

In the news

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MONACO

builder Summit Homes
price \$311,200 (\$321,200 South-West)
location Lyon Rd, Wandi
is open Today, 1pm-5pm; Monday and Wednesday, 12pm-5pm; Saturday, 1pm-5pm
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essentials

is also 335.01sq m, including triple garage, porch and alfresco
width 17.99m
depth 26.71m
bedrooms four
bathrooms two, plus powder room
garage 57.24sq m

features

Rear master suite
Study
IT nook
Theatre room
Alfresco
Raking ceilings

trade secrets

Masterchef devotees might recognise the Ariston 900mm fan-forced electric oven and six-burner gas hotplate endorsed by celebrity chef Gary Mehigan.

SLICE OF PARADISE

WE'll be demanding more than ever from our outdoor entertaining areas this year, with swim-up bars, alfresco kitchens and freestanding cabanas on many a wish list. Summit Homes has gathered together a host of hot outdoor ideas in its Wandi display home, the Monaco.

"We called the home the Monaco because it brings a little bit of the French Riviera to Perth – the opulent living, the love of the alfresco lifestyle and a passion for entertaining," says Tim Underwood, sales and marketing manager at Summit.

There are features galore both inside and outside, from the negative detail in the kitchen and the built-in seat in the shower, to the raking ceilings and the covetable outdoor entertaining area.

It's the biggest Summit home on display in the metro area and the builder has gone to town to show homebuyers how they can create their own slice of paradise.

While they're not included in the price of the display home, the pool, the outdoor kitchen, the bar and the cabana are available as optional extras. With affordability continuing to drive design in the coming months, Tim says the market faces two options in 2012.

"It can scale back to meet clients' perception of affordability or it can keep on being pushed to deliver that wow factor," he says. "One element is certain, though – energy concerns will absolutely drive the design process in 2012."

Carrying an 8.5-star energy rating, the Monaco features spacious living areas designed to face north in line with the principles of passive-solar design.

"The rear living areas in particular are dominated by glass, which allows light to flood the main entertaining zones," Tim says. Raking ceilings, recessed ceilings and high ceilings have been used extensively to add volume, definition and detail, while the zoning has been carefully considered to suit a growing family.

There are even two studies – one for the adults and a separate IT space off the minor bedroom wing for the kids. Making the laundry a seamless extension of the kitchen highlights everyday functionality and the fridge/freezer recess has been cleverly concealed so that it doesn't interrupt the clean, clutter-free lines of the kitchen.

Approximately 4m long, the main stretch of kitchen benchtop is one of the longest Summit has featured in a display home. The raking ceilings in the dining area continue out to the large alfresco for smoothly integrated indoor/outdoor living.

Flanking the master suite at the rear of the home has created a private parents' retreat that has been a hit with many visitors. Shutters divide the ensuite from the bedroom and there are sliding doors to a private courtyard. A waterside garden featuring grass trees and other native plants, stone and woodchips sees off the front elevation, where granite tiles have been used beneath the roofline.

"This is growing in popularity, particularly with homebuyers who are looking for a different and striking street presence," Tim says.

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