

Expertise in oils comes in handy

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airy and the fireplace with wetback is enough to heat the whole house and it faces west so gets lots of sun."

The concrete pad acts as a heat sink, and with substantial glazing across the west face and sea view, Lucy says the airflow from the big sliding doors and windows ensures temperature can be controlled inside in the heat of summer along with shade blinds.

Colour choices were again a collaboration.

McCaulley says he appreciated working with Lucy who studied at art school and is a well-established artist in oils.

"Colour was an important requirement in the consideration of integrating the building into the site. Earthy and darker tones on the outside, Grey Friars on the metal, joinery in Silver Pearl and plywood stained equilibrium and inside shades of half Resene Linen with feature walls of colour."

"One of our real finds when furnishing was the formica table and chairs we got on Trade Me. They'd been owned by a couple for 48 years, they'd raised their family around the table and were

pleased to think we were now going to raise our kids around it." And in a similarly sentimental but equally pragmatic way Lucy hasn't found any lounge suite better than the one she got from her grandparents.

"It's got family connection, that means a lot, but also it keeps you upright, with back and neck support and I guess I'm just one of those people who likes to be sitting upright reading to the kids."

The award-winning project has undoubtedly been a team effort. For McCaulley it has been enjoyable to work with clients who weren't wanting a home that was inappropriate or ostentatious in design, and for Lucy and Ramon it's been a good journey to work with a designer who listened, understood and interpreted their concepts.

"I did technical drawing at school so I'd drawn out a few plans and when Brynn joined us he understood what we were looking for, took my concepts away, knocked a bit off the lounge, added a bit to the office and within a moment it was done."



Ray of sunshine: The setting sun creates a golden glow on the home.



Cosy comforts: A Liam Barr artwork, *The Sandcastle* hangs alongside the woodfire, and with forester Ramon having access to an endless supply of wood he ensures the fire pumps along in the winter heating the entire home. The walls are a mix of Resene Guru and Dulux Herne Bay, the fireside sculpture *Antler Fish* by Tracey Skelton.



Work of art: The hallway doors are painted in Ramon's favourite colour, Resene Mexican Wave, the artwork at the end a special buy from The Affordable Art Show.



Lasting impressions: The open plan connection from the kitchen makes a wonderful family home, Lucy says. The kitchen ceiling and walls are in Half Sea Fog and Linen, the splash back and kitchen island a Laminex product and the flooring strip vinyl plank to provide warmth and durability for young children.



Rural connection: The low sleek profile of the house merges into the backdrop, just what the owners wanted.

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"MOOR SUN"

Acknowledged as one of the landmark works of noted architect James Walter Chapman Taylor this property is one of the most beautifully crafted homes we have ever seen. Nestled in a large private garden hidden from the street, it has been faultlessly and lovingly maintained by its current owners for the last 24 years.

- * An atmospheric home filled with light and year-round sun, characterised by rough-rendered whitewashed concrete walls and hand-adzed beams and doors, beautiful steel-paned windows and an exquisite parquet floor covering much of the downstairs area
 - * Gorgeous main living/dining room with open fire, vaulted ceiling and a high gallery giving access to upstairs bedrooms and built-in office area
 - * Contemporary eat-in kitchen with cosy gas fire perfectly complementing the home's original style. A sun room leads to a second living room or den
 - * Three double bedrooms and two modern bathrooms
 - * A large separate studio guest room or office with its own bathroom is linked to the home by a sunny landscaped courtyard
 - * A generous double garage, plus many off street carparks, large washhouse and masses of inbuilt storage provide huge functionality
 - * An absolutely beautiful garden with terraces, lawns, vegetable garden and summer house. Wonderful location opposite Nairville Park and close to Khandallah Village
- Only available due to its owners leaving Wellington, this is special real estate, which will be of obvious appeal to those who appreciate landmark architecture coupled with the most exacting enhancements for comfortable contemporary living.

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