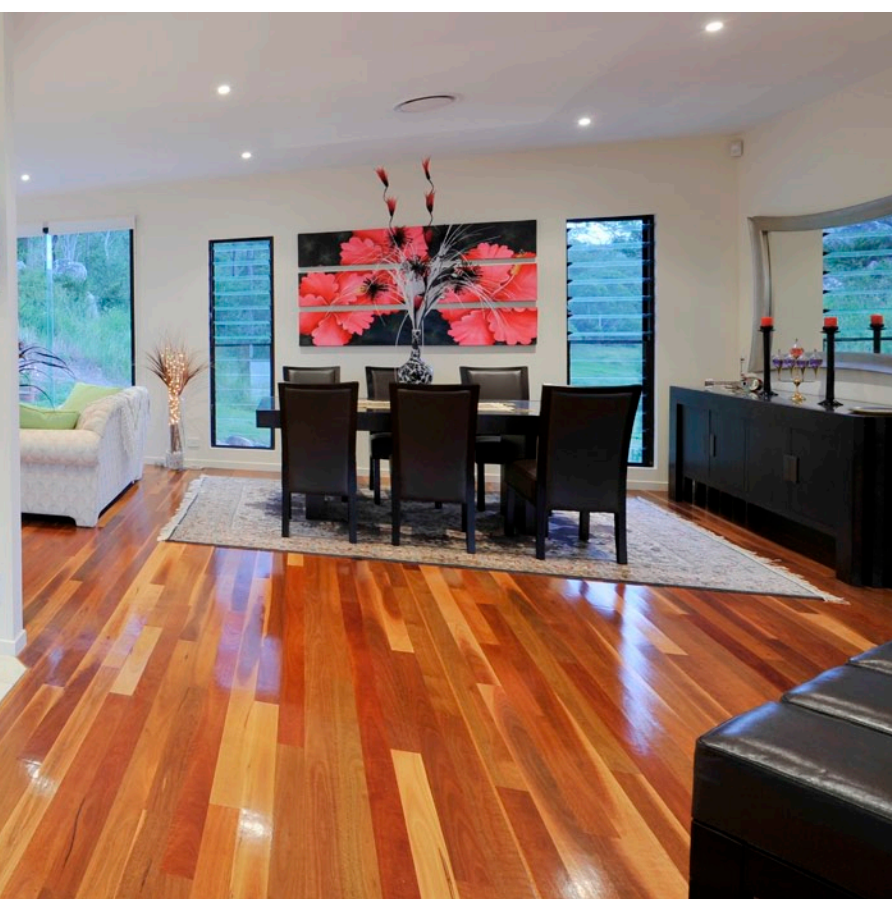


The Indoors, Outdoors

With a backdrop of gum trees and a cosy rural ambience, this comfortable family home designed by East Coast Building Design enjoys not only a generous corner block but also an expansive western view out to the mountains.





The sloping site led to the creation of a pavilion style home that incorporates multiple levels without appearing like a three storey home from within. Stairwells at the interchanges naturally separate living, sleeping and working areas within the house, reducing the need for corridors. The result is a home with a feeling of openness and space, though each room enjoys an element of privacy. Careful window placement also allow cross flow breezes and natural convection.

The best views originate from high on the site away from the road and directly to the west. Orientation towards the north and west ensures the home benefits from the view while still having strong northern access to catch the warming winter sun. The benefit of the home's pavilion style is that every room has views to the mountains and access to plenty of natural light and breezes.

Though interior design was not East Coast's responsibility, they ensured that there was plenty of scope for alternatives within the easy and natural layout. They installed lots of timber louvre windows, which compliment the timber flooring and contrast with the tiled spaces. Stone bench tops were also fitted, giving the functional kitchen a luxurious feel.

Extensive use of large sliding doors and frameless glass panels allow the beautiful, tranquil surrounds to flow together with the indoor spaces. A large timber deck that wraps around the living

areas provides a peaceful place to relax and enjoy the lovely views and fresh country air.

Huge, car-sized boulders on the site made excavation in the traditional sense unviable, hence the design of the home is such that it floats across the top of these immovable masses as required. Extensive use of lightweight cladding, including pre-painted steel and plywood reduced the extent of earthworks and heavy foundations. The result is a house that appears to rest gently on the landscape.

Country style and modern open plan living seamlessly combine to create a functional family home and quality lifestyle on a modest budget.

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