

Single storeys in style

Oswald Homes is reporting growing demand for deluxe single-storey designs, with baby boomers, families and young professional couples among the new breed of happy 'singles' building with the Perth custom homebuilder.

Oswald Homes Principal Designer Brook Leber said many clients were actively seeking out blocks perfect for a single-storey home, while many of those demolishing a tired old property were shunning two levels in favour of one.

"We're definitely noticing more call for single-storey homes, with the Hamptons, Coastal Plantation and Mid-Century Modern design styles proving particularly popular at the moment," he said.

"Baby boomer downsizers often like single-storey homes because they are a great solution for the long term, while families like the appeal of having everyone together on one level.

"There tends to be more interaction between the different living areas rather than being split over several floors.

"For many people, a single-storey home is simply more appealing because it can be quicker to build and more cost effective.

"Without the costs and constraints of an upper-floor slab, there's more money in the budget for wow factor features."

Open for a limited time in Claremont, the MCM by Oswald is a prime example of a deluxe single-storey with wow factor.

The home was designed and built for a family who added features such as double-glazing, under-floor heating and soaring raking ceilings, using the money they might otherwise have spent on dividing their home over two storeys.

"Expansive raking ceilings create a volume that would not have been possible if there was an upper storey above," Mr Leber said.



"There are just more design possibilities when there isn't an upper floor to factor in.

"The MCM is also a great example of a multi-generational single-storey design that can adapt as the owners' needs change.

"The guest suite, the master suite and the kids' wing may be all on the same level, but they are in separate areas of the home, while the voluminous living area, kitchen, multi-purpose room and alfresco zone is where everyone can gather and spend time together."

The multi-purpose room in this four-bedroom, three-bathroom home could be used as a kids' activity room, home theatre or hobby studio, while the additional double garage could do double duty as a rumpus room or 'man cave'.

"The MCM was inspired by the Mid-Century Modern style because the clients love retro-style furniture and collectibles, but single-storey designs can fit any style providing the

home has been carefully considered and thoughtfully detailed," Mr Leber said.

"As a custom homebuilder, Oswald can create an individual bespoke design, or we can tailor our existing designs, such as the MCM, to create a perfect fit without starting from scratch."

The MCM home won the award for Custom Built Home \$900,001-\$1.2 million at the recent HIA Perth Housing Awards.

The MCM on Riley Road, Claremont, is open 2-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays until it closes on December 11. Mr Leber will be on hand to show people around and answer any design questions from 2-4pm on Saturday November 12 and November 26.



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