



Image courtesy of Classic Country Cottages

# custom-built homes

Custom-built homes are perfect for home builders with exact requirements and tastes.

Finding a reputable builder is the first and perhaps the most important step in the process towards creating your dream home — one designed with your needs, style and site in mind.

A custom builder will guide you through everything from the design to the construction stage, and will work towards making your wishes a reality. They can also co-ordinate and manage the whole project to ensure everything stays on track and that the end result lives up to your expectations.



# Timeless designs

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.

**01.** Classic Country Cottages can provide standard designs as a starting point.

**02.** High-end living areas.

**03.** A modified version of the Seaforth design.

## 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



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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.





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#### 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 on every project. Classic Country Cottages aims to “never build the same home twice” and almost all of their 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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# Seeing the light

Classic Country Cottages helped the Stanilands build their grand beach house, complete with large living areas and lots of natural light

The creation of this magnificent residence was a collaboration between Classic Country Cottages' designers and their clients, Richard and Betty Staniland. The house is located in Mona Vale, Sydney, just a 15-minute walk to the beach. As with all of Classic's homes, flexibility and good design have produced an outstanding result.

"We found this design in *BuildHOME* magazine. We went and looked at the house and decided it was exactly what we wanted. Very open plan, very light," say the Stanilands.

The design was customised to suit their block of land and their lifestyle, and their brief included

01. The Stanilands say their new home is "exactly what we wanted."

02. A large verandah enables outdoor entertaining.



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open plan living, accommodation for their grandchildren, and a reading room as a getaway.

All this and more was achieved in the design. Wide hallways and entry are standout characteristics of this traditionally themed home. Exceptionally large, open living areas and cathedral ceilings complement the space, achieving a high level of natural light and warmth.

There is excellent potential for entertaining throughout the home. The kitchen and living areas lead onto a large timber deck via glass sliding doors, creating a seamless transition

from outside to inside. In the kitchen, premium Caesarstone benchtops and a glass window splashback enhance its modern design appeal.

The first floor accommodates three large bedrooms, two with walk-in robes. The master bedroom also includes an ensuite. The wide staircase and high raked windows have been carefully positioned to create a passive solar thermal device. They also 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, as with the interior, the Stanilands have made it their own by adding extras — in this case extensive landscaping, a motorised awning, and even an outdoor shower for when coming back from the beach.

A mix of weatherboard cladding, hardwood decking, decorative timber balustrades and the rich warmth of timber stairs create an inviting entry. The main outdoor entertaining area is spacious and open, and can be kept private with timber screens.

There is no doubt that this Classic Country Cottages home has been beautifully designed

03. Cathedral ceilings complement the living spaces.

04. Elegant interior design adds to the home's light and airy feel.

and built, but the question is, what is the Classic team like to deal with?

"This was the easiest build ever, nothing was a problem" Richard said. "The team at Classic were very accommodating and efficient, and we sailed through without a complaint."

The couple moved into their new home in November 2012 and have quickly settled in.

"It's great. We are enjoying everything we set out to achieve. The house works well and we just love it. We love the area; it's a complete lifestyle change for us."

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