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OSWALD HOMES' WHITSUNDAY TAKES ITS CUES  
FROM COLONIAL PLANTATION HOMES OF OLD



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## Plantation inspiration affords tropical allure

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**Just like the resort-styled homes of its namesake islands, Oswald Homes' Whitsunday isn't just an inspired design – it's a paradise destination.**

In contrast to Western Australia's warm Mediterranean climate, this custom home in Applecross transports visitors to the balmy tropical islands off North Queensland from which it derives its moniker.

It's easy to understand the motive behind the home's motif – who wouldn't want to feel like they live in a island paradise day in, day out?

"Casual, comfortable and happily unpretentious, the Whitsunday combines the grace of plantation homes with the laid-back allure of luxurious hideaways in Hawaii and the Caribbean," Oswald Homes Principal Designer Brook Leber said.

"The focus is on natural muted colours that soften bright light and work harmoniously with the inky blacks, cool whites and gentle green accents that typify the tranquil interiors of a coastal house.

"Furniture is contentedly oversized, materials include cane, rattan, bamboo and seagrass, and fabrics feature patterns showing tribal nuances, animal prints, cool botanics, natural history designs, palm trees and banana leaf motifs.

"Lush foliage provides an explosion of colour against whitewashed walls, timber window frames and coloured storm shutters, while deep wraparound verandahs extend living spaces outside and invite you to sit back, put your feet up and unwind."

With a vision to create a warm and inviting family home that had a feeling of relaxed elegance, the Whitsunday has 650sqm of living space spread across a large split-level residence.

An opulent master suite is located on the ground floor amongst an open-plan lounge, living, kitchen and dining area, while three generous bedrooms on the second level afford everyone maximum privacy and space.

"Key living spaces in this home are open-plan, free-flowing and family-friendly, while deep eave overhangs and verandahs provide welcome shade to help keep interiors cool and comfortable," Mr Leber said.

"Future options have also been considered with a double garage off the

rear laneway featuring a separate powder room which could form a pool house or possible ancillary accommodation."

Visiting friends and family are in for a treat, with a guest ensuite ensuring a more than comfortable stay.

A mesmerising outdoor alfresco which leads onto a dazzling pool area is the perfect spot to enjoy summer barbecues and festive celebrations in style.

Not your average four-by-two home built on a rectangular block, Mr Leber said this distinctive design had to accommodate some unusual topography.

"The architectural style is a unique adaptation for our suburbs, and whilst the home appears to be built on a standard size property, the block is actually 80m long, tapers from 24m to 8m and slopes over 4.5m," he said.

"Given the sloping and narrow nature of the home, the brief was to work with the block and combine indoor and outdoor spaces whilst maximising northern light and separating the various sleeping and living zones."

The Whitsunday is located at 19 Fraser Road in Applecross and is open for viewing on Saturdays and Sundays from 2-4pm.

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