



Simple and stress-free

The way every home building project should be

Looking at this spectacular and extremely spacious home, it's hard to believe a small, outdated 1950s style, un-insulated home used to sit on the very same spot. With not enough room or storage, it quickly became clear to owners Mathew and Michelle that the residence was simply not up to the task of accommodating a growing family. So what was the solution? To knock down the existing house and rebuild their dream dwelling in its place. And with the help of the exceptional team from Classic Country Cottages, the building project was as painless and problem-free as the owners could have imagined.

"We had always had our heart set on building a timber home with more of a country and coastal style. There is another Classic built home in our street and we also went in a couple of the houses they had built that went up for sale in our area.

We both have very similar tastes and we loved the style of home that Classic builds," they explain.

"When we had the original home on the property we installed our pool and landscaped our backyard a year or more before doing the house, so we designed the pool area with the new home in mind. I designed and built a poolside beach house that was a sample of the materials and colours of what we wanted the new home to look like. This little beach house was the inspiration behind the design of the home," says Michelle, an interior designer at Mish Designs (www.mishdesigns.com.au).

Nestled in a leafy suburb on Sydney's northern beaches, this split-level dwelling looks right at home. Combine the district views with a home that boasts large, airy living areas, natural materials and textures, modern conveniences, then it's not hard to see why Mathew and



A modern beach house was the inspiration behind this Classic Country Cottages home.

Michelle love their new family home. The large glazed areas including the gable windows allow an abundance of protected natural light in the house and coupled with the carefully designed breeze paths, the home passively creates a high level of thermal comfort inside.

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Exposed, cathedral ceilings are a feature of this magnificent home, as are the all-white walls and ceilings, and dark polished floors throughout. The large, open-plan living and dining area creates a central energy point in the home and flows out to the entertaining and pool area. These are all features that come together to enhance the home's natural feel and charm.

When briefing the team at Classic, Mathew and Michelle were adamant they knew what they wanted. "Classic was able to take our brief and improve on it and add their signature features to make it even better, as well as offering the environmentally friendly aspects to leverage on the heating and cooling benefits etc," Michelle explains.

"While our home has the Classic signature elements incorporated into the external appearance, our floor plan is unique to us. Nearly our entire upstairs storey is a large, open-plan parent's retreat which is the focal point to the house. Storage was a major priority for us as the original house had none. Nearly every room has built in cabinetry that has been designed and made for this house. I spent hours with the cabinet maker going through every draw and cupboard through the house to maximise storage."

Looking at the photographs, there's no doubt this Classic Country Cottages home has been beautifully designed and built, but what are the Classic team like to deal with? Mathew and Michelle say the team from Classic were great to work with from start to finish. "We are extremely happy with it. You hear many stories about problems people have experienced with their

builders and during construction, however, we didn't experience any of these."

And has the home met their expectations? "It is better than we expected. We couldn't wait to move in and start enjoying it. We are so happy and we are now enjoying what we set out to achieve — which was a family home that we can stay in for 20 years. We can see that the design we have created with the kids downstairs and parents retreat upstairs is going to be perfect for this."

"Decorating is what I do best. The decorating is very Hamptons style with some French inspired pieces also. I have a love for antiques, pre-loved and rustic pieces so have incorporated

The Hamptons-inspired interior design adds to the home's fresh, modern appeal.

these into the home," says Michelle.

So would the couple recommend Classic Country Cottages to others thinking of building their dream home? "Absolutely. We have recommended them to lots of people. In fact, we have already spoken with Classic about building an investment property."

If you're looking for an expert builder to build a stunning custom-designed home for your family without any fuss and bother, give Classic Country Cottages a call.





Building dreams

Classic Country Cottages homes sit easily and unobtrusively within the surrounding landscape, combining modern conveniences with quintessentially Australian looks

Since its establishment in 1990, Classic Country Cottages has designed and built numerous homes. The Classic team has years of combined experience, incorporating the company's timeless architecture with today's high-tech developments including passive thermal comfort and energy efficiency. The resulting homes are attractive, sit easily within the surrounding landscape and boast a number of sustainable and environmentally friendly, energy-saving features.

EXCLUSIVITY

Classic Country Cottages has chosen to remain relatively small, in order to continue providing the personal service that has proved the key to their success. The company offers a range of standard designs as a starting point, including beach houses and romantic timber country homes; these standard designs can also be modified to suit the site, orientation, council controls etc, strengthening the company's ethos of building individual homes. Classic also creates custom designs in collaboration with clients. Its complete design service allows clients to work with the designer to create a home that meets their personal requirements and makes the most of their site's unique features. Even homes from the standard design range can be customised to suit the clients' site, budget, family size and other considerations.

ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS

Classic Country Cottages homes utilise passive solar elements, high levels of insulation, breeze paths and smart orientation to allow owners to warm and cool their homes with minimal energy consumption. Classic homes also have low embodied energy, being mainly built from sustainably managed plantation timber that continues to store carbon long after the tree is felled. Visually, Classic homes are designed to sit easily and unobtrusively within the surrounding landscape.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Classic Country Cottages offers a variety of building stages, from lock-up to completion, with each stage carefully project-managed and the client kept directly involved. Working on a limited number of homes per year allows the Classic team to dedicate the time and resources needed to achieve the highest standards





Working on a limited number of homes per year allows them to achieve the highest standards on every project.



on every project. Classic Country Cottages aims to never build the same home twice and almost all of its current builds are customised, with options available in everything from floor plans to finishes. Classic Country Cottages' designs are constantly evolving, and the team looks forward to continuing to create attractive and comfortable high-end homes in the future.

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