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INTRODUCTION

AUSMAR is dedicated to building homes that cater to the unique needs and desires of first home builders. Our aim is to inspire people to build their dream home by providing them with home designs that reflect their vision and style. We are proud to showcase Joshua Reilly's build journey as an example of the perfect canvas for endless possibilities with an AUSMAR home. Joshua Reilly is an interior designer who drew inspiration from Morag Myerscough, an artist renowned for her striking and bold designs. Having worked in art galleries and immersed in the world of art, Josh has a creative and artistic flair that is evident in his unique home design. Josh's vision for his home was to emulate an Ice-cream Parlour aesthetic, and he has done

an exceptional job of bringing this vision to life. The project features one of our smallest AUSMAR home designs, which Josh has transformed into his dream home. It showcases the hard work and dedication that he has invested in his home post-handover. In this lookbook, we explore his creative process, inspiration, and the favorite elements of his home. Through a series of questions, we gain an insight into Josh's experience with AUSMAR and building his dream home. He talks about his favorite rooms, the challenges he faced during the building process, and the inspiration behind the unique design elements. Josh's journey is a testament to the collaborative effort between AUSMAR and our clients to create homes that are truly unique and personalised.

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THE LOCATION

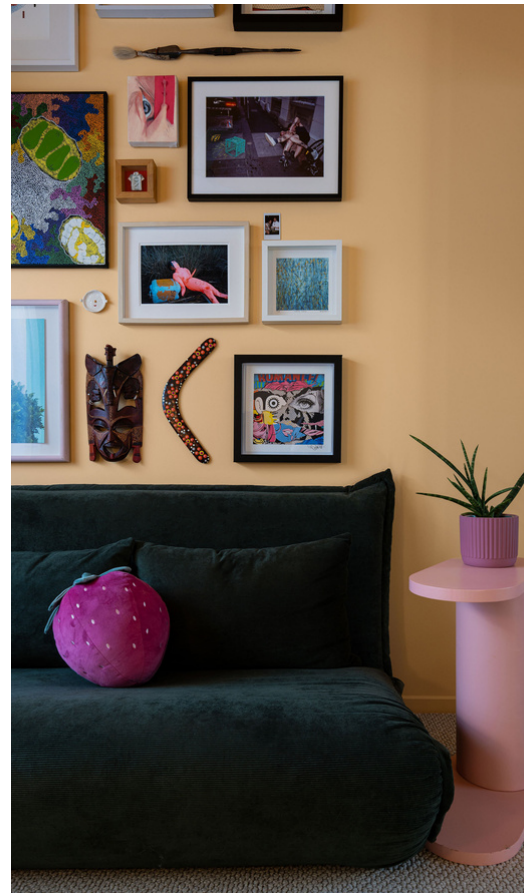
When did you buy the land and did you have delays to get the block?

Buying our block of land was quite the adventure. It was about two years ago in 2021 when my partner and I stumbled upon a new suburb while driving along the Sunshine Coast. We were immediately taken by the area's charm, with its lovely greenery, parks and playgrounds, and new developments that seemed to be popping up everywhere. As we walked up to the sales office, we could see that it was a hive of activity. People were milling around, signing documents, and finalizing their purchases.

"It was clear this was a highly sought-after location, and we were lucky to be there at the right time."

As we spoke to the sales representative, we learned that there was just one 250sqm block left. We knew we had to act fast if we wanted to secure it. We took a look at the location, which was perfect for our needs, and we decided to put it on hold. It was a surreal experience, knowing that we had just secured a piece of land in such a desirable location.

We later found out that people had been camping out all night to secure a block of land, and we felt incredibly fortunate to have stumbled upon it by chance.



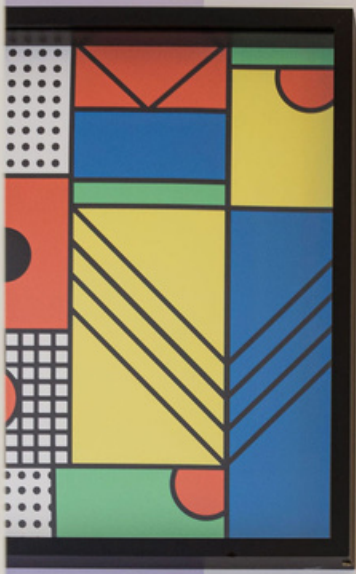
Although we had no idea how we were going to pay for it or build a house on it at the time, we knew we had to take the opportunity while it was still available.

"It was a thrilling experience to see our dream of owning a piece of land become a reality"

and we couldn't wait to start building our dream home on it. Thankfully, we didn't have any delays in securing the land, and everything went smoothly from there.



We were living in Brisbane and were driving up to the Sunshine Coast to go to the beach every single weekend. With that in mind, we decided maybe this is where we wanted to be and began looking at what we could afford.



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THE BRIEF

W we prioritised having the master bedroom towards the back of the home, so it wasn't next to the road. We also wanted lots of light, however our budget could only allow for a single storey home design. So, we upgraded to 1700mm high ceilings to counteract the smaller floor plan feeling. I think the biggest thing was having an island bench, as well as, the living, dining and kitchen to have direct access to the backyard. There weren't a lot of floorplans where this was the case for a block as small as ours. We came across the Brooklyn floor plan and were super happy. We allowed for the bedroom to be next to the kitchen because this floorplan had the main thing we

wanted, which was the island bench and direct access to the backyard. The driveway and the laundry being accessible to both the garage and the kitchen was an absolute winner for me because getting the shopping in was easy. You can go straight into the kitchen. It is the best thing. Having a separate laundry was really important for me. A lot of other home designs from other builders had the laundry in the garage which I didn't really like as my garage is my studio and workshop. When you use your garage to store your car I can understand having the laundry in there, but if you're using it solely for your studio, it's not practical. It wouldn't worry me if it was a double garage, but we have a single.

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We had a broker from whom we bought an apartment recently. We kind of talked to her and mentioned we might do something. Not long after we accidentally did the 'something.' She was like "Oh My God, I don't know if I can," but she did.



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THE FACADE

Our home is a true reflection of our personal style, and we wanted it to be a reflection of our new love for coastal living. We were particularly drawn to the weatherboard look, which is so common in beachside communities. We opted for a white exterior, which looks incredibly bright and fresh against the lush green grass that surrounds our property. Our entrance from the street is truly eye-catching, thanks to the beautiful pink door that we added. It's a fun and playful touch that gives a hint of what people can expect once they step inside. We wanted the entrance to be warm and welcoming, and the pink door definitely

achieves that. Landscaping was also a major consideration for us. Despite our smaller block size, we wanted to prioritise having a lush green lawn and a palm tree. We've always loved the way palm trees look, and since we've moved to Queensland, they're a common sight everywhere we go. We also added some beautiful plants and flowers that complement the coastal vibe of our home. Overall, we're really happy with the way our home looks from the street. It's a true reflection of our style and personality, and it always puts a smile on our faces when we pull up to our driveway.

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THE KITCHEN

Tell us about the kitchen. We want to know everything.

Walking you through my home, let's talk about my pride and joy: the kitchen. It's the heart of my house and the place where I spend most of my time. When I was designing my dream kitchen, I knew I wanted an island bench. It had to be big enough for me to prepare food, but also for people to sit and chat with me while I cook. And let me tell you, it was the best decision I made. Having an island bench has made the kitchen feel more spacious, and it's also a great spot for entertaining. But the island bench wasn't the only thing on my wishlist.

"I'm a passionate cook, and I wanted a stove that could keep up with my culinary adventures."

I had electric at my last place, and it was a nightmare. So when I moved, a gas stove was a must-have. It's a game-changer! The flame is so much more responsive, and it heats up the pots and pans so much faster. It's the little things in life, you know? And having a gas stove definitely makes the home feel more 'homey'.

One of the things I really love about my kitchen is the window behind the stove. It's not just any window; it's a big one that lets in a lot of natural light. And when I'm cooking, I can look out and see the beautiful plants we've put behind the window. It's like having a little piece of nature in my kitchen, and it makes the space feel fresh and inviting.



"When I was looking at kitchen designs, I wanted a more open-plan feel, and I think the island bench in the Brooklyn achieves that."

The extra space around the island makes it easier for me to move around the kitchen. Overall, I couldn't be happier with my kitchen. It's everything I wanted and more. From the island bench to the gas stove and the big window, it's a space that reflects my personality and my love for cooking. And I'm always happy to show it off to my friends and family!

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The Brooklyn floor plan is designed to make maximum advantage of small lot housing.

THIS WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO A STYLE MOST PEOPLE ARE TOO SCARED TO DO —

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THE STYLE

As an interior designer, I've always had an eye for design and aesthetics. So when it came to designing my own home, I knew exactly what I wanted. I wanted a home that reflected my personality, my taste and my sense of style. Something clients are often too scared to do. Once I had a clear vision, I started to gather materials, fabrics, and accessories that would bring my design ideas to life. I experimented with different textures, colors, and patterns until I found the perfect mix. I also played around with different furniture layouts and lighting fixtures to create a harmonious and functional space.

One of the things that helped me figure out my personal style was my experience working as an interior designer. I had the opportunity to work on a variety of projects, and I learned a lot about different design styles, materials, and techniques. This knowledge and experience allowed me to mix and match different styles and create a truly unique space that reflected my personality. In the end, I'm thrilled with how my home turned out. It's a reflection of who I am, and it's a space that makes me feel happy and comfortable. It was a chance to challenge myself and push the boundaries of design, and I couldn't be happier with the result.



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**EXPERIMENT WITH COLOUR. IT IS ONLY
PAINT AND DON'T FORGET THAT THE
CEILING IS A PART OF THE ROOM, IT
DOESN'T NEED TO BE WHITE —**

Joshua Reilly

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THE FEEDBACK

Are there any features that are a standout in your home?

There are several standout features in our home, but the living room is definitely one of my favourite spaces. One of the key elements in this room is the built-in cabinets from Ikea. While the cabinets themselves are pretty standard, I wanted to add my own personal touch to them. So, I designed and built a facade for the cabinets myself, which has completely transformed the space.

The living room is now one of the most comfortable and cosy spaces in our home. We spend a lot of time here, whether we're watching movies, playing games, or just relaxing on the couch. It's the perfect place to unwind after a long day.

Another standout feature in our home is the overall design aesthetic. We wanted to create a fun and playful vibe throughout the house, and I think we've achieved that.

"Our goal was to create an ice cream parlour aesthetic in our home, with pastel colours and playful touches that make the space feel welcoming and cheerful."

It's definitely a unique look, but we love it and it feels like a true reflection of our personalities. For those who are considering building a new home in the future, I have two pieces of advice.



Firstly, if you can afford it, invest in ducted air conditioning. While we opted for split air conditioners, we've ended up installing four units which have taken up precious space in our backyard.

"In hindsight, the cost of a ducted system would have been similar, and it would have saved us a lot of hassle."

Secondly, consider investing in high ceilings. This can really transform the look and feel of your home, making the space feel larger and more open. While it may be a bit more expensive upfront, it's definitely worth it in the long run as it can add value to your property and make it a more enjoyable place to live.

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