



Investment potential high in Mariners Cove package

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Pindan's residential projects manager for Mandurah was so impressed with a development of house-and-land packages at Mariners Cove that he bought one for himself.

Anthony Scurria said several Pindan staff members were among the buyers for the popular packages because they recognised the design quality and value of the contemporary homes and the investment potential of the sought-after location — and they knew they had been built well.

Mr Scurria's classy three-bedroom, two-bathroom home is one of more than 20 co-ordinated and complementary homes on neighbouring rear access compact blocks overlooking parkland at the heart of the estate, a short stroll from cafes and the canal waters, and minutes from the heart of Mandurah.

All the homes have stylish and modern elevations, in a mix of subtle finishes, including rendered brickwork in timeless shades and neutral Colorbond roofs. Low, rendered boundary walls separate the front gardens from the street and reduced setbacks ensure a continuity of style in the attractive streetscape.

For Mr Scurria, a feature limestone blade wall that dominates the front elevation was the point of difference that helped him decide which home he wanted to buy.

"I had the choice of several homes along the same part of the street but I really like the limestone feature in the front elevation because it makes the home stand out a bit," he said.

Rendered walls in a light stone colour provide a subtle backdrop for the limestone

feature wall that juts slightly from the facade and frames a matt silver-framed window with modern glazing bars.

Two corner windows flank the limestone wall and a pair of French doors open below a deep lean-to veranda, which also shelters the front door.

Inside, the width, length and height of the entry hall provides an immediate indication that his contemporary cottage is bigger than it looks from the street.

A door to the left opens to the main suite, where the French doors of the facade are a focal point in a spacious sleeping area.

There is a deep walk-in robe and a streamlined grey and white-tiled ensuite, including a three-door vanity unit with white vinyl-wrap cupboard doors and grey marbled laminate postformed benchtops, a recessed shower with a vertical row of decorator mosaic tiles and a separate toilet.

To the right of the entry, a short hall links the two minor bedrooms and the bathroom.

The trio of feature windows in the front elevation brighten one of the bedrooms, and the other has a private outlook along the side of the home. Both have a single built-in robe and enough floor space for a queen-sized bed or two single beds.

The bathroom has a two-door vanity unit with white vinyl-wrap cupboards and a grey marbled laminate benchtop, a big shower and a bath below a window.

At the back of the entry, the light-filled open-plan living zone provides plenty of space to comfortably accommodate a couple or a family with two or three children.

The kitchen is sleek and functional, with



a long and broad island bench to separate the cooking area from the adjacent living and dining areas, plus a parallel row of cabinets to house the underbench oven, four-burner gas cooktop and compact canopy range hood.

Overhead cupboards have a subtly striped matt-silver laminate finish and obscured glass panels, and two square, fixed-glass panels bring natural light on to the benchtop. Two narrow cabinets and pairs of deep pot drawers flank the oven, and the fridge recess and broad pantry are at each end of this row of cupboards.

The sink is centred in the long island bench, which has a deep overhang on its outside edge, for use as a breakfast bar.

The dining area has ample space to seat eight or 10 people and a glass sliding door in its back wall opens to the alfresco area and courtyard.

In the family room, windows frame a broad media recess and there is plenty of floor space for sofas.

Timber-framed French doors open into a separate home theatre, games room or office next to the family room.

At the back of this zone, the laundry has a bench-set trough in a four-door cabinet and a linen cupboard. It is here that the

shopper's entry from the double garage is located. The garage is accessed by a rear lane.

The home was an entrant in the 2007 HIA-ANZ Housing Awards.





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