

## Welcome home

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Unpretentious and immediately welcoming, The Ferguson Retreat by The Rural Building Company takes the form of a rustic Australian homestead.

Inspired by the rolling hills and picturesque agricultural hinterland of the South West's Ferguson Valley, this handsome three-bytwo sanctuary and its wide frontage would look and feel at home resting on a large country or corner block.

The Rural Building Company Designer Robert Kirkovski said the home featured bush pole supports and a generous verandah, affording it an earnest romantic vibe and opening up the living spaces to the surrounding landscape.

"It has been created to capture views whilst allowing for the entertaining and living areas to have direct access to these areas," he said.

"The home is clean and simple in form and accented with differing material to create interest and character.

"The combination of weatherboards, custom orb cladding and feature render gives the home a stylised yet relaxed feel."

Vaulted ceilings and feature gabled windows further accentuate the impression of space in the central, free-form living, dining and kitchen area, while double sliding doors open onto the verandah, further underscoring the home's fluency with playing host.

Speaking of parties, the ample kitchen comes armed and ready for such occasions, with an open-plan scullery with fridge nook and large walk-in pantry providing more than enough preparation and storage space. The hotplate and island bench are positioned centrally to accommodate for practicality.

The walk-in linen cupboard and laundry can also be found in this corner of the home.

A cosy home theatre is tucked behind the kitchen and a roomy study is located just outside the master suite, on the opposing side of the central hub.

Mr Kirkovski said the latter's location made it great for parents who wanted to work from home or supervise younger children with their homework. The vast master suite, adjoined by its own dressing room, walk-in robe and ensuite bathroom, is the icing on the cake for the heads of the household.

Secluded from the rest of the home, the master suite boasts private access to the alfresco area, making it the ideal spot for a strong morning coffee or an intimate nightcap.

Last but not least, the rear of the plan is reserved for the remaining two minor bedrooms, each with their own built-in robe, and bathroom with separate powder room.

This distinction between the living spaces, the bedroom wing and the master suite makes The Ferguson Retreat great for families with older children who value their own space, according to Mr Kirkovski.

The double garage and main entry are situated to the side of the property, allowing the design to work on a variety of

different lots, from suburban to large open acreage blocks.

The Ferguson Retreat is located in Eaton and is open for viewing Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-5pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5pm.

## THE FERGUSON RETREAT

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