



Fynbos haven

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The natural setting of Atlantic Beach Estate near Melkbos Strand has produced the perfect haven for this lucky family.

Since they were already familiar with the pristine natural environment of the area, having previously resided at Sunset Beach nearby, the owners achieved a country lifestyle, where outdoor beauty and elegance go hand in hand.

Their ultimate wish was for as much open space in their immediate surroundings as possible, where they can live close to nature, while enjoying the magnificent Cape fynbos and starry skies at night. Building on this exclusive West Coast estate, known to offer leisure activities including the 18-hole links-style golf course and sports centre, offered sufficient privacy to enjoy farmhouse living within wide open spaces. Another luxury they could indulge in, as a direct result of the spacious surroundings, was to maximise undercover verandah facilities.

ABOVE: This architectural design by Nic Border Architects complies with the Atlantic Beach Golf Estate Design guidelines externally, which is a contemporary farmhouse aesthetic. Made up of a series of barn buildings with lean-to link elements, the house maximises the stunning golf course and sea views to the west, while forming a private wind-protected courtyard facing onto a green belt with the swimming pool at its centre.





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For them, the end product is first prize, of three comfortable outdoor patios from which to enjoy perfect shelter in any weather conditions, in all seasons. Nic Border of Nic Border Architects says his design met the brief for a contemporary-style home, with a farmhouse ambience, where centralised living areas are integrated for easy coastal living. A large caesarstone and kiaat island bench was incorporated to function as the heart of the home, with an open-plan orientation to the family and dining room. A layering of terraces and pergolas on the west side provides protection

RIGHT: Cheryl Herweg, of Cheryl Herweg Interiors, was briefed by her client to create a natural interior that would comfortably become an extension of the magnificent outdoors, where sublime views of the sea and Table Mountain can be seen, across the golf course set among fynbos vegetation. All living spaces were designed with the client's lifestyle in mind, so that every room would serve a purpose, leaving no underutilised spaces. By using a muted colour palette, Cheryl created an interior that is at one with the tranquillity of the beautiful natural surroundings. The generous incorporation of texture into the schematics, layering with various elements and materials from the matt, shiny, polished, rough, through to the distressed tactile finishes, created a visual perspective of depth.



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LEFT: This vent-free gas fireplace with white pebbles was installed in a stone slab, by Designer Braais and Fireplaces. In addition to providing optimum heating in rooms on a cold winter's day, the flames reflecting on the polished stone surface also create a warm ambience in the living areas.

from the harsh afternoon sun and winter rains. Stunning sea views are visible from upstairs bedrooms, and groundfloor rooms flow out onto the private courtyard, offering both public and private living.

What further rounds off the sophisticated ambience of this home is the elegant interior design and decor, completed by Cheryl Herweg of Cheryl Herweg Interiors. She says by translating her clients' need for the natural surroundings to become a focal point of their lifestyle, she was able to deliver an interior design where the outdoors become an extension of the interior, and vice versa. Many of the finest decor elements achieved by Cheryl, such as the magnificent bedroom suites and designer bathrooms, reflect individual themes, with





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contrasting applications in tone and texture. Indoor comforts that prove ideal for wet winter periods include luxurious soft furnishings, ultimate underfoot comfort, and fireplaces by Designer Braais and Fireplaces.

The fine selection of contemporary-style indoor furniture provides elegant aesthetics and ultimate comfort for fabulous family gatherings in favourite areas such as the kitchen. 🏠

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