



Turning the beach house upside down

This Torquay waterside offering luxuriously evokes the seaside shack, writes **Kerrie O'Brien**.

TALK about an ideal location for a display home: the Beachview by Hotondo Homes is exactly that, perched right on the waterside in Torquay. Some suggest baking bread in houses on auction day helps make prospective buyers feel nurtured and at home — one wonders about the potential positive psychological impact of the smell of sea air.

It's a smart property, with a flat roof on one half of the house and an angled roof on the other. Somehow it mirrors the look of the beach shack of old but brings it into the 21st century.

The facade is a mix of cladding and a tiled feature wall.

Perhaps the most distinguishing feature is that the floor plan appears to have been flipped, which is befitting of its location. The

bedrooms and rumpus room are on the ground floor, with the key living areas upstairs. Most new homes, by volume builders at least, are designed with the opposite: living downstairs and sleeping up. What it allows is access to those sea views from the hub of the house.

A timber deck lining the living and dining room also takes maximum advantage of the outlook.

Lovely polished boards run through the living area and large windows and glass doors ensure natural light is at a premium. The fit-out is largely minimalist, with neutral colours used in walls and floor coverings.

Hotondo has taken a slightly different tack to the design and fit-out of this house. On the ground level, the display has been built with standard inclusions, while on the

first floor, a range of available upgrades have been incorporated. According to the company, this is to "allow visitors to draw inspiration and gain an understanding of what options are available". Both the kitchen and en suite, for example, have CaesarStone benchtops, which are included in the list of available upgrades. The Beachview also has several outdoor entertaining options, with one covered area and two balconies upstairs.

According to Hotondo Homes, it is one of the country's largest home-building networks.

Unlike many of the national volume home builders, all Hotondo builders are independent but they are backed by a national network. Each builder has access to more than 90 floor plans; the Beachview 340 is the latest to be released.



Included in the upgrades are CaesarStone benchtops for the kitchen and en suite



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Details

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Builder: Hotondo Homes
Website: hotondo.com.au
Phone: 1800 677 156
Display address: 1 Nautical Rise,
Torquay
Melway: 493 G12
Open: Saturday to Wednesday, 1-5pm
Start price: \$296,000
As displayed price: \$375,000
Size (including garage and outdoor areas): 340 square metres
Bedrooms: 3
Bathrooms: 2 plus one powder room
Parking: 2 (attached double garage)

Living areas are on the top level of the house, taking in sea views, while the bedrooms are below.

