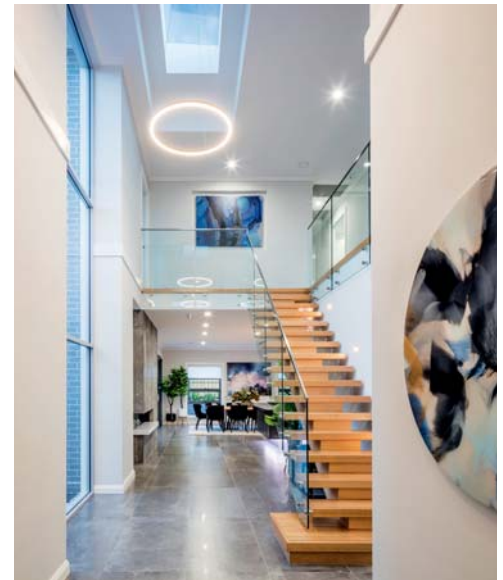


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CLASSIC ELEMENTS

Oran Park display village offered Kurmond Homes the opportunity to showcase a premium home and the company wanted to design and build a modern contemporary house demonstrating the classic elements that Kurmond does so well. A timeless classic of Australian hardwood and stone, combined with Alucobond and render, has given this facade a very enticing look.

The heart of this home is the living, alfresco and kitchen areas, which connect to create a natural family space. The designer kitchen is not only beautiful but practical, and complements the style of a house with many outstanding features.

The front facade created construction issues, especially with the builder's desire to use solid Australian hardwood. Kurmond had to resolve the connection between the posts and the steel and masonry and worked closely with the engineers to overcome the problems in the way it connected all the structural items. Ensuring the connections worked to satisfy upload as well as standard load while keeping

it aesthetically pleasing was a challenge.

Kurmond also wanted to create a grand entry by utilising a cantilevered roof, and looked for innovative design to keep the load down while trying to connect the classic styles of timber and stone with new, modern, lightweight solutions. The choice of Alucobond enhanced the desired look and fitted the bill of a lightweight finish.

The builder also wanted to have a balcony off the master bedroom area, however did not want it to feel like a cage due to privacy requirements. The high ceiling in the alfresco, incorporating a privacy screen away from the balcony, solved the privacy concerns, while creating a beautiful architectural element with a great sense of space.

Kurmond has created a living space with a grand, yet homely quality, plenty of natural light through the use of skylights, and a voided entry showcasing the open plan. The alfresco design connecting the upper-floor balcony continues the architectural styling from front to back. The company believes this family home will convince people that

designer houses are within their reach.

JUDGES' COMMENTS: The builders wanted to design and build a modern contemporary house showcasing Australian hardwood and stone, which are the classic elements that feature in all of their homes. The innovative design features a grand entry that uses the cantilevered roof with timber and stone and is fitting for a home of this quality. Another interesting aspect of this house is the engineered connection between the hardwood posts and the steel and masonry. A worthy winner with many features.

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