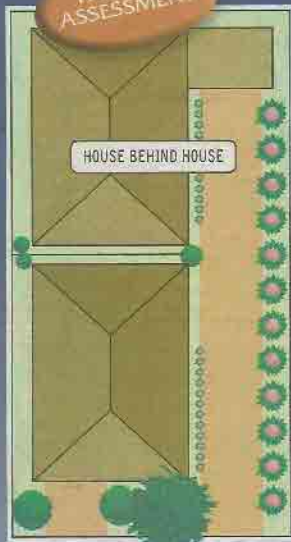


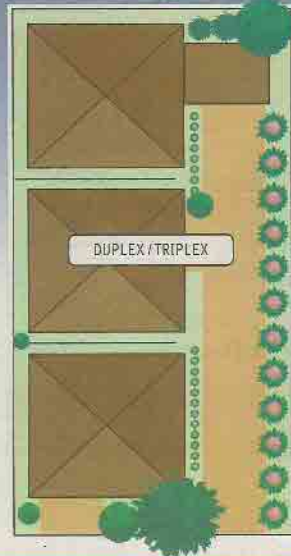
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The open-plan living area looks out to an alfresco area with a built-in barbecue.

Solar principles guided design

LISA CALAUTTI

Louvre windows are a focal point of the upper level of this Bassendean home.

Built by Right Homes, the windows were incorporated as part of good passive-solar design, consideration of neighbours and the fact the home faced north.

The owner said he wanted to build something that was reasonably solar efficient and a strip of frosted panels along the louvre windows prevented looking into neighbours' homes while ensuring the second storey's passageway and adjacent bedrooms were well lit.

Good passive-solar design is incorporated throughout the home with cavity wall insulation and a PV solar system.

Despite the block being little more than 9.5m wide, the home successfully fits four good-sized bedrooms, two bathrooms and a powder room.

The ground level features an open-plan living area with a galley-style kitchen and individual panel glass doors which open to a small alfresco area with a built-in barbecue.

A big walk-in pantry, stone benchtops, Bosch appliances and a Clipsal power strip are highlights of the kitchen.

The main suite, with an ensuite and large walk-in robe, is towards the back of the ground level. A powder room with wheelchair access is situated near the entrance.

A carpeted staircase with built-in lights, with storage space underneath, leads to the second level which has an office, minor bedrooms and a theatre room, which could also be used as a fourth bedroom.



This home was an entry in the 2010 HIA-NAB Perth Housing Awards.