

ECO-GUIDE

LET'S BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY TODAY

Eco-Essence Homes

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We have won Australian GreenSmart Home of the Year, not once, but twice! Alongside other awards, we are proud to have earned these passionately and sustainably.

OUR VALUES

OUR CULTURE IS UNMATCHED TO ANY OTHER



NATURAL

We make decisions based on the best outcomes, now and for the future.



RESPONSIBLE

Our actions and behaviours always uphold honesty and respect.



BALANCE

We recognise that personal health, family, and fun are key to high performance.



POSITIVE

We take responsibility for the energy we instil in our environment.



GROWTH

We are unique in our proposition and grow through collaboration, experience and education.



OUR EXCLUSIVE ECO-ESSENCE DIFFERENCE

WHAT SEPARATES US FROM THE REST?

For an obligation free meeting with our Eco-Intelligence Consultant, or for any questions please do not hesitate to contact our team.

We would love to be a part of the journey and experience designing your dream home into a reality!

This brochure is a guide to eco-sustainable alternatives that we consider when designing your home. We like to call this the Eco-Essence Difference.

The Eco-Essence Homes team pride themselves on providing a first-class and positive service experience when building your eco-home. We specialise in lifestyle-orientated, cost-effective and high-quality sustainable building practices and principles, with a focus on helping families find sanctuary in a home that breathes.

We believe that sustainability is an ongoing process, and the energy that goes into the design and building of a new home remains in that home for the duration of it's lifetime.

We are here every step of the way to guide you through the process and help you in any way possible, whether you are a first home buyer or the astute homeowner.

It is crucial to ensure your dream home is placed in the hands of an ethical and trustworthy builder, which can be a daunting decision. Our team curated this guide to demonstrate how and why we are different than others in the industry.

The following pages offer a list of sustainable actions you can invest in to improve your home beyond the Australian Building Standards.



THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING...

CYCLE OF LIFE

Approximately 42% of waste generated in Australia is building waste.

Action: Eco-Essence Homes reuses, reduces, and recycles 90% of our waste, which gets reused in future manufacturing of building practices.

COOL IT

Low-quality wall and ceiling insulation stores excessive heat or cool air, and also wastes natural resources as it needs to be replaced more often.

Action: High-quality insulation acts as a barrier for heat flow and is essential for reducing heating and cooling losses by up to 35%, while keeping your home at a comfortable temperature all year round.

USE YOUR HEAD

You could be using at least 120 litres of water per 8 minute shower

Action: Enjoy the love for powerful hot showers with Eco-Essence Homes and install 9 litres per minute water efficiency shower heads. Meanwhile, save 14,500 litres of wasted water every year and reduce your water usage by 40%.



HOLD THE REINS

Changing rainfall patterns have meant that Australians have become accustomed to living with water restrictions.

Action: Installing a water tank can reduce your water bills, provide an alternative natural supply of water to your home, and help maintain a healthy garden during draught.

ORIENTATION

How you decide to layout your home and orientate it on your block is more important than you think and most builders do not consider this step at all.

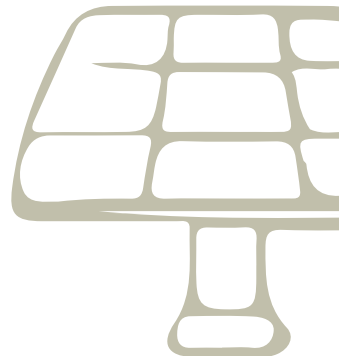
Action: Solar orientation takes advantage of climatic features such as capturing natural light from the sun and inviting cool eastern breezes inside. Without this, your home does not achieve it's full potential and you are forced to rely on mechanical heating and cooling which is expensive.



HOT SAVINGS

Up to 30% of a home's energy is used on heating water, and it is the largest single source of greenhouse gas emission from home energy use.

Action: Eco-Essence Homes provide highly efficient electric boosted solar hot water systems so that you can enjoy your hot showers knowing you are saving up to 75% of water heating bills.

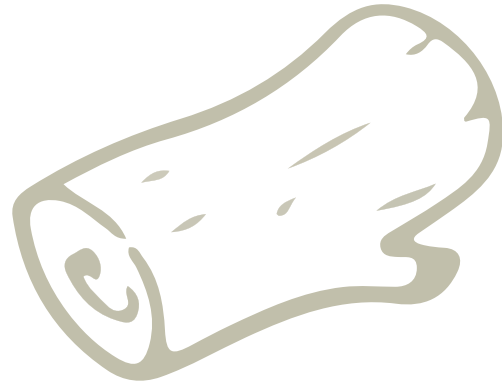




FEEL THE FLOW

Relying on your reverse cycle air-conditioning System for cooling and heating adds to your electricity bill and wastes energy.

Action: Design to accommodate cross-flow ventilation and install energy-efficient ceiling fans in bedrooms and living area to significantly improve air-circulation.



SHIVER ME TIMBERS!

Responsibly sourced timber products help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Action: All the timber used by Eco-Essence Homes is either recycled timber or source from local and sustainably managed plantations certified for compliance with the Australian Forestry Standard.



SEE THE SAVINGS

Being aware of your energy usage has savings and environmental benefits.

Action: Keep track of your energy usage with an in-house energy monitor system that can cut your electricity bill by up to 15%.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Lighting alone consumes 6% of the average household electricity bill. Incandescent bulbs especially are highly inefficient.

Action: Eco-Essence Homes brightens your home and lightens your electricity bill by up to 50% by inviting natural sunlight in your home and using energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs and LEDs.



LOW TO NO VOC

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are the biggest air pollutants that contribute to poor air quality. Reducing VOCs will offer a pleasant and safe indoor environment.

Action: Eco-Essence Homes minimises VOCs by selecting paints, carpets, glues, materials, and finishes throughout your home that have zero or low VOCs.



THERE'S MORE!

EMBODIED ENERGIES

Embodied energy is the energy consumed by all processes in the production of a building, from the raw source, to manufacturing, to transport.

Action: Eco-Essence Homes works closely with local suppliers and manufactures to minimise the embodied energy by consciously selecting the best materials and products suited to your home.



THE RIGHT ROOF

Nobody wants to live under an unpredictable roof.

Action: Improve your homes performance and make it enjoyable and safe to live in by installing roof ventilation or roof sarking.



REDUCE THE LITRES

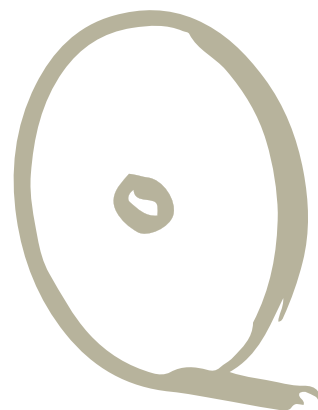
Toilets and taps are the second biggest water user in households. Up to 40,000 litres of water is wasted every year.

Action: Eco-Essence provide 4-star water-efficient dual flush toilets, as well as 4 to 6-star tap mixers that could save up to 67% of your water bill over 10 years.

SEAL OF APPROVAL

Draughts throughout the average size home can add up to 1.5 metre hole in your wall.

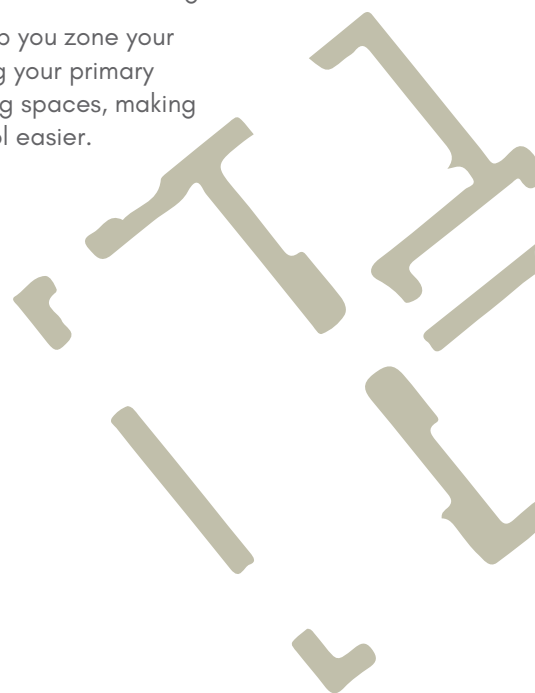
Action: Eco-Essence install door seals to stop draughts, reducing heating and cooling costs.



ZONE YOUR SPACE

Excessively large and open areas can cause dramatic heat loss and heat gain.

Action: We will help you zone your home by separating your primary and secondary living spaces, making temperature control easier.





A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Excess glazing can be a major source of unwanted heat gain (87%) in summer and heat loss in winter (40%).

Action: Get expert advice from our team on what windows to install. We advise the use of skylights as they admit three times as much light than a vertical window. With the right balance, you can have it all; fresh air, natural light, and a connection to the great outdoors.

THE GRASS IS GREENER

Green roofs and walls are building elements designed to support and improve home performance.

Action: Why not add a little greenery into your life? Create a healthy and ecologically responsible home that improves thermal performance, storm-water management, biodiversity, and local food production. All you have to do is install a green rooftop, veggie garden or vertical Gro Wall.



HERE COMES THE SUN

The average Australian Household consumes up to 18 kilowatts of power a day, that is roughly \$3.00.

Action: Install a solar PV systems and harness green energy from the sun to reduce your electricity bills up to 25%.

THERMAL MASS

Thermal mass is not to be overlooked when building a sustainable home.

Action: Materials such a concrete flooring has the ability to absorb and store heat energy, helping you save on your heating and cooling bills.



SUMMER



WINTER



PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

A TIMELESS COLLECTION CURATED JUST FOR YOU

In the midst of your building journey you will be guided by our in-house selections consultant while choosing the products for your home.

The initial process begins with a moodboard so follow our Pinterest @eco_essence_homes to get inspired! In the next step we invite you to our selections suite which is equip with everything from paint samples, to recycled timber panels, to concrete basins, to high-performance energy products such as the KASTA smart home features. This is where we

will get the opportunity to play around with colours and textures to create your very own flat-lay (see the image below).

Supplying products from Australian businesses that embody ethical and sustainable practices is a continuation of the values and culture adopted by Eco-Essence Homes.

On the following page you will find our Product Spotlight which has been curated just for you by our in-house design team.



Client flat-lay curated by our Design Team



Haymes Paint



Render X



Nood Co



Phoenix Tapware



Corinthian Doors



Laminex



Corinthian Doors



Concrete Nation



James Hardie



Haymes Paint



Render X



Nood Co



ECO SUSTAINABLE HOUSE

PARTNER OF THE ECO-ESSENCE HOMES FAMILY

Eco Sustainable House is a small team of dynamic professionals that work together to create solutions for a greener tomorrow.

The team believe that a truly energy efficient and sustainable design combines a lifestyle based analysis with clever product selection.

Whether it is high-quality recycled products, locally sourced materials, or energy-efficient innovations, choosing Eco Sustainable House as your partner will improve your lifestyle and bring you a step closer to a greener future.

In just a few years, Eco Sustainable House has developed an incredible reputation for above-and-beyond service and product selection.

The team have supplied customers of all sizes, private, trade, industrial and corporate alike, distributing renowned brands such as Atlantis, Velux, Nood Co and Stiebel Eltron

On the follow page is a snapshot of the environmentally friendly products that Eco Sustainable House has to offer. Visit their full range at www.ecosustainablehouse.com.au



Atlantis Gro Wall



Timber Privacy Screen



Copper Outdoor Shower



Recycled Timber Trusses



Velux Skylights



Atlantis Gro Wall



Recycled Squash Court Floor



Recycled Timber Posts



Atlantis Building Facade



Custom Timber Facade



Solar Heating



Atlantis Gravel/Turf Cell



Velux Skylights



Nood Co



Custom Barn Door

CREATING SPACE

WHY ARE THE AESTHETICS AND FUNCTIONALITY OF A HOME SO IMPORTANT?

We spend 60% of our waking time each year at home. This concurs why our homes are a direct influence on our daily moods, and our overall health and well-being. Think about the homes you have lived in or visited, then relate them to your behaviours at that specific time. Did you feel relaxed? Were you motivated? Were you happy?

The environment you build your family's nest in should feel safe, comfortable, and relaxing. To achieve this type of atmosphere, we consider visual cues such as the amount of natural light filtered into your home, the colours and textures of materials, the floor-plan orientation, and the surrounding views. Basically, we want to achieve a functional feng-shui environment.

FENG SHUI

noun **FĒNG SHUǐ (WIND WATER)**

"(In Chinese thought) a system of laws considered to govern spatial arrangement and orientation in relation to the flow of energy (*chi*).

Bringing a sense of ease and emulating positivity within your home is an important step along your design journey. Our eco-team will assist you along the way to find balance between functionality and aesthetics to ultimately design more than just a *house*. Together, we can create sanctuary in a *home* that breathes with you and your family.





START COLLECTING IMAGES OF:

ECO-FRIENDLY HOMES

COLOURS & PATTERNS

TEXTURED SURFACES

ARTWORK & DECOR

UNIQUE FEATURES

AMBIENT LIGHTING

Now dig deeper into why they are your favourite features...

Is it because they emanate a sense of familiarity, a nostalgic emotion, a core memory, perhaps they instantly excite you, or maybe tap into a timeless trend.



SENSE - Elements Series

GROUND YOURSELF

Leave all your worries at the door. The use of earthy accent tones and natural materials such as marble, travertine, timber, shades of browns and terracotta, emulate the feeling of warmth and comfort. The raw, imperfect nature of these materials adds depth, soul, and visual appeal whilst mirroring the calm and restorative ambience of the outdoors.



CLOUD - Pacific Series

NO GREEN-WASHING HERE

The flooring from the CLOUD (image above) was sourced from the original Palm Beach squash court. Re-purposing the old into something new not only reduces waste, it also adds a rich spirit and character to your space. You can apply this when decorating your home with art and ornaments too. *Sustainable is the new stylish.*



RESORT-STYLE LIVING

We have seen an increase in travel-inspired interiors, because who doesn't want resort-style living everyday of the year? To achieve this look consider the application of rendering, Venetian plaster, lime-wash, arch niches, and Santorini or Mediterranean interior designs.



TEXTURED SURFACES & FINISHES

Textured surfaces and finishes add life, interest, and uniqueness to your home. Get creative by mixing and matching during your selections. Instead of a quartz bench-top, matte white tiles and silver trimmed mirrors, try a marble bench seeded with black quarts, white tiles with a pattern or texture, and copper trimming on circular mirrors like the ANGELESE bathroom (image above).



BONSAI – Zen Series

BE BOLD, BE DIFFERENT

Do not be afraid to be bold. Make way for maximalism and bright colours that will put a smile on your face. Consider the use of paint colours (no not grey...), wallpapers, and artworks to create a cohesive colour story that seamlessly connect each room.



SALISBURY – Custom Series

'ROUND THE CORNER

I am sure we are not the only ones that noticed the growing interest in arched niches, windows and doorways. Psychologically, curves and circular forms can promote feelings of calmness by drawing our attention to their soft corners.



VALLEY – Off-Grid Series

THE FUTURE IS HERE

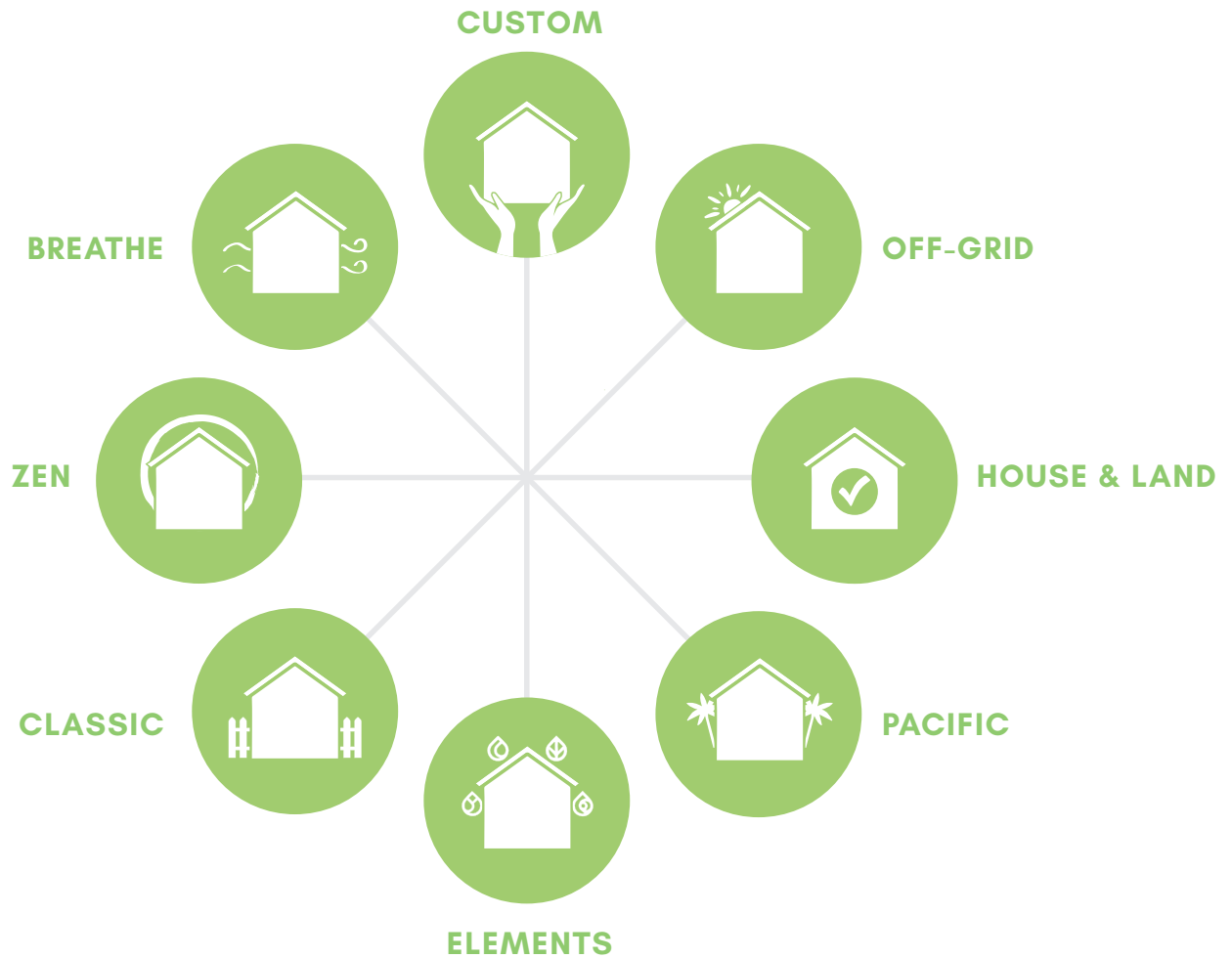
The use of technology within homes such as KASTA home automation, upgrade your space to become more engaging, user friendly, and functional. Why not make life easier with customised benefits at the touch of your fingertips.



BUNDEENA – Custom Series

LAYERS ARE BETTER

Thoughtfully mixing natural materials and textures such as timber, stone, and metal, activates a space and has the ability to ground the inhabitant .



OUR ECO-SERIES

LEARN ALL ABOUT THE STORY & INSPIRATION BEHIND EACH SERIES

Eco-Essence Homes was born out of a passion for creative and sustainable building design, providing our clients with a living and breathing home.

Our team builds bespoke homes, customised to suit the site constraints of your block, the typography of the natural environment, your personal aesthetic, as well as the needs and lifestyle of your family. Alongside these considerations, giving back to mother nature is apart of our core values and culture. Our action can be seen through our landscape architect planting native fauna, using resource efficient technologies, and utilising natural lighting, ventilation, and thermal control.

By engaging Australia's leading eco-builders you are supporting the bigger picture, which is to achieving a greener future. Our conscious and sustainable design processes and practices are performed at an exceptionally high standard by our experienced team both on site and at our headquarters in Chinderah. We promise to deliver high-performance eco-homes that enrich your life and achieve a minimum 7-star energy efficiency rating from NatHERS.

Unlike some builders, we invest our time to get to know you and your family to best assist you in designing the ultimate dream home.



CUSTOM

CREATED FOR YOU, AND BY YOU



Eco-Essence Homes is known best for our specialisation in the Custom Series. This is because we acknowledge that sometimes our home ranges are not quite what you yearn for.

Our solution is offering you personal guidance, whether it is to combine your favourite features from our eco-range, or uniquely envision your home from scratch. The aim is to design creative and inspiring custom homes that benefit your well-being, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Your new home should be a true reflection of your personality and style. We also believe that this

is an integral consideration of the holistic eco-home design approach. Therefore it is important for us to understand how you would like to tailor your energy-efficient home to suit your family's dynamics and lifestyles.

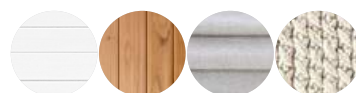
Be sure to meet with our design team to discuss your dream home and block characteristics so that we can begin to explore the endless Custom home design opportunities.

As a custom home builder we will always listen to your dreams, and from here will guide and educate you on the best method to achieve them.





PACIFIC



RESORT-STYLE LIVING



The Pacific Series is directly inspired by the Pacific Island bungalows. Picture this, you walk to your doorstep and feel the sand between your toes, breathing the fresh, salty air, and standing between the palm trees you feel the sun's warmth as it reflects over the crystal, blue water.

The trusses and high ceilings is both luxe and performs exceptionally well by achieving natural ventilation, ultimately increasing comfort and decreasing energy costs. Flawlessly designed with high attention to detail, the Pacific Series boasts quintessential weatherboard cladding, pitched

VJ lined ceilings, exposed timber beams, and an expansive North-facing deck. The intricate timber pergola and chunky cylindrical timber posts mimic the traditional island bungalows, while the coastal elements of the home are encapsulated through the installation of colonial doors and windows, and a grassed permeable driveway.

Designed to afford a unique mix of privacy and shared family living, the Pacific Series offers family and friends the perfect place to retreat, unwind, and enjoy each other's company.





OFF-GRID



STEP TOWARDS A GREENER TOMORROW



With innovative young minds, eco-conscious methods, and sustainable technology at our fingertips, the Off-Grid Series has risen in demand from homeowners across the globe!

You name it, off-grid homes encompass features such as organic cross-flow ventilation, utilisation of natural lighting, solar-powered energy, rainwater tanks, thermal mass for temperature control, and septic tanks for waste reduction to name a few. As a product of nature, your home will become a living and breathing organism.

Our team promise to bring ease to your off-grid building journey with our extensive knowledge of sustainable design practices. Utilising leading-edge technologies, we offer you an exclusive opportunity to have your very own affordable and beautiful off-grid home.

You can choose one of our existing designs to be converted into an off-grid home, or you can customised your own by meeting with our in-house sales and design team to best understand how we can fulfill your family's lifestyle and needs.





HOME & LAND PACKAGE

KICK-START YOUR BUILDING JOURNEY WITH EASE



The contents of the Home & Land Packages Series include exactly that, a set of working plans and a block of land ready to build on.

Some aspiring home owners may find it quite overwhelming, daunting, and time consuming to begin the journey. So we are here to ensure the design and building process is smooth and fun!

Our Home & Land Packages Series offer you a one-stop-shop to kick-start your building and design journey! Included in our packages is a

development approved set of plans which has been envisioned by our in-house design team to hug the topography of the block and display a beautiful home, inside and out. The block of land included has also been approved, so you can skip the waiting game and jump into action!

Stay up to date with the latest from this Series on our website under *Eco-Series > Home & Land Packages* or contact us if you have any other questions as we are always happy to help!





ELEMENTS



CONNECT & SURRENDER TO NATURAL ENERGIES



The Elements is our latest trending Series. Nodding to the range's name, fire, water, wind, and earth elements are purposefully selected to connect energies between internal living to mother nature outdoors.

We will guide you towards using raw materials such as recycled timber or bricks in the product selections phase so that your home distils warmth and an inviting nature. These homes are recognised for their single-depth living and dining

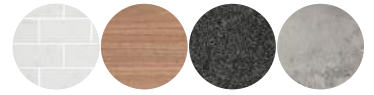
spaces, which also support a path for organic cross-flow ventilation and sunlight to keep your home warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

Homes from the Elements Series are designed to work with the natural elements and your family's lifestyle through opening your home's lungs (breathe), grounding it's mind (surrender), and comforting it's heart (family). The Elements Series are bespoke modern homes that are high-end, yet they permit an unmatched result.





BREATHE



TAKE A DEEP INHALE... AND LONG EXHALE...



Make yourself at home with the Breathe Series, a smart range of sustainable homes that welcomes the seasons inside. Thoughtful design permits an abundance of natural light and fresh breezes to flow throughout the lungs of the home.

A combination of light-weight cladding, striking angled roof-lines, dramatic hardwood timber arbours, and sculptured green gardens will greet you upon arrival. A special feature of this series is the timber facade breeze-ways which blur the line between internal and external living spaces.

These breeze-ways illustrate that it is always possible to achieve modern contemporary designs without compromising the sustainability components of your home.

When family time beckons, the open-plan of the main kitchen, dining, living, and entertainment space has been effectively designed around your lifestyle and routine. Even if you are trying to relax by the pool with kids running around, just take a deep breath and we promise everything will be ok.



FINDING BALANCE; YIN-YANG



As you step inside one of our Zen Series sanctuaries you immediately soak up the peace and quiet the home offers.

The Zen Series recognises that it is normal to become stressed, so these homes are designed to reconnect and ground you through a fluid transition from indoors to mother nature outdoors.

The front external facade of these homes is an integral part of the design. The low-lying pitch of the roof is designed to appear low and square in form, and it is coordinated beautifully with

natural materials such as timber cladding, bold brick, and stone features.

A green garden atrium is situated in the heart of the home, and complimented by an operable roof that invites an abundance of sunlight while doubling up as a natural ventilation chamber.

With an emphasis on a holistic approach to life and a desire to stay connected and grounded, the Zen Series provides a tranquil environment with the option to retreat from the daily grind.





CLASSIC



A FEELING OF COASTAL NOSTALGIA



This style of home will take you right back to where the architectural silhouette began, the Australian coastline in the 1960s! A series well suited to the Australian climate and way of life.

The Classic Series is true to its name and encompasses the original features of the original beach cottages with sweeping skillion roof-lines, angled posts, and light-weight cladding. As you walk through the door you will be prompted with a nostalgic feeling as you remember the beach shack your grandparents lived in and the fond memories that came with it.

The polished concrete floors act as a conductor of thermal mass, while the operable glass louvres afford views of the surrounding environment and creating a path for eastern coastal breezes to cool and refresh the home. Both features are modern enhancements to the traditional beach shack.

The Classic Series is a marriage between timeless trends that are still popular today and sustainable technologies which are incorporated into the design to achieve a high-performance and comfortable home.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

WE ARE MORE THAN JUST A BUILDING & DESIGN COMPANY



EDUCATIVE & INSPIRING ENVIRONMENT

Our team are here to help creative young minds design inspiring spaces. We will provide you with more than just a quote and some plans. As highly skilled professionals we are here to guide you through the journey and share our knowledge about sustainable design and construction methods. Our homes are built to demonstrate the balance of living among mother nature as well as accommodating your family's lifestyle.



BRINGING YOUR VISIONS TO LIFE

Your Eco-Essence home is exactly that, *your home*. The building experience is often perceived to be a daunting process, however we promise to change this perception. In alignment with your visions, we will deliver you a home that inspires and energises, achieves minimal environmental impact, and provides immediate and ongoing cost-saving benefits through product selection and sustainable design principles.



HANDING OVER YOUR DREAM HOME

We promise to handover a clean and healthy home environment that accommodates your family's changing needs and lifestyles, and also utilises renewable resources from mother nature. Handing over the keys to your new home is the start of exciting new beginnings, or as some say turning over a new leaf. At Eco-Essence Homes we will make your dream of owning a high performance eco-home a living, breathing reality.



GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

As part of the culture at Eco-Essence Homes and as a small business, we acknowledge the importance of giving back to our community. Over the years we have enjoyed getting to know all your beautiful faces.





CLOUD - Pacific Series



OSPREY - Classic Series

AWARD-WINNING BUILDERS

WE HAVE WON AUSTRALIAN GREEN SMART HOME OF THE YEAR, TWICE

Through dedication and resolve we achieved The Australian Green Smart Home of the Year Award not once, but twice from the HIA (Housing Industry Association). Our team put our heart and soul into designing and building these two high-performance eco-homes, the OSPREY and CLOUD.

These homes are part of our Classic and Pacific Series respectively, and have maintained their position as some of our most bespoke designs. You may notice from 2019 we are missing a few chapters, during this time we were busy making our client's dreams a reality rather than winning!





Find Sanctuary in a Home that Breathes...



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