



Meeting the challenge

BRILLIANT colours and innovative design make these seven one-bedroom homes some of the most interesting in Nollamara.

Built from cream brick and charcoal roof tiles, the two-storey dwellings have lots of noteworthy detail. Weatherboard-look sheeting gives the top floor a tower-like appearance and some walls have feature render painted grey, mustard or terracotta.

Red-brick detailing between the weatherboards and in soldier style on the top of retaining walls adds further appeal.

The driveway is a myriad of colour and, although it sounds unusual, with some sections in checkerboard pattern and others in mottled red and black, the effect is stylish and quite uplifting.

According to builder Tony Trlin, the development posed some challenges because the site sloped by 5.4m from ground to the top and needed lots of earthworks to step down and retain the site prior to the building work.

He praised the design of the units, which feature elements such as curved retaining walls at the back of some of the north-facing

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courtyards. The clever design has single carports dividing the homes, meaning few of the units have connecting walls.

As the units were built for people with special needs, their design ensures that they all have good security. Gabled porticos shelter the front of the units, which have living areas and a bathroom on the ground floor, with a sliding door opening out to the courtyard.

Upstairs is a bathroom and a toilet.

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MASTER BUILDERS HOUSING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

CONTRACT

CATEGORY: Under \$80,000

SUBURB: Nollamara

BUILDER: Tony Trlin and Co Builders

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