



Clockwise from left The kitchen is within easy access of the entertaining areas; finials add interest to the facade; the lounge catches the afternoon sun so it is a lovely spot to sit during winter.



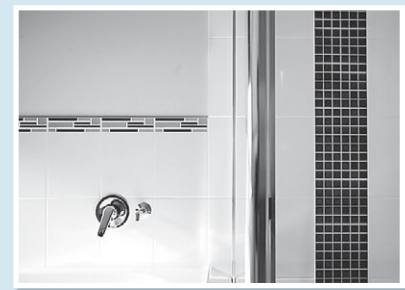
HOME VIEW

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quick cover

Wattyl Labrador Blue creates a relaxed feeling in the main bedroom. The luxury low sheen paint is 100 per cent acrylic and has low volatile organic compounds. The second coat can be applied in two hours. It covers 14sqm per litre. \$69/4 litres, Wattyl 132 101.



on the wall

Gasparre Luxe Mosaico Gris online border tiles (200mm x 300mm) create an attractive feature in the bathroom. The white gloss wall tiles have a chocolate brown and grey accent feature strip to add interest and contrast to the brilliant white cabinetry and bath tub. \$3.30 each, Direct Interiors 8366 7788.

MISSION POSSIBLE

This happy couple finally realised their life-long dream when they built the Avignon design from Fairmont Homes

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When Peter and Sue Sandberg decided to build they wanted a bigger house than their current family home and a design that would require less maintenance.

"Going for a bigger home that requires less work sounded impossible," Sue says. "But this design really makes looking after a home easy, with lots of storage options and choosing the right colours for the décor."

"When Peter turned 50 we decided it was time to build our own home because it was always something we wanted to do. Our eldest son had already built one and we basically followed him around the display homes while he was looking for what he wanted. When we walked into the Avignon home we just fell in love with it."

"We have always had a pool table in our home and, with this design, having a dedicated games room was just perfect."

The four-bedroom home has the main suite at the front, set behind a box bay window. It includes a large ensuite with twin vanities, shower and separate toilet. Opposite is a home theatre, which Sue and Peter use as a formal lounge. "We haven't put a television in there yet so it is a nice

place to escape to for a bit of quiet time," Sue says. A display niche at the end of the entry hall provides the ideal spot to show off feature pieces, with a door leading to the open-plan meals, family and games zone.

A large kitchen includes a walk-in pantry, island bench with breakfast bar, integrated stainless steel appliances and overhead cupboards. "The way the kitchen is designed just makes everything easily accessible and within reach," Sue says.

Sliding glass doors open from the meals and games room to a large, undercover entertaining space outside. A private hallway runs behind the kitchen to the three minor bedrooms – including one with a walk-in wardrobe. "Our son Greg moved back in with us when we built this home and grabbed that room because the robe provides so much storage space," Sue says. "Next to it is also a walk-in linen cupboard, which I had never seen before, and it is fantastic for keeping things tidy."

The couple flipped the position of the bathroom and laundry because they didn't want the door opening onto the toilet.

"Fairmont was really great with everything we wanted," she says. ■



Quiet time Sue and Peter Sandberg relax in the lounge, above; the main bathroom, below.



off the plan

Builder Fairmont Homes
Design Avignon
Location Corrimal Ave, Noarlunga Downs
Price from \$135,522
Open Sun|Mon|Wed|Sat 1.30pm-5pm
Contact 8186 6134 or 8112 3112
Details 260.15sqm total size
 211.30sqm living area | 16.95m width
 14.93m depth | 2.4m ceiling
 4 bedrooms | 2 bathrooms