



The high-set louvre windows in the living area provide plenty of light and good cross-flow.



# Pemberton puts

## A residence in Northam shows off the new look in kit homes, reports Gemma Nisbet

Alternative Living specialises in building prefabricated kit homes which are cost-effective, environmentally friendly and have shorter build times than conventional constructions.

The Pemberton, a custom-built home in Northam which was designed and built by the company and based on an architecturally designed floor plan, is an example.

According to Alternative Living general manager Andy Arundel, the 126sqm home was designed to maximise natural light throughout.



The big family living area has two sets of glass doors opening to the alfresco area.



# style on display

"It's easy to get direct sun into living areas but we also wanted to have high windows in all the bedrooms," he said.

This is achieved through the use of two striking curved roof lines with high-set louvre windows running along the dual northern aspects of the home.

The three-bedroom, two-bathroom home has a spacious open-plan kitchen, living and dining zone with two sets of glass doors opening to the alfresco area. The home also has a study that could double as a fourth bedroom.

Finishes and fittings are of a high quality. The kitchen has plenty of storage, including soft-close drawers, wide essa stone benchtops, and data points for added convenience.

The bench that faces out over the dining and living areas has an extended overhang so that it can be used as a breakfast bar.

Mr Arundel said that the Pemberton, like the other Alternative Living homes, challenged traditional ideas about prefabricated construction.

"The expectation of transportables is not high but people are gobsmacked when they come in here," he said.

"When I first got into this field, what was available was really unsatisfactory. Could I have talked my wife into moving into a transportable product at that time? With a lot of difficulty. We wanted to put a different spin on it."

One of the ways the company achieves this is through its focus on environmentally sustainable design, such as the passive-solar features of this home,

its reticulated greywater recycling system, rain sensor controlled reticulation and 11,600-litre rainwater tank, which is used in the laundry and toilet.

"It's not rocket science but if you talked about this with many builders, it would go in the 'too hard' basket or the 'we can do it for a price' basket," Mr Arundel said.

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