

In the news

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12 *build* UNDER \$300,000

OLYMPUS

- * **builder**
Summit Homes
- * **price**
\$273,726 (\$289,684 in the South-West)
- * **location**
Sticks Blvd, Erskine (near Mandurah)
- * **open**
Today, 1pm-5pm; Monday and Wednesday, 2pm-5pm; Saturday, 1pm-5pm
- * **phone**
9333 0888 (9722 0300 South-West)
- * **website**
www.summitnewhomes.com.au

essentials

- * **size**
295.6sq m, including alfresco, portico and garage
- * **width**
15.11m
- * **depth**
23.75m
- * **bedrooms**
Four
- * **bathrooms**
Two, plus powder room
- * **garage**
37.24sq m

features

- * Games room
- * Bar
- * Theatre
- * Alfresco
- * Raking ceilings
- * Freestyle benchtops

trade secrets

- * A feature opening neatly connects the kitchen with the games room and bar.

ON CLOUD NINE

THERE'S more to the Olympus by Summit Homes than meets the eye. A big, beautiful family home, the Olympus is the first Summit design to carry a 9-star energy rating.

"The feedback we are getting is that homebuyers are more conscious of buying 'green' and playing their part in reducing their carbon footprint," says Tim Underwood, sales and marketing manager at Summit.

"Buyers want to build a home that not only looks great, but doesn't cost the earth."

The Olympus seems to fit the bill.

There are spacious zones for indoor/outdoor living and entertaining, a deluxe master suite, theatre room and a fourth bedroom that would make a great study.

Raking ceilings, Freestyle solid-surface benchtops, designer bathrooms and a sleek white kitchen give the Olympus the contemporary style that appeals to design-conscious second and third-time buyers.

Behind the wow-factor features is a range of elements that have contributed to the design's 9-star energy rating, including R4.0 insulation batts in the roof and air-cell insulation in the wall cavities.

"We have also moved the gas point to the alfresco as that also assists with the star energy rating," Tim says.

"Being outside means there are less vents in the

internal ceilings, which means that heat can't escape and cold air isn't trapped in."

Tim says, as a rule of thumb, north-facing living areas with windows to catch the winter sun will also contribute to a home's energy rating.

"While the 9-star energy rating for the Olympus is based on climate zone 52 (Swanbourne) with a northern orientation, an energy rating of six stars or more can be achieved in other climate zones and with other orientations," Tim says.

Designed to fit on a 17m-wide block, the Olympus makes the most of a view.

Stretching across the back of the house are the living room, the dining room and a spacious games room with purpose-built bar.

"We asked the Summit design team to deliver a home that maximised rear living opportunities and catered for a family that enjoys spending time at home," Tim says.

Whether it's taking in a canal view, bushland vista or simply a great outlook to a pool or landscaped gardens, the Olympus feels like a great entertainer.

There's also a home theatre with double doors that can quickly and easily become part of the main party space.

"We have certainly delivered with a number of dedicated areas to relax and entertain in," Tim says.

Raking ceilings are a design highlight, stretching from the dining area out to the alfresco for an even greater sense of height and volume.

Living spaces have been designed with flexibility in mind so that they can be furnished easily and to suit individual family needs.

In the kitchen there are countless drawers for storing everything from pot to plates, plus a curved section of benchtop, overhead cupboards, Ariston stainless steel appliances and a walk-in pantry fitted with opaque inserts to the double doors.

Tucked behind the garage, the master suite features a large walk-in wardrobe and a chic open-style ensuite where a glass panel separates the end of the bath from the bedroom. The double-sized shower and twin vanities also take their cues from hotel styling.

Paula Aubin

* Summit has developed variations of the Olympus starting at \$195,108 (\$199,950 in the South-West).



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