



## Homeview

### Off the plan

**Builder** Oakford Homes

**Design** Modified Mariner 140

**Price** From \$155,000

**Location** On display at Oakford Estate, off Tabernacle Rd, Encounter Bay

**Open** Sat | Sun | Wed, 1.30pm-4pm

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**Details** 181.92sqm total size | 139.63sqm living areas  
11.39m width | 18.83m depth | 3 bedrooms | 2 bathrooms  
1 living room | double garage | 2.7m ceilings

## Features you'll love

**Monochrome kitchen:** Black and white is a timeless colour scheme and doesn't detract from the luxurious timber flooring

**Compact design:** After having previously lived in a multi-storey home, the owners were keen to choose a design that would be easy to maintain.

**Outdoor entertaining:** The relaxed feel of the undercover alfresco area, with its timber decking, provides the perfect place to enjoy the outdoors.

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There's an emotional attachment to building your own home that can never be replicated through buying an existing house.

For retirees Robert and Tineke, who built their dream home at Victor Harbor, the experience was all the more rewarding once they found a builder, Oakford Homes, who was just as invested in the process as they were.

“Ron May (from Oakford Homes) really treated it like it was his own home,” Robert says. “We sort of expected we would be talked into something that was OK but not what we really wanted – but we came out very much with exactly what we wanted and without any fuss or bother.”

“Ron was just so good to deal with. The changes he made (to the original design) didn't really make much difference to the overall plan of the house but it certainly made a difference to the end result.”

“It was a real collaborative effort between us hinting at what we wanted and Ron going away and drawing it all up.”

After previously living in a three-storey home, Robert and Tineke, who bought their block several years ago, were seeking a single-level home that would be easier to navigate as they grow older.

High on their wishlist were three bedrooms, including one that could be converted to a study, two bathrooms and a substantial outdoor entertaining area.

Oakford Homes' Mariner 140 design instantly appealed to the couple, particularly the feeling of grandeur created by the 15-metre wide entry, Robert says.

Having endured a kitchen with just two small pantry shelves in their previous dwelling, Robert and Tineke worked with Ron to add a walk-in pantry to the kitchen design.

They also flipped the location of the kitchen, living areas and master bedroom, moved the master suite's walk-in robe and extended the third bedroom to become a more spacious study.

“They were quite easy things to change,” Robert says. “We added about the size of a single garage to the footprint.”

“Oakford Homes presented a fairly conservative price for what we were wanting to do but their finishes – things like the passageway, which is just a bit wider than the normal, budget home – are just brilliant.”

The build process took about one year and now, having lived in their home for the past 16 months, Robert says they have only had to make one slight change, which was to install a door in the passageway to save on unnecessary heating costs.

Robert says the kitchen area, with its sleek, black counters and white cabinetry, is one of his favourite features of the home and is easy to keep clutter free, thanks to the inclusion of a sink and food prep area in the pantry.

The couple also enjoy using the meals and family areas for formal entertaining, however they spend most of their time in the rear alfresco, which features a wide



timber deck and a raised ceiling. “It's just a sublime space,” Robert says.

“Whether we're sitting on the deck reading, or having breakfast or lunch, it's just beautiful. And so peaceful.”

