



Combining **style and substance** to provide you with a unique, architect-designed modular home

The house that works



When designing their new modular home with Prominda, Lockhart district farmers David and Heidi Gooden had one thing they were determined to get right: the back door.

"A formal front door doesn't work on a farm – it's rarely used," Heidi said.

"But at the same time, we didn't want to direct all traffic, including dirty farmers and muddy footballers, through that one door."

Working with Prominda architect Hugo Harpley, the Goodens designed a covered deck entry to split the traffic three ways - one door to the laundry and bathroom, one to the farm office, and a warm orange entrance to the main house.

It was the ability to bring together the needs of their lifestyle with the simplicity of modular building that drew the Goodens to the concept.

When David and Heidi married, they moved into a 1930s-fibro farm house with a view to "doing it up". Overcoming termite damage, inefficient temperature control and poor spatial design quickly became an overwhelming job. With Heidi working off the farm as an agronomist and caring for a young son (Isaac), it was clear that a modular system was a superior solution.

"The location was convenient to our farm sheds nearby and we had a good driveway access," David said. The Goodens demolished the old house, working with Prominda to rebuild without disrupting the farm.

"Delivery worked in around our farming program. They arrived by driving across the paddock before we sowed it," David said.

The u-shaped design comprises three modules. Module one contains Isaac's bedroom, the rumpus room, bathroom, and laundry.

The kitchen, living room and farm office occupy the central module and the main bedroom, second bathroom and guest room make up the final module. All three modules open onto an elegant timber deck, and the outside walls combine Colorbond steel and Easylap panels."

It is the same size as our old house, but because it is so well designed we have so much more space," Heidi said. "All the space is functional".

Well insulated and energy-efficient, the house is pre-wired for better mobile phone and internet coverage, and is equipped with remote temperature control.

"It is so nice to come home and it is already warm or cool," Heidi said.

When it came to the kitchen, David and Heidi emphasised their love of cooking and had firm requirements. Highly functional and equipped for entertaining, the design includes a glass window splashback with garden views, a large stainless steel island bench, a butler's pantry housing appliances and a bar complete with drinks fridge.

Prominda's design is a house that works for the whole family and its visitors. Isaac declares his favourite spot is the rumpus room where he can set up his Lego masterpieces and entertain his mates.

"A new modern home has changed our lives significantly. It's easy to live in and we love sharing it with our family and friends. It's great to come home to after a long day," David said.

