

DRAFT CASE STUDY – BRAD AND LISA DEWHURST: The Richmond

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Quality control, customised design and cost-effective build add up to a winning home

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A build made simple with flexible design

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“Finding Paal was really fortuitous for us. The Paal system is simple and intuitive and gave us the control and flexibility we needed to build a great family home.”

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As a cost-conscious owner-builder and a boilermaker by trade Brad Dewhurst, and his wife Lisa, wanted a kit home solution that gave them control over the build and offered intelligent design and contemporary style without the high costs. For them, the logical choice was the four-bedroom steel framed Richmond, a home that perfectly demonstrates the flexibility and quality of Paal.

As one of Paal’s largest homes, this was an ambitious undertaking for the couple and although there were times they thought they might have bitten off more than they could chew, the step-by-step build by numbers system ensured the process came together in little more than 14 months.

“With so many things to consider, from the early planning stages to moving in, building a well-designed, adaptable and affordable Richmond home helped to take the pressure off such a huge undertaking.

“We were very happy with how the whole process unfolded. Paal gave us the tools and the inspiration we needed to build a customised contemporary home of our dreams that’s ideally tailored to our location and our lifestyle,” says Brad.

When the Dewhursts first started thinking about building their own home, they envisioned a home that had a thoughtful floor plan, lots of space, and flexibility for their family.

“The main reason to build your own home is to create something that really meets your family’s needs so that’s what we were looking for,” says Lisa.

They did their homework online – looking at reviews, designs, costings and inclusions for a number of kit homes – and in the end, the answer was a Paal home.

“We found with Paal homes there was a real emphasis on intelligent floor plans and an innovative and modern design. The Richmond home measured up with the design we had envisioned and best suited the layout of our building envelope,” says Lisa.

The Dewhursts customised their home by removing the ensuite between the second and third bedrooms and enlarging the remaining bathroom. They also added a separate toilet. One of the biggest, and most satisfying, changes they made was moving the alfresco area and kitchen to the front of the house and adding extra verandahs to improve the liveability and energy efficiency of their home.

Brad and Lisa and their son and daughter have been living in their generously proportioned home for more than a year now and love its spaciousness and relaxed sophistication, particularly the cathedral ceilings.

“Visitors are always amazed by the size and scale of our home and the fact we built it ourselves. The design works perfectly for us and is great for entertaining. We feel our home sits perfectly in its setting and the design is very responsive to the site taking advantage of natural light and views,” says Brad.