

ROOM WITH A VIEW

An old fisherman's cottage is transformed into a magnificent contemporary home



Gorgeous panoramic views lighten up the living space.



OTHER FEATURES ADDING TO THE HOME'S INVITING FEEL ARE THE BEAUTIFUL GAS FIREPLACE THAT WARMS THE WHOLE HOUSE, AND THE ABUNDANT NATURAL LIGHT.

A modern fireplace gives warmth and comfort.



Soft neutrals and creamy hues were embraced in the bedroom.

WITH THE SYDNEY HEADLANDS SERVING AS AN EXQUISITE BACKDROP, IT'S NO SURPRISE THIS HOME OFFERS A BREATHTAKING FINISH.



Glass walls increase the home's sense of space.

This modern residence draws inspiration from nature and is a far cry from its original structure. The existing house was an old fisherman's cottage that was made of fibro, tin and timber. The brief was to replace this cottage with a fresh and modern design that took advantage of the beautiful surrounding views and created a warm, inviting ambience for a busy family.

The dwelling now includes four bedrooms, four bathrooms, a family room, dining, kitchen and separate formal lounge, as well as a study, pool and balconies that overlook the majestic views. With the design prowess of Phillip Corben of Corben Architects and Ruth Meli of Meli Studio, as well as Joe Meli's building experience, this family hub was built specifically to suit the client's needs.

A number of design considerations were taken into account. The size and unusual shape of the land had to be accommodated to ensure the home achieved a consistent and seamless flow, despite its tricky nature. A combination of natural materials that catch the eye was something Ruth really wanted to bring to the space. "Timber, sandstone and marble were used to play on the natural surrounding beauty and to complement the building," she notes. The team made it possible to enjoy the Sydney



The extravagant ensuite boasts innovative design.

headlands from as many rooms in the house as possible and it is a standout feature of the overall design.

It's easy to see nature's inspired look captured in the home's interior finishes. The kitchen features northern box timber flooring as well

as a CaesarStone Ice Snow benchtop, metallic coffee-coloured polyurethane cupboards and brushbox timber veneers. Northern box timber flooring appears again in the dining space, as well as a stunning natural wooden stick pendant light that hangs over the dining table.



Splashes of yellow give the design vibrancy.

Medici marble feature tiles in the wet areas are an ode to nature, while teak decking, Himalayan sandstone and an exquisite water feature grace the outdoor space.

A pool in the small backyard is the epitome of family style. This addition makes the space

a haven for fun times and an outlet to soak up the contemporary natural surroundings. It's one of Ruth's favourite features of the home, as well as the living spaces that promote a family-friendly environment. "The design offers a warm, modern feel," explains Ruth. "It's a great

place to entertain family and friends, with an open-plan living zone that extends from the pool at the back of the house to the front balcony overlooking the Sydney headlands."

Other features adding to the home's inviting feel are the beautiful gas fireplace that warms the whole house, and the abundant natural light. The main living areas are oriented to the east, allowing the natural light to fall through the living zones. Home to a busy family, this residence needed to withstand the hustle and bustle of a busy day-to-day life. To ensure this, Ruth used low-maintenance materials throughout as well as extremely durable finishes.

With the Sydney headlands serving as an exquisite backdrop, it's no surprise this home offers a breathtaking finish. And with Ruth Meli's touch, it is now also a warm and inviting space that caters to all the needs of a growing family. ■

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