



Simple and stress-free

The way every home building project should be

Looking at this spectacular and extremely spacious abode, it's hard to believe a small, outdated 1950s weatherboard home used to sit on the very same spot. Rundown and with no room to move, it quickly became clear to Lucas and Peta Barry, the owners of the poky two-bedroom home that previously occupied the site, that the residence was simply not up to the task of accommodating a growing family. So what was the couple's solution?

To knock down the existing house and rebuild their dream dwelling in its place, of course. 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 ever imagined.

Whether you call it fate or a fluke, the Barrys are just extremely thankful that they came across the Classic Country Cottages website while searching for the perfect builder to rebuild their family home.

"It was just by chance that we stumbled across Classic Country Cottages through their website," Lucas explains. "Ultimately, when we decided to build a new home, we didn't want a 'McMansion', but a new home that was sympathetic with the area and also had some unique qualities in appearance and functionality. And, thanks to Classic Country

Cottages, that's exactly what we got."

As well as boasting an extensive portfolio of stylish custom-designed homes that suited their needs and style perfectly, Lucas and Peta were also very impressed with the high level of customer service offered by the Classic team.

"When we first met with Mark, one of the designers with Classic Country Cottages, we were really impressed from the very beginning — he was very accommodating without being pushy and didn't try to pressure us into signing a contract right from the start," Lucas tells us. "He came to look at the block, showed us the portfolio of designs and knew what he was talking about, so it was easy for Peta and I to become comfortable with the work Classic Country Cottages have done in the past and the whole building process."

This sealed the deal for the couple and it wasn't too long before they signed along the dotted line to get the experienced builders onboard to construct their brand-new abode.

Nestled in a leafy suburb on Sydney's northern beaches, this multi-split-level dwelling looks right at home set among the beautiful greenery with a magnificent bush reserve as its backdrop. Combine the stunning views with a home that boasts large,

airy living areas, natural materials and textures, a classic neutral colour scheme and modern conveniences galore and it's not hard to see why Lucas and Peta love their new family abode.

When briefing the team at Classic Country Cottages, Lucas and Peta had only a few things on their must-have list: a simple yet functional design that was spacious, offered loads of natural light, utilised the land well and suited the landscape.

To tick every last point off the couple's wish list, Classic Country Cottages adapted the Wyunna, a popular design from their Beach House range, for the property. And, as you can see, the result is a beautiful, inviting home that suits the family's lifestyle and every need.

"Ultimately, Peta and I wanted a home that was as simple as possible," Lucas reveals. "We didn't want a lot of living spaces — just one main living and dining area that created a really good central energy point in the house and flowed out to the backyard.

"Because we have a north-facing block, Peta and I also wanted to maximise the amount of natural light in the house, which is good for energy efficiency as well as comfort inside the home," Lucas elaborates. "We also have great views of the valley from our property, so we wanted to utilise features that would take advantage of the view without compromising our neighbour's privacy."

Due to the shape and incline of the site, modifying the design to suit the unique block of land was not without a few challenges, but luckily Classic Country Cottages was up to the task.



"Our block is pretty unique as the land has a very steep gradient and slopes into the left corner, so it's not very functional," Lucas explains. "We've also got an old waterfall in the backyard and bushy cliffs, which made the site difficult to work with."

To overcome the tough terrain and make the home functional both inside and out, subtle levels were cleverly incorporated into its design to flow with the natural gradient of the land. Some of the other unique and appealing design features found around the home include stunning elevated cathedral ceilings, large gable-end windows and lovely timber features that enhance the home's natural feel and charm.

Looking at the photographs, there's no doubt that this Classic Country Cottages home has been beautifully designed and built, but the question on everyone's lips is what is the Classic team like to deal with?

As Lucas reveals, the team from Classic were a dream to work with from start to finish. "We thought they were exceptional. The whole process was quite pressure-free and not stressful at all," he says. "They kept us appraised, met our expectations and were really flexible when it came to making decisions about building materials."

Lucas adds: "All the tradespeople were highly professional and worked well together. They also had respect for us and our home throughout the process and allowed us to have regular access to view the site, which was really appreciated."

So would the couple recommend Classic Country Cottages to others thinking of building their dream home?

"Without a doubt!" Lucas exclaims. "Essentially, it really comes down to the fact that they stand behind their product, take a lot of pride in what they do and offer great customer care. We really couldn't be happier."

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



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Class act

Another stunning design from Classic Country Cottages

The creation of this magnificent residence was a collaboration between Classic Country Cottages' designers and the client. As with all of Classic's homes, flexibility and design have produced an outstanding result.

This house could quite easily be at home on a coastal location or sprawling country outlook. Extra-wide hallways and entry are stand-out characteristics of this traditional home. Exceptionally large, open living areas with high, flat and cathedral ceilings complement a double-glazed skylight, enhancing the appearance of the home and achieving a high level of natural light and warmth.

One of the main features of this residence is the potential for entertaining. The dining area leads to a large timber deck outside via large bi-fold doors, creating a seamless transition from the outside in that is so often evident in a Classic design. In the kitchen, the premium CaesarStone benchtops with glass window splashback enhance this effect.

The family room was carefully positioned to be a short stroll from the living area and also features a

generous deck for entertaining, or could even act as a separate haven away from the main living space. The laundry and ground-floor bathroom are also located nearby.

The first floor accommodates three large private bedrooms, master with walk-in robe, ensuite and impressive cathedral ceilings. The master also features its own deck, covered by the main roof and carefully positioned to allow light in and passively heat the rooms. The fourth ground-floor guest bedroom is conveniently located away from main bedrooms to ensure privacy.

The rumpus room is carefully positioned on the lower level and can be used as a private retreat, with its large glazed French doors opening onto the main deck area. Every space in the home was thought about and used carefully. Even the area under the stairs was cleverly used as an office in the study.

The wide staircase and high raked gable windows above the first-floor sitting area add to the roomy feel of the home by allowing natural light to dance off the varying ceiling planes and blend with an unspoiled shift between ceiling lines.





Outside, a mixture of rendered finish, weatherboard cladding, hardwood decking, stainless-steel wire rigging and the rich warmth of timber stairs create an inviting entry. The main outdoor entertaining area, while sparse and open, is kept private with hardwood timber screens. Extended eaves are also a key feature, ensuring function, thermal comfort and an attractive presence that is an unmistakably Classic design.

This home not only incorporates functionality and space, but also modern architecture with timeless design. What has been created is a home that is relaxed, welcoming and yet striking in its details.

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