



# Detail makes magic result



The creation of themes and the repetition of motifs produce a brilliant result.

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Nick Delborrello planned, built and now lives in this Hillarys home, with his family. His company, Sol Construction, has that nice double meaning in its title, as in sunshine and one only: sol(e), referring to his singular proprietorship. It took two years of his undivided attention to complete the project and the detail which has been put into the work is quite extraordinary. It is a three-storey building; the top floor or loft is a single room, which for the moment is fitted out as a gym.

The ceiling is a complex geometric shape, an inverted series of connected pyramids and triangles which are purpose built, based on a steel exoskeleton. It overlooks the soaring staircase of glass balustrade, spotted gum timber treads and stainless-steel studs. The creation of themes and repetition of motifs allows a captivating look at Mr Delborrello's approach to complementing the Peter Fryer Design template on which the home is based. "I gave Peter Fryer a wish list and a floor plan. He came up with the preliminaries and then

we tossed ideas around. I selected all the finishes; he gave me the shell," Mr Delborrello said. On the first floor, an exquisite ensuite, off the main bedroom, features mosaic tiling on floor, walls and spa surrounds. These gradations of blue Bisazza mosaics are repeated in an entry pond, swimming pool and alfresco panels. The effect is stunning — even more so in the bathroom when the ceiling star lights are on and they reveal a spiral pattern which traces the shape of the shower recess. However, the dominant

feature in the house is the use of stone cladding. Although imported, it has the outback red quartz look of stone from the North West and its impact is impressive. The columns slice through the house in a curved sequence, enclosing a living space which is a computer room cum office. They end in a prominent indoor-outdoor wall, which in part links to the alfresco area. The blue plunge pool is a contrast in textures. The kitchen is a vision in white, even the refrigerator is behind a customised white panel as it extends into a

scullery and pantry area. The Qstone benchtop is adjacent to a wall of Miele appliances, among them two ovens, convection and steamer. Mr Delborrello's passion for detail extends to selecting exfoliated and brushed finishes to the granite benchtops on which the vanity basins are set, to achieve a textured feel in the stone. His precision is probably ingrained in him after a previous life in professional dance representing Australia.

The home was an entry in the 2010 HIA-NAB Perth Housing Awards.



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