



he hadn't seen before in the alfresco so designed and constructed this feature himself. Several of the panels can change colours and can even be programmed. The home's music is able to be played in many areas of the house at once via the Sonos system. The house is completely smart wired and most of the home's functions are controlled via an iPad.

Environmental impact was a crucial design factor for the home, but a 6.5 star energy rating was easily achieved with some pre-design planning. The home is fitted throughout with LED downlights, a variable air-conditioning system (helping minimise the impact of unnecessarily cooling multiple large areas at once), and modern hidden ceiling fans in the bedrooms. These initiatives all help to make the home more efficient to run.

Vestra Personal Builders is a custom builder and Tony has been in the industry for more than 15 years. His passion for building led

him to do further studies to get his builders registration before establishing his own building company in 2007. Vestra won the MBA award for Best New Builder in 2011. The company has previously undertaken commercial and residential projects, but its focus is now primarily on residential custom-built homes.

As this house in Lancaster St, Dianella, is Tony's own home he built it primarily to suit his family's lifestyle given their love of entertaining. However, it was also built to show Vestra's clients what can be achieved, and that it is possible to build an energy efficient luxury home. Tony also wanted to be able to showcase the quality building standard that Vestra prides itself on.

The home is open for public viewing by appointment. **BC**

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