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Family's Hamptons-inspired vision realised

Sometimes you come across a style and know it's everything you want and more. Just ask the young family who teamed up with Oswald Homes to design and build this Hamptons-inspired 'forever home' in Applecross.

It was the custom homebuilder's Long Island display home that sealed the deal for the family.

Just around the corner from their 1034sqm block, the Long Island had the timeless elegance, light, airy spaces and understated sense of grandeur the couple had been searching for.

Knowing they had found their inspiration – and a look that wouldn't go out of style any time soon – the couple worked hand-in-hand with the team at Oswald Homes to create their own version of the landmark five-bedroom, three-bathroom Hamptons-style stunner.

The result is a commanding two-storey residence that not only has all the space and function they were after, but has

the detail and fine finishes the luxurious Hamptons style demands.

From the timber-panelled vaulted ceilings, plantation shutters and traditional fireplaces, to the bespoke bookcases in the library and the custom-designed kitchen cabinetry, Oswald Homes captured the style and grace the couple had fallen for.

It's all a far cry from the tired, dated old property that was demolished to make way for the couple's new home.

Linen curtains move gently in the breeze at the French doors that open up to the newly landscaped gardens, while the American oak floors, stained a rich dark brown, are the perfect foil for the blue-grey undertones in the colour palette and the exquisite timber joinery, picked out in fresh white.

Upstairs, in the ensuite off the huge master bedroom, the natural stone floors, freestanding claw-foot bath and super-sized walk-through shower provide the ultimate in bathroom luxury.

Every square inch strikes a perfect balance between the everyday practical and the luxuriously beautiful.

Each space is a joy to be in, and

everywhere feels open, airy and filled with natural light.

Oswald Homes Principal Designer Brook Leber said the house had the sense of scale, balance and proportion that was so important in the upmarket beach houses found in the Hamptons, New York's summer playground.

"With its classic Hamptons-style details, this home's front facade has great street presence and will never look dull or flat," he said.

"We also included a central light-well to help bring natural light throughout the home, while the double-height ceiling in the library accentuates the sense of light and volume and brings an enhanced feeling of grandeur and stateliness.

"The 'bridge' that links the upstairs master suite to the minor bedroom wing adds a sense of whimsy as you can literally look down to the library below."

At the heart of the custom-built home is a huge open-plan kitchen and living area opening up to landscaped north-facing gardens and a shimmering blue pool.

It's the sort of light and airy indoor/outdoor space that will adapt as the needs of the young family change in the

years to come.

Moving into their new house just before their son's first birthday at the end of last year, the owners have been enjoying their first summer swims and the first of what will no doubt be many great barbecues spent with family and friends.

Guests staying over have their own bedroom suite on the ground floor, complete with an ensuite bathroom that doubles as a shower room after a dip in the pool.

Working closely with Oswald Homes Interior Designer Danielle Ellery, the owners perfected a slightly more ornate Hamptons-inspired look for their home.

For example, the posts to the staircase balustrade are turned rather than plain, and the cabinet handles in the kitchen have a more decorative detail than you might expect.

"The home has luxury interiors, but they are still family-friendly and not over the top," Mrs Ellery said.

Although the house demonstrates why Oswald Homes has become famous for its Hamptons-inspired homes, Mr Leber said the builder could turn its custom design and construction skills to any residential style.

"We've built contemporary as well as traditional homes for clients who have been inspired by styles ranging from mid-century modern to Georgian and modern beach house," he said.

"That's the beauty of building a luxury home with a custom builder.

"You can create exactly the home you want and don't have to be pigeonholed into a certain look."

