

Dear Designers,

Welcome to the

*Merino Homes Design Challenge  
for 2019.*

We have selected a beautiful home situated in the Southern Highlands town of Joadja. This home is very connected to the bush that surrounds it and has many opportunities in its design to set it well apart from any other.

Owners are very money savvy and believe in investing not wasting, so when making your selections you may want to keep this in mind.

Good luck & remember, you are designing for a lifestyle not a show home. Be bold, be daring and be true to your vision. Fill this home with love and excitement, so it can be enjoyed for the many years to come.

Kind regards,

*Katie & David*

# WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THIS BRIEF

*Design brief for three rooms*

2019 – DESIGN CHALLENGE

## KITCHEN | BATHROOM | LIVING

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These three areas need to complement each other and create a harmony throughout the home. There are a number of items that are pre-determined such as the Spotted gum timber flooring throughout the home. Budgets for kitchen and prime cost items (PC) such as taps, baths, sinks etc. You will be able to find these details in this brief and the project specifications.



### OWNERS

Clients are husband and wife with two children under the age of 8. Their current home is in the eastern suburbs of Sydney and both clients work full time in the corporate world. This house will be an escape to the country and holiday with family and friends. A big emphasis has been put on entertaining guests in this home and a holiday lifestyle. Both parents work full time but have been holidaying and maintaining this property for many years now.

# CHECK LIST 2019 – DESIGN CHALLENGE

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- Download all paperwork on Grassroots page
- Read through letter from the builder
- Read through letter from the Architect
- Read Project Specifications – details on budgets
- Read through client meeting notes
- Read up on Merino Homes and what we value
- Look at inspiration houses (details below)

## TO BECOME A FINALIST

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All entries will be reviewed and judged provided the following is supplied;

- Finishes brief for all three rooms – Maximum four pages
- Furnishing brief for all three rooms – Maximum four pages
- A letter or video to the client explaining your vision

From there a select few will progress to the finalist round. These finalists will be selected by panel of judges from ISCD, Merino Homes, Temple and Webster and most importantly by the client. Finalists will need to present the following:

- Complete Finishes design brief for all three rooms – Maximum four pages
- Complete Furnishing brief for all three rooms – Maximum four pages
- A letter / video to the client explaining your vision

- All selections and furnishings must be supplied exclusively by Temple and Webster.

# CLIENT MEETING NOTES

*Information provided by client*

## INSPIRATION

Client has based her vision of the home on 2 properties. One property is in the same area – Joadja House by Harry Seidler. The other is a church conversion by Linc Thelen Design located in Chicago . These two homes have a number of elements in common and are a great starting point. In all entries we will be looking for someone who can shows a good understanding of space, the way it will be used and makes selections not because they are safe but because that are unique to the lifestyle of this home.

## INCLUSION LIST FROM CLIENT

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### Bathroom x 2

- Mirror above sink
- Wall and floor tiling (standard)
- standard toilet
- towel rail
- Toilet roll holder
- Chrome framed shower screen
- tiled shower base with drain
- standard basin mixer
- standard large shower rose
- vanity with Caesar stone top
- Deep bath in main ensuite bathroom
- Combined exhaust fan/ heater lamps

### Fireplace

- Chazelles DX 1200 (indicative price \$9000 and Flue Kit of \$3000)
- Granite/ Marble mantel under fireplace (optional)
- Minimalist design for chimney - (refer church conversion into residence by Linc Thelen design)

[www.homeadore.com/2015/07/08/church-conversion-linc-thelen-design/](http://www.homeadore.com/2015/07/08/church-conversion-linc-thelen-design/)

## Kitchen

Laminate cabinetry

Caesar stone or granite benchtops

Island bench with double sink and cabinetry and waterfall stonework

Stone to be thicker around the edge of the island bench

1 + 3/4 stainless steel sink with drainer

Overhead laminate cupboards

Glass or tile splashback above kitchen benches

external vent for rangehood

Gas connection to stove top/ electric connection to oven

## MERINO NOTES

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Merino Homes is a company that focuses on quality and old school values. Owners David and Katherine value quality work, good building practice and upholding a standard to be proud of. They surround themselves with a team that is like-minded & work with many amazing trades who also love what they do. Merino Homes is a small company by choice. David and Katherine have a large involvement with all projects from concept to completion and believe that any investment from their clients should be respected and honoured as if it was an investment of their own.

The "Merino Experience" is structured whilst also being tailored and flexible to meet the needs of their clients. Understanding that building a home can be one of the biggest investments emotionally and financially, the Merino experience allows people to have direct access to the builder and receive a more personal service. For more information please jump onto our website [www.merinohomes.com.au](http://www.merinohomes.com.au)

*Good Luck*