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Boomerang House

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It's not often you have the opportunity to holiday in a brand new stylish home, having the privilege of being amongst the first to experience the joy of clever modern design, new furnishings, and the feeling that it could be yours – at least for a few days.

Combine these features with a beautiful south west location and a feeling of truly escaping, it's a safe bet that guests of Boomerang House will return.

Nestled within a hillside on a rural property between Dunsborough and Yallingup with uninterrupted views down a valley to native bush and towering marri trees, Boomerang House is a private minimalist sanctuary. Designed and built in a boomerang shape to maximise the views, the house nestles into the block and reaches out to the trees, hugging the view, creates a surprising sense of space when the house itself is modest in size.

Raw materials are a feature of the two-winged home, with concrete floors and roof, floor to ceiling glass, feature ivory exposed brick and acoustic timber panelling.

This was the intent of owners Paul and Nadia Finch when they first briefed Perth architect Tim Wright.

"It started with that outlook down into the Valley through the trees," Paul said. "It's really one of the home's features. We liked the transparency of some of Tim's homes where you can look through from one side to the other. The other important element in the brief from us was raw materials

– nothing painted, no floorboards, no external exposed wood. We wanted it to be really raw, natural, low maintenance."

With the need to take in the beautiful aspect, Tim then needed to design the footprint as widely as possible.

"And because it faces south, I wanted to make sure we got the northern sun into the living area, so you can be here in winter and the sun comes right in," Tim said.

To do simplicity well takes a lot of planning and good design.

"When we started looking, we stayed in a lot of holiday homes and some were really big places that weren't particularly well designed," Paul continued. "They had a lot of wasted space and not much thought put into it. We really like good design and decided we needed someone to create something we really liked and didn't have to compromise."

Nadia added that minimal design was key for their holiday home. "A Palm Springs mid-century look - concrete and lots of glass to take advantage of the views.

The two wings of Boomerang House are connected by concrete floor and ceiling, but separated by a breezeway that provides an entertaining space with BBQ and wood fire, transitioning between the two indoor spaces.

Clever design means that from the open plan kitchen and living space, you can see into the second wing where kids might be playing or

watching TV, as well as out into the grassed walled courtyard space and down into the valley.

A large kitchen window doubles as a servery into the grassed courtyard that feels like an outdoor sunken lounge, perfect for afternoon drinks with friends.

The master bedroom is located next to the kitchen and living space, and two additional guest bedrooms are located within the second wing, with a TV lounge and additional bathroom.

As well as being visually appealing, Tim said the materials used in Boomerang House provided additional benefits.

"In holiday homes made of timber it's noisy. You can hear someone drop a fork in the kitchen at the other end of the house.

"This is going to last forever. It's concrete. It's strong, and that feeling is intentional. The trees around the home are strong, there's a strength about the whole place... and it's really quiet."

It's a home that holiday guests can make their own and adapt to suit how they holiday – with kids, friends, or as a couple. Although its shape celebrates one of Australia's most recognizable icons, the house would sit comfortably in a ski resort in Colorado or Scandinavia.

Other smart design elements include louvered windows providing cross-ventilation, underfloor heating, and full height two-way glass sliding doors to make the indoor outdoor living space adaptable.

Nadia and Paul have had a few escapes to Boomerang since it was completed.

"When we go down, we tend to not really go anywhere much. We love just hanging out, spending time together and having good meals," Nadia said.

But when they do on occasion step out to enjoy the enviable location their favourite local haunts are Barnyard 1978 on the way to Smith's Beach for breakfast or lunch, or down the road to Happs or Blind Corner organic wines for a tasting.

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