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HEALTHY HOME *SERIES*

RESPONSIBLE DESIGN *in Practice*

**AT WEBB & BROWN-NEAVES,
RESPONSIBLE DESIGN IS ABOUT
CREATING HOMES THAT FEEL
BETTER TO LIVE IN.**

It's a philosophy that considers how a home responds to its environment, supports everyday wellbeing and continues to perform for years to come. From the way natural light enters a room to the materials selected throughout the home, every decision has an impact on comfort, health and quality of life.

While no single feature defines a healthy home, a series of thoughtful design choices can work together to create spaces that feel brighter, calmer and more connected to the people who live within them.

Here are six ways Responsible Design contributes to a healthier home.



*“A healthy home is rarely defined
by a single feature. It’s the result of
hundreds of thoughtful decisions
working together.”*



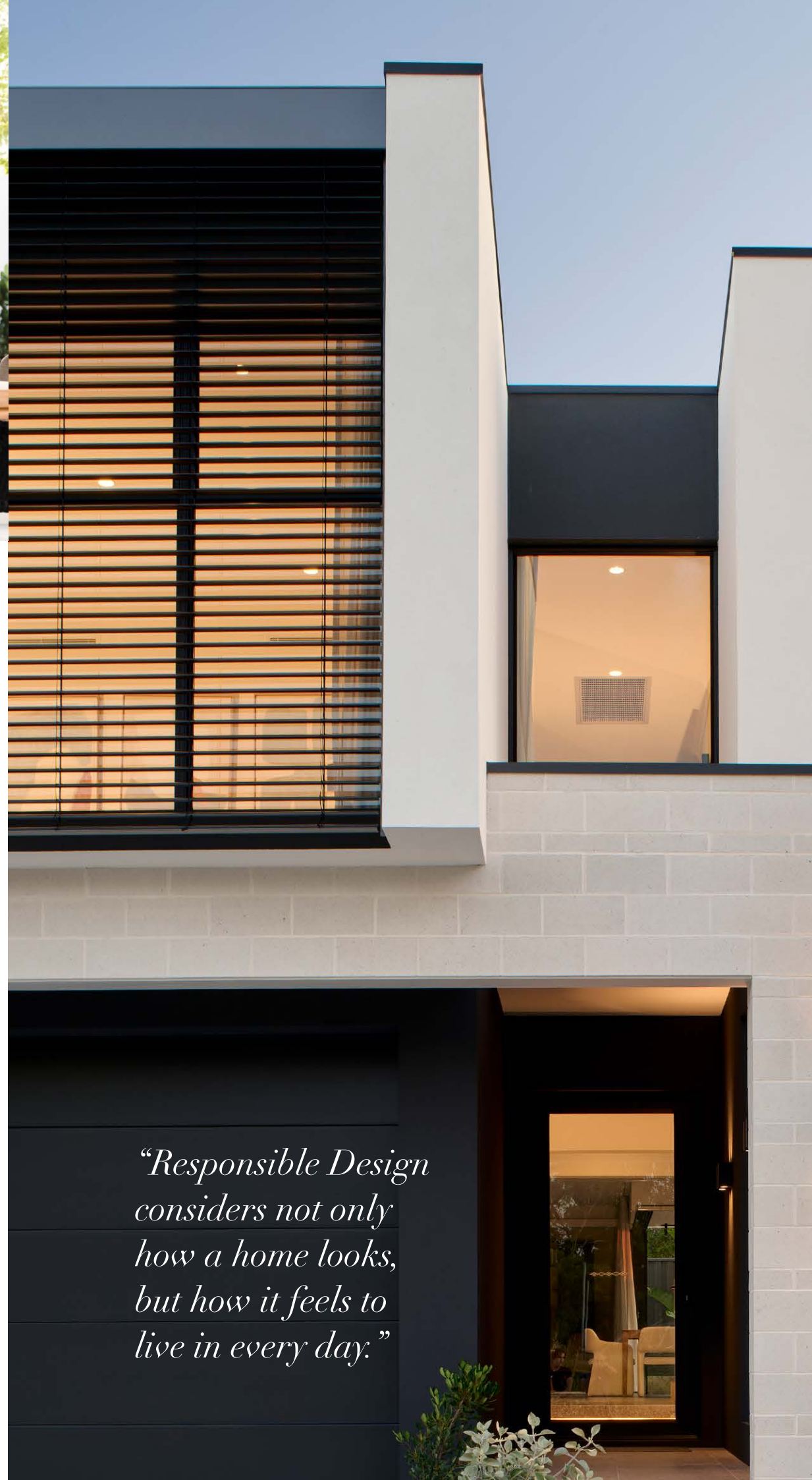
1 DESIGNED FOR THE SUN

THE SUN SHAPES THE WAY A HOME IS EXPERIENCED EVERY DAY.

Understanding how a home responds to the sun can influence everything from natural light and indoor comfort to energy efficiency and everyday liveability. Through careful orientation and site planning, living spaces can be positioned to capture winter warmth, maximise daylight and reduce unwanted heat gain during summer.

When combined with shading devices such as eaves and pergolas, thoughtful orientation helps create homes that feel comfortable throughout the seasons while reducing reliance on artificial heating and cooling.

Responsible Design begins by understanding the site and allowing the home to work in harmony with its environment.



“Responsible Design considers not only how a home looks, but how it feels to live in every day.”



2 NATURAL LIGHT

SUPPORTING WELLBEING THROUGH LIGHT

Natural light has a remarkable ability to influence the way we feel.

Bright, naturally lit spaces can help create a greater sense of openness, strengthen the connection between indoors and outdoors and contribute to a more enjoyable living environment throughout the day.

Responsible Design considers not only the size and position of windows, but also how light moves throughout a home. Features such as skylights, roof windows and glazing can help draw natural light into areas that may otherwise rely on artificial lighting, creating brighter and more inviting interiors.

Beyond daylight, carefully planned lighting design plays an important role in shaping the atmosphere and

functionality of a home. Layering ambient, task and feature lighting helps create spaces that respond to different activities and times of day, from productive mornings through to relaxed evenings.

Indirect lighting can also help create a softer, more comfortable environment by reducing glare and highlighting architectural features, textures and materials throughout the home.

The goal is not simply more light, but better light. Light that enhances wellbeing, supports everyday living and helps create spaces people genuinely enjoy spending time in.

“Wellbeing begins with the spaces we spend the most time in.”





3 A CONNECTION TO NATURE

DESIGNING WITH NATURE, NOT AGAINST IT.

Thoughtfully designed landscapes can help create outdoor environments that are both beautiful and responsive to Western Australia's climate. By selecting waterwise planting suited to local conditions, gardens can thrive with less maintenance, reduced water consumption and greater resilience throughout the seasons.

Responsible Design considers how a landscape will perform over time, favouring plant species that work with the environment rather than against it. The result is a garden that feels naturally connected to its setting while supporting more sustainable living.

Landscaping also plays an important role in wellbeing. Biophilic design

recognises the positive impact that nature can have on our daily lives. Carefully positioned gardens, shaded outdoor retreats and views to greenery can help strengthen the connection between people and the natural world. Even simple moments, such as looking out from a kitchen, living room or bedroom window towards planting and trees, can contribute to a greater sense of calm and comfort within the home.

When considered alongside the architecture, landscaping becomes more than an outdoor feature. It becomes an extension of the living experience, supporting both environmental performance and everyday wellbeing.





4 HEALTHIER MATERIALS

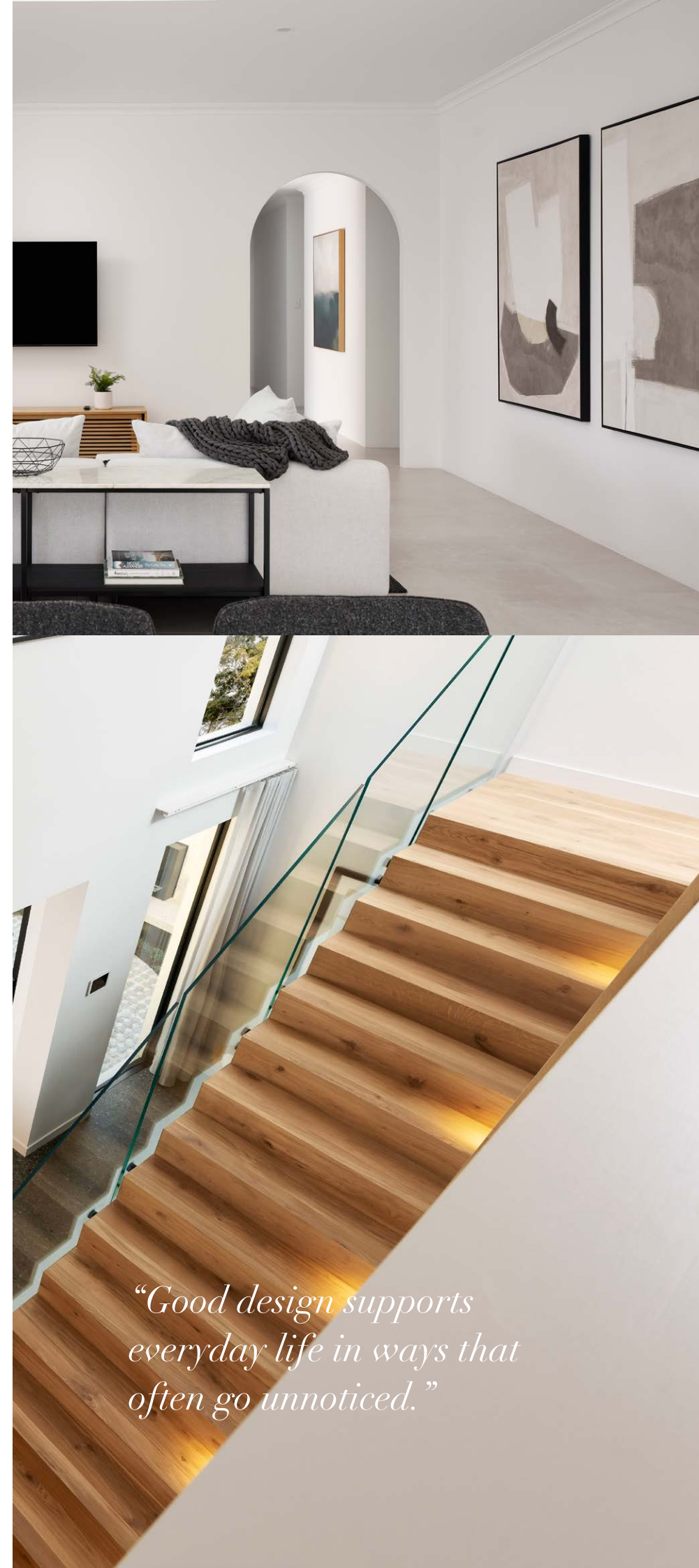
CONSIDERING WHAT SURROUNDS US

The materials selected within a home can contribute to the quality of the indoor environment.

Paints and coatings are found throughout every room, making them an important consideration when creating healthier living spaces. Products with lower VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) levels can help reduce airborne emissions, supporting improved indoor air quality during and after construction.

Through partnerships with trusted suppliers such as Wattyl, Webb & Brown-Neaves considers materials not only for their appearance and durability, but also for their contribution to a healthier home environment.

Sometimes the choices you don't see can make a meaningful difference.



“Good design supports everyday life in ways that often go unnoticed.”

5 DESIGNED TO BREATHE

COMFORT THROUGH PASSIVE DESIGN

A comfortable home shouldn't rely entirely on mechanical systems.

By considering window placement, room positioning and site orientation, homes can be designed to encourage natural airflow and cross ventilation. These passive design strategies help fresh air move throughout the home, improving comfort while reducing energy consumption.

When combined with ceiling fans and other climate-responsive design solutions, natural airflow can play a significant role in maintaining comfortable living environments throughout the year.

Good design allows the home to work harder, so its occupants don't have to.



“The healthiest homes create a stronger connection between people, place and nature.”





6 CALM INTERIORS

THE INFLUENCE OF COLOUR AND MATERIALS

From sustainably sourced timber and natural fibres through to low-VOC finishes and durable surfaces, thoughtful material selection can contribute to both the longevity of a home and the wellbeing of those who live within it.

Fabrics play an important role too. Natural materials such as linen, wool

and cotton can offer durability, comfort and timeless appeal, while reducing reliance on synthetic alternatives that may have a greater environmental impact over time.

By prioritising quality, durability and responsible sourcing, interiors can be designed to age gracefully, reducing the need for frequent replacement while creating spaces that feel warm, authentic and enduring.

DESIGNED FOR *the future*

RESPONSIBLE DESIGN IS ABOUT LOOKING BEYOND IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND CONSIDERING HOW A HOME WILL PERFORM IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Through durable materials, thoughtful planning, accessibility, landscaping and carefully considered interiors, homes can become more resilient, more adaptable and more rewarding to live in.

Because the best homes aren't only designed for today.

They're designed for life.

Ready to explore what's possible?

Speak with our team about creating a home that responds to your lifestyle, your site and the way you want to live.



“A well-designed home doesn't demand attention. It quietly improves everyday life.”



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