



The old-school style of home has a lateral construction that follows a line facing the road and includes a pool and ponds.

A homestead is where heart is

■ John Videnieks

Some of us probably need to get out more. When asked about Bedfordale the response is often one of blank non-recognition.

Let this be a wake-up call: Bedfordale is a stunning, wooded suburb in the southern reaches of Armadale.

The semi-rural setting attracted Paul Rashleigh to build a single-storey “Aussie homestead” and he wanted an “old-school style of home”.

He engaged Inspired Homes as his builder, based on a recommendation from a friend.

“They were real gentlemen. We worked together on the plans and they were very efficient and helpful throughout the build,” he said.

The house is a lateral construction, following a line facing the road. It is on a big block and occupies the front portion. A pool, ponds and outbuildings make up the rest.

The home has high ceilings throughout making the

open-plan lounge and dining room airy and spacious, with an extra six courses of brickwork enlarging the living area significantly.

The north-facing wall includes a lot of glass — four double-glazed doors which open to a paved alfresco area.

A big kitchen, with a matching pantry sets off the main living space. Traditional cabinetry and shelving in sharp white contrasts with the black of the granite benchtops.

Small waist-height windows,

which are also double-glazed, bring in the sunshine.

The home theatre uses a coffered ceiling as a distinctive feature, with tiny ceiling highlights and cinema-style armchairs adding to the effect.

A passageway leads to four substantial guest rooms, two with separate ensuites, and the main bedroom.

The passage and bedrooms all have high-gloss polished jarrah flooring. The difference here is the size of the room and the detail of the ensuite.

A large bath with spa jets is set to one side; the shower recess is shielded by a glass partition.

The walk-in robe houses the security system which provides four-way split-screen surveillance.

“With the high, pitched roof and those high ceilings, it is just the perfect house for summer,” Mr Rashleigh said.

To confirm his satisfaction with Inspired Homes, he adds that it is already working on another project for him.



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