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A keen eye for detail, sensitivity to the environment and extensive building knowledge has proved a successful combination for Max Klause Designer/Builder.

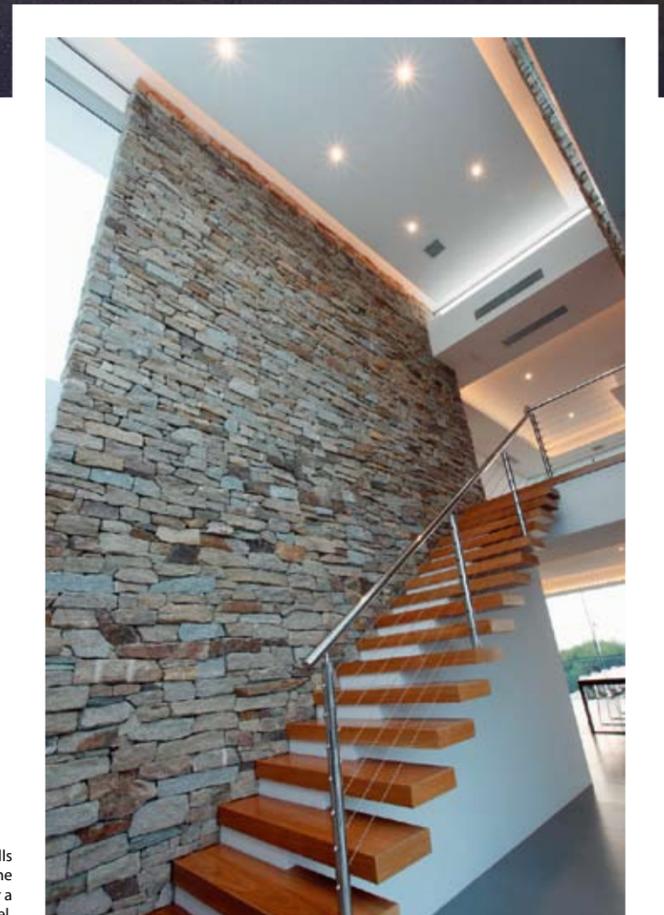


The suspended, concrete-slab roof structure means the home cuts a striking figure from the street.

They say that to get the job done right, you should do it yourself. It's an old adage that gets right to the heart of Max Klause Designer/Builder (MKD/B).

Initially focusing on high-quality, sustainable residential design, Max became a registered builder in 1994 after growing disillusioned with the results achieved by some of the builders hired to construct his designs. Fastidious about workmanship, attention to detail and the use of certain materials, Max decided to try his own hand at the building game.

Today, Max works with Perth's leading architects and directly employs a team of carpentry craftsmen – rather than relying on subcontractors – to create large-scale renovations and additions, new residences and special commercial projects. There is a strong focus on passive solar design and sustainable architecture, and Max has more than 20 years of experience in the design and construction of rammed earth walls.



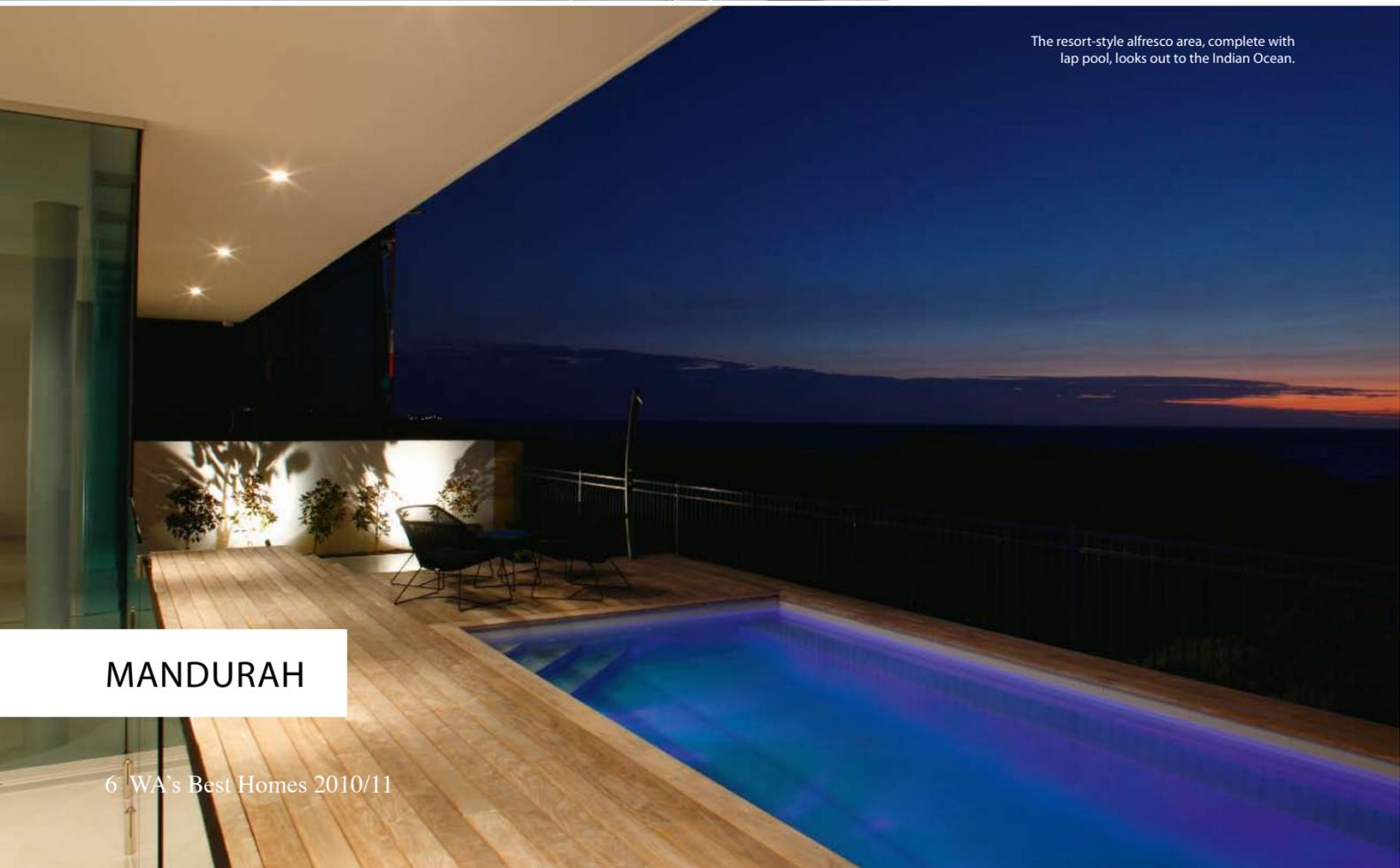
Ageless drystone walls feature throughout the home, and make for a natural, organic feel.



All cabinetry and custom furniture was designed by Design Living Studio.



The main living areas are situated on the ground floor, which is elevated for privacy.



The resort-style alfresco area, complete with lap pool, looks out to the Indian Ocean.

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MANDURAH HOME

While pristine natural bushland sprawls to the north of this Mandurah property, the west is blessed with access to and generous, uninterrupted views of the sparkling Indian Ocean.

As with all beachfront properties, capitalising on those sea views was paramount. The owners wanted a contemporary-styled residence that captured the vista and provided a seamless connection to the ocean.

Banham Architects designed the abode, Max Klause used his 30 years of experience to construct it and Design Living Studio added the all-important finishing touches to the interior.

The home has clean, sharp lines and a minimalist structure. Modernistic frameless windows and a slimline, suspended, concrete-slab roof structure blend harmoniously with ageless drystone walls. Together, these elements

create an earthy, organic feel that fits beautifully with the surrounding vegetation.

An elevated ground-floor level, feature screen walls and selective planting ensure that there is privacy for the home, without detracting from the views. They also allow for a secluded, resort-style outdoor living area.

The main living areas on the elevated ground floor include an open-plan kitchen and living space that leads to an alfresco area and lap pool.

Ocean views can be eyed from the upstairs retreat, which has an Eco fire, drystone walls and warm timber floors. The luxurious main bedroom, with its open-plan ensuite and freestanding bath, also has a panoramic vista.

While the home fits beautifully with its beachside surroundings, it doesn't lack any of the modcons. Features include an advanced C-Bus lighting and automation system, with

concealed bulkhead up-lighting and recessed automated blinds throughout. The home also has an integrated audiovisual system and keyless entry via swipe cards.



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