

***“Golfers convert their dream into reality” – Laura Phillips - New Homes –  
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A couple's dream of living across the road from the Nedlands Gold Course has been realised with this elegant home. Laura Phillips reports.

The owners of this home romanticised about living on a leafy street and looking across to the Nedlands Golf Course over their morning coffee for several years before they realised their dreams. While living around the corner, the keen golfers constantly kept tabs on the movement of property in their ideal street, waiting for the opportunity to snatch a block on which to build their dream home. But it was not until work was underway on a home that they were building in Floreat that an opportunity too good to ignore arose on their street of choice in Dalkeith and they pounced.

The couple said the building experience was seamless and praised the dedication and quality workmanship of every Grandwood Personal Builders staff member and tradesperson associated with the construction of their home.

The owners said they considered the overall position of the house on the block and the floor plan – including room design and perspectives and sun and wind protection – before approaching the builder. Externally, the home is a sophisticated combination of a coffee-coloured render, black roof tiles, vast expanse of glass and timber lined ceilings and eaves. A tall travertine-marble feature wall in a light walnut shade adds a touch of class, and matches a marble fireplace surround in the living area.

Capitalising on the picturesque location was a must, so the landscaped front gardens and lawn were designed to appear as a seamless continuation of the trees and lawn of the golf course across the road.

A sloping driveway leads to an oversize garage which stretches underground to the back of the block with room for storage, at least three cars and a few “big boys” toys. While a front alfresco area provides a casual entry into the main living area, the main entrance is via floating steps leading past the driveway to the double front doors. Once inside, a foyer-like area is tiled with travertine marble in a cream shade which is continued on the bottom three steps of a central staircase, while a nook opposite provides the perfect setting to display a piano.

Directly next to the front door is a light filled study with big corner windows overlooking the golf course. A hallway to the left leads beyond a laundry with abundant strategically placed bench and cupboard space and lots of room to move, to the main suite at the rear of the home. The sleeping area is spacious and bright, with double sliding door taking in a northern aspect and opening to

the backyard, where there is a covered alfresco area, small plunge pool with an adjacent spa and tiled water wall.

In the ensuite there is a long double vanity with dark granite benchtop, a bath under the window, separate toilet and shower behind a frameless glass screen. Tucked discreetly between the ensuite and the bed is a door to a walk in robe. From the entry foyer, glimpses of the kitchen entice visitors through double doors which open into a free-form living area with continued travertine flooring. Big windows create the impression that the casual lounge area sits among the trees and lush green lawns of the golf course, while extra natural light is filtered in from the north through a series of narrow, almost full-height windows by the dining table.

The dining area opens via sliding doors to the front alfresco area, which has a timber-lined ceiling and a kitchenette nook. The kitchen is truly a cook's delight. The centrepiece is an enormous island bench topped with natural-coloured speckled granite which complements the Anegre timber veneer cabinetry. The island bench, which doubles as a breakfast bar, follows the curved edge of a dropped bulkhead ceiling overhead. Built-in cabinetry and granite benchtops line the two walls of the kitchen and house stainless-steel appliances, including a fridge-freezer, gas cooktop with integrated range hood, double sink and dishwasher. The windows over the sink open to connect the kitchen with the back alfresco area, allowing food and drinks to be handed to people seated outdoors.

At the top of the stairs is a centre landing with several display recesses. Directly to the right is one minor bedroom, which has plenty of built-in cupboard space and a big corner window to take in the vista. At the opposite end of the top floor is the second minor bedroom, and in between double sliding doors allow a central multi-purpose room to be closed off for privacy. While this room was originally a third bedroom, it has been set up as a secondary living area or retreat for when guests or the owners' children come to stay. The room opens to a balcony with timber lined ceiling which overlooks the front garden, street and golf course.

Instead of using up space creating an ensuite-style bathroom for each bedroom, there is a central bathroom which could be separated into three sections for multiple use by the people staying upstairs. In the centre is the vanity and mirror, with a separate toilet on the left and the bath and shower area on the right, which can be closed off behind another door.