

We had looked at many display homes and architect designed homes, but found nothing that interested us until we visited a home designed by Bridget Puszka (BP Architects) in Sunbury. We liked that fact the house was not overly large, but the space was very well utilised. We were particularly impressed with the idea of having an internal courtyard to provide some additional natural light and a green area to appreciate from inside the house. The house had a great use of natural light.

We commissioned Bridget to design a home for us. She first visited the site and sat with us to get an understanding of exactly what was important to us in designing a house that would specifically suit US. We were particularly interested in using natural light wherever possible; allow for easy ventilation of the house by natural breezes during summer; maintain as much heat as possible during winter; maximum insulation against external noises; use of rainwater wherever possible; allow for future use of grey water & PV panels. We elected to use a steel frame to protect against termites & Hebel power panels to provide maximum thermal and noise insulation. We also liked the idea of using a clerestory window to provide additional sunlight during winter to warm an internal thermal mass.

We have been very impressed with Bridget's design - from her first draft to the final product. She has always listened carefully to our suggestions, either amending drafts or providing a better alternative. During the process, we felt that we had "ownership" of the house and its design. At no stage did we feel as though it was the product of an architect's whim & fancy. When approaching builders with the plans and specs provided by Bridget, the builders were impressed with the quality and level of detail in the plans Bridget provided.

The approximate cost she detailed was very close to some of the quotes we received from builders. We have successfully managed to find a builder of good repute who is able to build our house within our budget. Our dream is now becoming a reality! We have a design that suits us personally & are looking forward to seeing it completed this coming year.

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