



The 12m-long plunge pool can be seen from the living area and the main suite.

# The art of a perfect lifestyle



## ■ Len Findlay

It is usually said with a slightly sheepish look: “I am no art expert but I know what I like.” That does not apply to this Floreat home, for the owners are art experts. And they know what they like.

They like the home that Dean Humphrey and his team at Humphrey Homes have provided: a home expressly built around their art collection.

From the eye-catching bright orange facade above the silver garage door, to the hidden lights and concealed hanging devices, the home has been custom-built for their big collection of paintings, ornaments, glass art and other items.

Mr Humphrey, whose company provides a complete service, from architect designs to building, said: “Once we started working through the initial design brief, we realised

that this home was going to be designed around our clients’ stunning art collection.”

During the design and construction, the company called the home “The Art Gallery”.

The home was originally planned as a two-storey dwelling but as discussion proceeded, it became obvious that a big single-level was the best outcome.

Inside the wooden pivotal front door is a section with a big glass piece which is tastefully lit, as are many of the items.

On the entrance wall is a long niche which hosts five glass pieces, again, each one individually lit.

There are no cornices in the home; but what looks like shadowline throughout, on closer inspection, turns out to be a cleverly hidden hanging system for paintings.

Lights throughout the home

are designed to highlight and enhance the artworks.

But it is not an art gallery. It is a large, roomy home.

There are three bedrooms, all big, with the main suite overlooking the 12m-long plunge pool, which can also be seen from the main living area.

A big, sliding glass cavity door separates the main suite from the main living area and another closes off the ensuite, which has two dressing rooms, twin vanities, and a separate shower and toilet.

The other bedrooms are at the front of the home, near the spacious study. There is a powder room as well as a bathroom.

The living space is big and is overlooked by a kitchen, equipped with Miele appliances. There are wine fridges and a hidden pantry.

The windows looking out to the pool are Anita frameless

design, with the top sliding down to take advantage of any breezes available. There is a storage room adjoining the garage and the laundry room has heaps of storage space.

“We worked closely from day one helping to develop their design requirements and then assisting with their interior and exterior selections, including dedicated lighting to suit their artwork,” Mr Humphrey said.

“It’s very rewarding to have customers so thrilled at the end of a project.”

Mr Humphrey kept a big frangipani from the original house and it sits in the front garden.

Another is at the head of the pool, so each can be seen from the living area.

Quite artistic, really.

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