



# Built for its surrounds

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**Taking advantage of the tranquil landscape of Chidlow, this custom build by The Rural Building Company expresses an Australian feel and is the epitome of country living.**

Spanning across three bedrooms and two bathrooms, this home boasts large living areas and stunning views from every room.

Speaking to New Homes, The Rural Building Company Principal Designer Robert Kirkovski said the build was inspired by one of the company's standard designs, The Marri View.

"The design formed a great starting point, as it addressed a lot of the client's initial criteria," he said.

Mr Kirkovski said the client wanted the home design to relate to its location, so it would continue to fit in as the surrounding landscape evolved and changed over time.

"They wanted to have a home that was sympathetic to the site, a home which responded to the environment and embraced its beautiful surrounding landscape," he said.

"The living area beautifully captures the scenery by having a facade of wraparound windows that

angle around on both sides to form a continuous panorama, giving you the sense that you are part of the external picturesque habitat.

"The outdoor areas were very important and how the home related to these areas was carefully considered and integrated into the overall build. The block itself has a considerable fall and this has been used to advantage in creating interesting outdoor spaces."

The kitchen features a sleek island bench, streamlined appliances and an abundance of storage space, as well as a window splashback to ensure uninterrupted views from the heart of the home.

This area looks onto the open-plan dining and lounge area to make for an expansive entertaining area.

An array of tones and textures presented throughout the home complement the vistas, echoing its leafy and earthy location.

"The warm natural tones of the brickwork, with the use of natural stained timber on the external, create an earthy vibe," Mr Kirkovski said.

"The exposed timber beams internally on the raking ceilings with the whitewashed timber-lined ceilings create a classic aesthetic full of charm, while still remaining



contemporary."

The custom build's floor plan ensures family members can grow comfortably together, while still providing a sense of privacy.

The parents' wing includes an office and separate home theatre, while the opposite wing is home to three additional bedrooms.

"The practical layout of the design should guarantee a continual use of the home throughout its lifecycle," Mr Kirkovski said.

"It's a simple and refined layout with great separate zones for adults and other family members. It's versatile and it just works."

Mr Kirkovski said the build allowed the owners to live a lifestyle that would differ to one lived in the suburbs.

"The house responds to its location and provides a strong connection which will be treasured and enjoyed – nothing like being part of nature and having that rural connection – pun intended," he said.

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