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The essence of Queensland living and the beauty of Indonesian culture come together in this unique project

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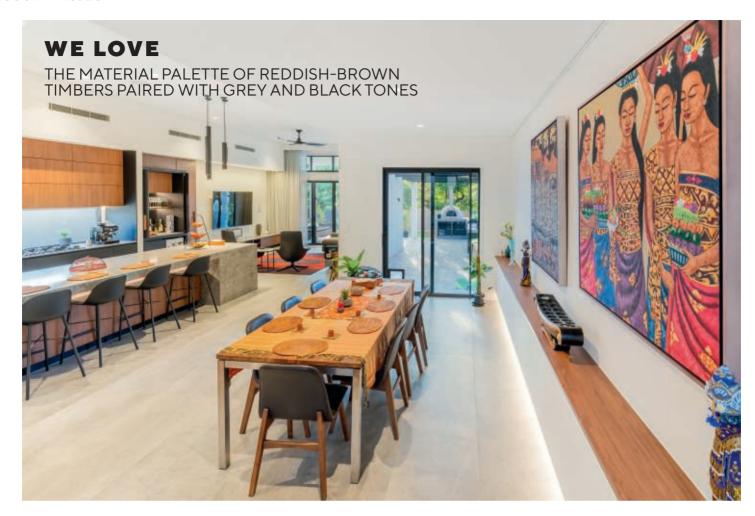
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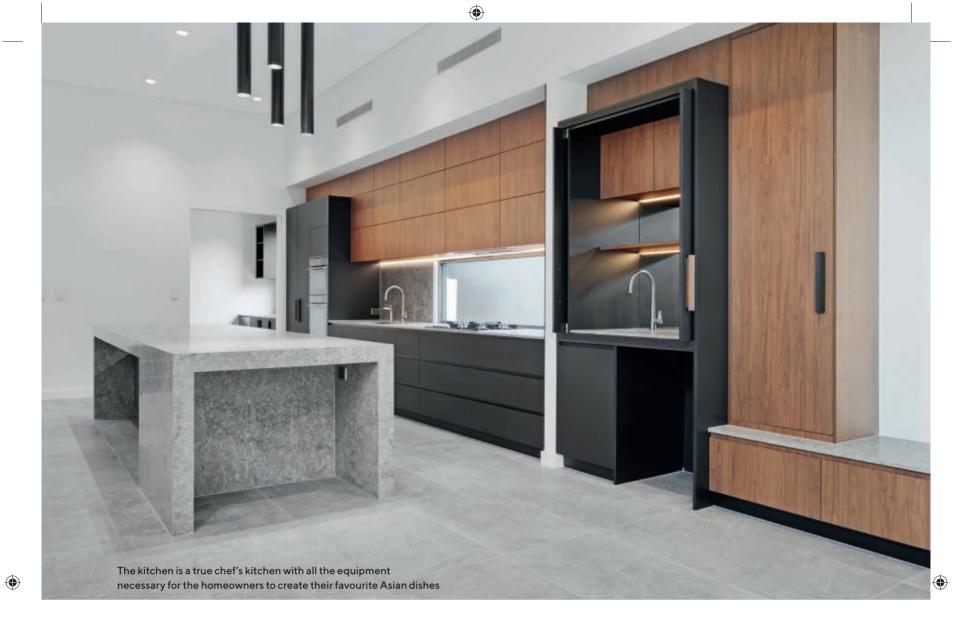








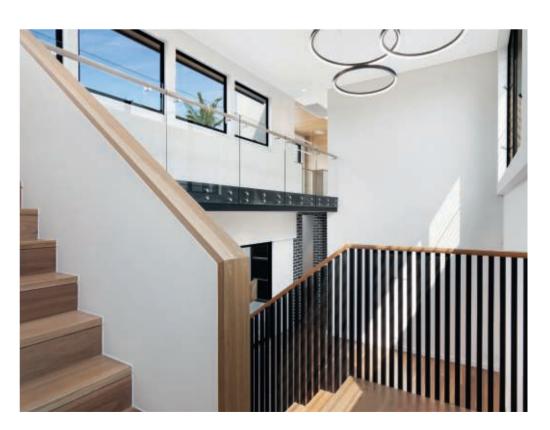




professional couple living in Jakarta with their daughter owned a block of land in the heart of New Farm, a trendy suburb in Brisbane, Queensland. The site had become run down and decrepit, so in a collaboration between O'Shea & Sons Builders, Merge Interior Design and Jazz Designs, a welcoming and functional space was created that brought together the essence of Queensland living with the clients' love of Indonesian culture.

"The clients were living in Jakarta at the time with plans to move to Brisbane, bringing with them a number of Asian-inspired furniture pieces. We selected a relatively monochromatic scheme with pops of reddish-brown timber to tone in with his existing furniture," says interior designer Joanna Kane of Merge Interior Design.

The key design feature of the Harcourt Project was carefully blending two cultures: the Australian aesthetic and locale with influences and statements that acknowledged and celebrated the family's memories of living in Indonesia. To do this, the physical space was built around bringing in natural light and airflow from the outdoors, creating space and capturing the spirit of Queensland living. A variety of external cladding and screenings interacted in many ways. They came in varying shapes and sizes, textures, colours and finishes. As an example, the James Hardie cladding demonstrated the yin and yang when the Axion applied in

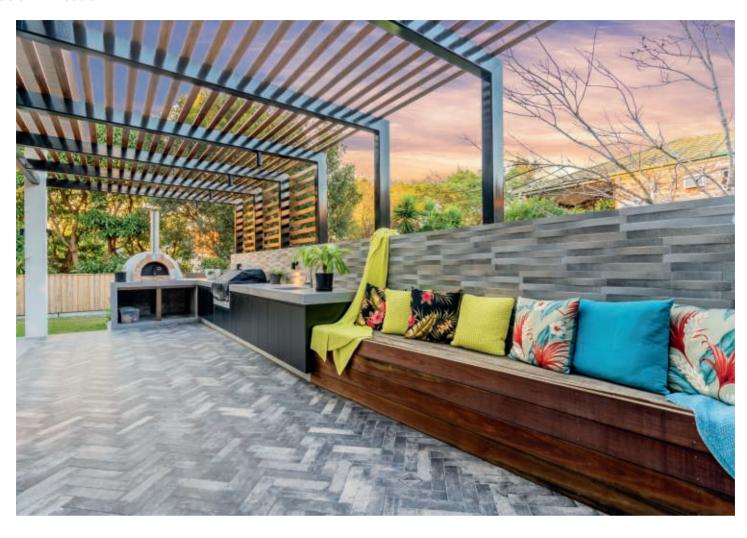


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## **EDITOR'S FAVOURITE**

THE OUTDOOR BARBECUE AREA WITH WEAVE-STYLE FEATURE CLADDING, HERRINGBONE BRICK-LOOK FLOORING, SIX-BURNER BARBECUE AND WOOD-FIRE PIZZA OVEN

### **PROJECT TEAM**

BUILDER O'Shea & Sons Builders
BUILDING DESIGNER Jazz Designs
INTERIOR DESIGNER Merge Interior Design
CABINET AND JOINERY AllFit Cabinet Solutions

#### STRUCTURAL TEAM

Soil tests and geotechnical services East
Coast Geotechnical
Structural services ACOR Consultants
Building certifiers Building Approval & Advice
House energy assessment House of Stars

#### **FIXTURES & FITTINGS**

Wood and heating specialist Mr Stoves
Bathroom fixtures and fittings Fienza, Abey
Australia, Tradelink
Appliances Harvey Norman Commercial

Benchtops Caesarstone
Entry feature wall Austral Bricks
Tiles and flooring National Tiles, Awesome
Timber Flooring, Cavalier Bremworth
Aluminium cladding, screens, fencing, awning
system Knotwood, Heka Hoods, Aaromat Group
External cladding James Hardie

### **FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS**

**Curtains and blinds** CBI Creative **Art installation** Picture Hanging Systems

horizontal linear pattern directly interacted with the Hardiflex with its featured timber batten overlays. The colour and material palette of the home embraced Indonesia's rich earthy culture and included rustic blends of brick and warm timbers with natural, earthy greys and blacks.

"As you walk through this home, from the front door to the back, it's as if it just keeps opening up, connecting with the neighbourhood, connecting with the backyard ... the way you're carried through the home is amazing," says Nick O'Shea from O'Shea & Sons Builders.

Connection between indoor and outdoor spaces was key to this project's design, and various elements such as wall placement, sliding doors and flooring materials contribute to this seamless flow. Wide stair treads are another example of creating an overall feel of spaciousness, peace and wellbeing — all highlighted in the client's brief for his relocated family. A osheabuilders.com.au

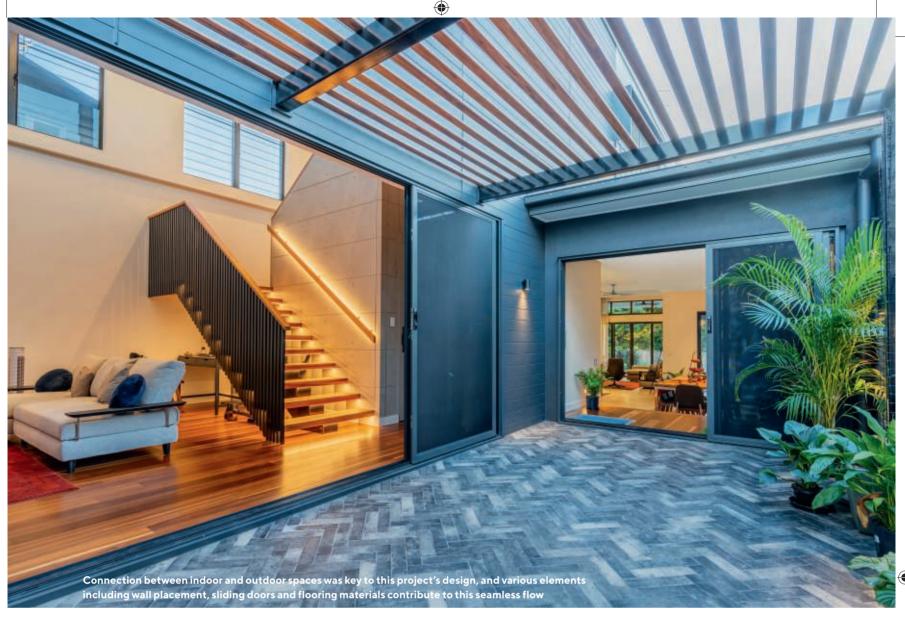






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