

2025-2026 Building Design Trends



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About Us

At Equity Builders Co, we're more than just builders - we're renovation and extension specialists trusted to deliver exceptional results for high-end homes. Not every builder is qualified to take on major renovations or architectural extensions. It's a different level of expertise, planning, and craftsmanship - and it's where we excel.

Our focus is on creating timeless, luxury spaces that not only transform your home, but seamlessly blend with its character and elevate the way you live. From large-scale renovations to custom-designed extensions to new builds, we guide you through every step with precision, transparency, and care.

Whether you're upgrading or building your forever home or reimagining your lifestyle with a major transformation, our mission is simple - to bring your vision to life with specialist craftsmanship, premium finishes, and a seamless experience built around trust and excellence.



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Trend 1: Mediterranean Inspired Living

Romantic arches meet Australian coastal ease.



Mediterranean-Inspired Living draws on the romance of European villas with arched openings, crisp white render, travertine flooring, and shaded courtyards. It's all about creating sun-soaked homes that balance timeless elegance with effortless indoor-outdoor living.

The Australian take:

- Frameless glass pool fencing keeps compliance stylish.
- Olive trees and coastal palms replace traditional Mediterranean planting.
- Alfresco dining zones double as everyday living spaces.
- Courtyard layouts are adapted for breezy coastal blocks.

Why it works

This trend merges the charm of the Mediterranean with the functionality of Australian design, creating homes that are timeless, airy, and perfect for entertaining.

Trend 2: Earthy Coastal

Soft textures and ocean hues for a breezy, grounded home.



Earthy Coastal is all about gentle textures and muted coastal tones layered into relaxed, modern spaces. Limewashed walls, exposed oak beams, and natural stone finishes create interiors that feel both calming and luxurious.

The Australian take:

- Works beautifully in open-plan beachside homes.
- Oak joinery pairs seamlessly with pale stone benchtops.
- Coastal palettes of muted aqua and seafoam keep the look fresh.
- Limewashed walls add depth and softness without heaviness.

Why it works

It delivers an atmosphere of serenity and ease, making interiors feel grounding yet light. This trend feels luxurious while remaining effortlessly coastal.

Trend 3: Contemporary Oasis

Concrete, timber, and greenery for modern resort-inspired living.



Contemporary Oasis celebrates lifestyle-driven design with crisp render, natural timber cladding, and sleek concrete finishes softened by lush greenery. It's modern architecture elevated into a boutique retreat.

The Australian take:

- Pools framed with stone paving and glass fencing.
- Outdoor pavilions double as everyday entertaining hubs.
- Landscaping layers in palms, tropical grasses, and frangipani.
- Found in prestige coastal areas like Byron and the Gold Coast.

Why it works

This trend transforms the home into a private resort - blending wellness, luxury, and liveability in equal measure.

Trend 4: Modern Stone Luxe

Dark cladding and stonework create a bold, architectural coastal retreat.



What it is:

A bold reimagining of coastal architecture that swaps out white and breezy tones for dark, moody luxury. Think matte black cladding, smoked glass, bronze details, and dramatic stonework anchoring the façade. Clean modern lines stay — but they're layered with richness, depth, and tactile textures that feel both architectural and indulgent.

The Australian take:

- Works beautifully on coastal or urban blocks where you want strong street appeal.
- Often paired with low-maintenance native landscaping
- Perfect for climates where shade, shadow, and cooler tones suit the environment.
- A natural fit for modern beach suburbs (Mornington Peninsula, Perth coast, Sunshine Coast).

Why it works:

This trend offers a counterpoint to the endless all-white Hamptons/coastal look. It's edgier, more architectural, and delivers a sense of luxury that's quiet yet commanding. For homeowners or investors, it creates a property that stands out.

Trend 5: Contemporary Pavilion Living

Entertaining at home, elevated into a boutique resort experience.



What it is:

- Pavilion-style architecture with flat, wide rooflines and clean geometric forms.
- Seamless indoor–outdoor living with sliding glass walls opening onto alfresco zones.
- Integrated entertaining spaces: outdoor kitchens, dining areas, shaded lounges.
- Natural textures layered in - timber soffits, stone paving, crisp white render..
- Pools as focal points, enclosed with sleek frameless glass fencing.

The Australian take:

- Designed for our climate - breezy, sunlit, and perfect for long summers.
- Landscaping leans lush but structured: palms, bougainvillea, tropical grasses.
- Works equally well on coastal blocks and modern suburban settings.
- Outdoor living becomes the heart of the home, turning backyards into resort escapes.

Why it works:

This trend taps into Australia’s love of outdoor entertaining while keeping the lines sharp and contemporary. It’s the sweet spot between luxury retreat and functional family living.

Trend 6: Modern Farmhouse

Classic Hamptons sophistication reimaged through modern barn architecture.



Barn-Style Hamptons blends the timeless elegance of traditional Hamptons design with the bold, architectural lines of barn-inspired forms. Think steep pitched gables, crisp white weatherboard cladding, soaring ceilings, and light-filled interiors with open layouts and exposed beams. Wrap-around verandas and generous glazing add a sense of grandeur while keeping the aesthetic welcoming and livable.

The Australian take:

- Perfectly suited to acreage or large coastal blocks.
- Combines Hamptons elegance with rural ease: timber beams, shaker kitchens, and wrap-around verandas.
- Landscaping with palms and structured coastal gardens softens the strong barn silhouette.

Why it works:

Brings timeless Hamptons charm into a more modern, architectural form. The barn influence feels bold, fresh, and perfectly aligned with Australian acreage living and coastal blocks.

Trend 7: Urban Courtyard Living

Smart design for compact blocks, creating private, light-filled oases.



Urban Courtyard Living is an architectural style where the home is designed inward around a central courtyard. Instead of relying on large outdoor spaces at the back, these homes bring light, greenery, and airflow into the very heart of the layout. Courtyards are often framed with floor-to-ceiling glass, skylights or open-air voids, creating a sense of retreat in the middle of busy suburban living.

The Australian take:

- Works beautifully in dense suburbs where privacy is hard to come by.
- Perfect for smaller blocks that can't support large backyards.
- Courtyards double as climate control - allowing breezes, cross-ventilation, and natural cooling.
- Landscaping leans lush and layered: think tropical planting, bamboo, or even a vertical green wall.

Why it works:

Urban Courtyard Living transforms compact blocks into private sanctuaries. By wrapping the home around a central courtyard, it maximises light, airflow, and connection to the outdoors, without sacrificing privacy. It's modern, efficient, and perfectly suited to smaller suburban or inner city lots.



Redefining Homes, Curating Experiences

At Equity Builders, we do more than build homes - we partner with you through the entire journey of bringing your vision to life.

Whether you begin with an idea, a concept sketch, or a complete set of architectural plans, we make the process seamless from start to finish.

From the very beginning, we can:

- Connect you with our trusted architects and draftsmen.
- Provide recommendations on internal and external design elements.
- Coordinate engineering reports, surveys, and soil tests.
- Manage pre-building approvals and compliance requirements.
- Align your vision with your budget to avoid costly redesigns.
- Introduce you to our network of premium suppliers
- Oversee and manage the entire build - ensuring compliance, safety, and flawless execution from the high-calibre trades we know and trust.

By managing every stage; from idea to execution, we remove uncertainty and overwhelm. Every decision is intentional, every detail is refined, and every step is guided with your long-term goals in mind.

With Equity Builders, you gain more than a builder - you gain a partner dedicated to ensuring the experience of creating your home is as exceptional as the home itself, every step of the way..

Considering renovating or building your dream home? Send us an email admin@equitybuildersco.com or book in a free consult [here](#).

A modern bedroom with a large window overlooking the ocean. In the foreground, there is a white freestanding bathtub with a tall, curved faucet. To the left, a bed with white linens is visible. To the right, a beige armchair sits on a carpeted floor. The window provides a view of the blue ocean with several sailboats.

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