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HUMPHREY HOMES' BRIGHT AND SPACIOUS
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Number 3 Athelstan Road, a new custom build from Humphrey Homes, is the very definition of vintage Cottesloe houses with all the modern amenities on the inside, ensuring the end result is a beautiful and sublime residence for its new owner.

"The overall feel of Number 3 Athelstan is one of light and space," Humphrey Homes' Director Dean Humphrey said.

"It gives the home a very warm and inviting feeling."

Built on 593sqm the house is 257sqm overall. Tucked away from the main road and within walking distance of the beach, the home is spacious, beautiful and graceful.

"The owner, Nola Cruickshanks, had lived in the previous home for many years and decided she wanted to upgrade," Mr Humphrey said. "She approached us with the idea and told us that her current home was too old and too small."

Ms Cruickshanks wanted a traditional-looking home from the outside but bright, airy and spacious on the inside.

"It has a cute, traditional feel," Mr Humphrey said.

"Nola went with us because we're a local architectural practice."

Mr Humphrey said every client had unique requirements and it was his and his team's job to help translate that and use the design brief, coupled with their

invaluable experience, as a guide to give the client the best possible outcome."

As with most architectural projects Mr Humphrey faced some challenges with Number 3 Athelstan Road, namely dealing with limestone.

"The site was deceptively steep. There was quite a bit of limestone which needed to be removed," he said.

Number 3 Athelstan was designed in four months and took 10 months to build.

The home was designed around the passive solar principles including a large central courtyard which allows the dining and kitchen areas to fill up with natural light.

"We opened it to the public for one weekend. We received amazing feedback and we could have sold it twice," Mr Humphrey said.

"Our owner wanted timber windows in the front elevation to add to the traditional feel.

"The remainder of the home has commercial grade aluminium windows and we also used solid Blackbutt timber flooring."

With such an array of materials used to breathe life into 3 Athelstan it comes as no surprise the house has been nominated for an HIA Custom Built Award this year.

The house features two dedicated bedrooms as well as a library and living room, and a study that could double as another bedroom.

The master bedroom overlooks the rear garden to the south.

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Aside from the grace and charm of the house it is also environmentally friendly.

Mr Humphrey said the home was designed around the passive solar principles including a large central courtyard which allows the dining and kitchen areas to fill up with natural light.

"The eave over the courtyard was designed extra long to cut out sunlight in the height of summer," he said.

"All the windows have operable highlight windows over them to allow cross breeze and additional light and the home has PV cells to create its own power.

"There is also a large wrap around the

veranda at the front and shades the front of the home from the sun."

Number 3 Athelstan perfectly mixes the allure of the old with the designs of the new.

"The central courtyard really opens the house up to natural light and allowed us to use large windows in the hallway which connects the front passive and rear active areas of the home," Mr Humphrey said.

"It really is quite unique and special."

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