

DESIGN FOR LIFE

There are many factors to be considered when designing a home, such as site conditions, the environment, design style, the number of bathrooms, bedrooms and living areas. But a very important factor that is often not considered is; will the home cater for our specific needs over time?

Circumstances change and evolve, couples become families, young children become teenagers, and we all become elderly. Designing a home that caters for such changes not only future proofs your home for own purposes, but also opens your home to a much wider resale market should you decide to move on. Careful house design is also essential to ensure the features you would like work well together. Often once you have made your 'wish list' will need to make some compromises so you must prioritise your wants early in the process.

Some of the key design features to consider include;

- Living areas that can be closed off or separated
- At least one bedroom and bathroom on the entry level with wide easy access
- Wide hallways and entries suitable for prams or wheelchairs
- For multi story homes allow spacious stairwells and space for a future lift if required
- Position power points, phone, and data outlets away from corners to avoid unnecessary stretching or bending
- A smaller bedroom near the master suite can be used as a baby's room, and/or a study

These are a few basic design considerations however the flexibility of your home will greatly enhance your long term enjoyment of your home. Working with an experienced designer/builder can ensure that you get the most features fitted within your investment level and your home suits all your requirements.

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