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Reservations about living in a transportable home have been laid to rest by the award-winning Pinnacle by Alternative Living

WHETHER you're in a remote location through choice or necessity, the award-winning Pinnacle by Alternative Living means you don't have to compromise on style or construction quality.

Winning top honours as this year's best transportable residence, this forward-thinking design teams a display home fit-out with passive-solar principles, modular construction and environmentally friendly features.

With high raking ceilings, shadowline cornice and sleek kitchen, it shows how far transportable homes have evolved, says Alternative Living general manager Andy Arundel.

"People's expectations of a transportable home have been quite low but then they've walked into the Pinnacle. They're not only impressed with the house, but they're amazed that it's a transportable. They haven't seen anything like it."

Starting at about \$190,000, the three-bedroom, two-bathroom Pinnacle is one of eight designs created for Alternative Living by Garry Baverstock of Ecotect Architects.

"Garry has done all the hard work in regard to glazing, orientation and ventilation," Andy says. "These things don't cost any more but in the long term you get a lot of benefit out of it."

Alternative Living has also put together a package of optional extras that will further boost the Pinnacle's "green" credentials, including a grey-water system, water tank, solar pergola and photovoltaic panels.

"We want to make green building part of the everyday," Andy says.

The Pinnacle's prefabricated, steel-framed modules are made at the company's Bayswater yard and are completely fitted out before being transported to site by truck.

Alternative Living's gallery of designs includes one, two and three-module concepts that are ideal as a permanent home or holiday getaway, or as an annexe to an established

home. Perfect for a sea-change, a tree-change or as a new residence in the regions, homes can be custom-designed to suit individual needs and special block requirements.

"It's a pretty versatile product that people in the city can relate to," Andy says.

Providing an apartment-worthy lifestyle wrapped up in a transportable package, the Pinnacle is a far cry from the dull and poky prefabs of old.

Stacker doors have been used to open up the living areas to a courtyard, instantly creating the indoor/outdoor ambience that today's buyers look for.

High raking ceilings add extra volume and

give the Pinnacle statement appeal from the outside.

Plenty of features have been packed into the kitchen, including an underslung sink set into a stone benchtop, an appliance cupboard, overhead cabinets, stainless-steel appliances and drawers beneath the double-door pantry.

Offering 170sq m of home, the Pinnacle features a generous master suite with a dressing room and ensuite. Sliding doors lead from the bedroom to the gardens, providing the perfect opportunity to add a solar pergola and create a shady private courtyard.

Paula Aubin

"Innovative and simplistic in design, the Pinnacle offers maximum use of floor space and demonstrates exceptional engineering solutions. It's a great solution to transportable homes and the built environment on small lots."

Judge Malcolm Goode



Andy Arundel

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