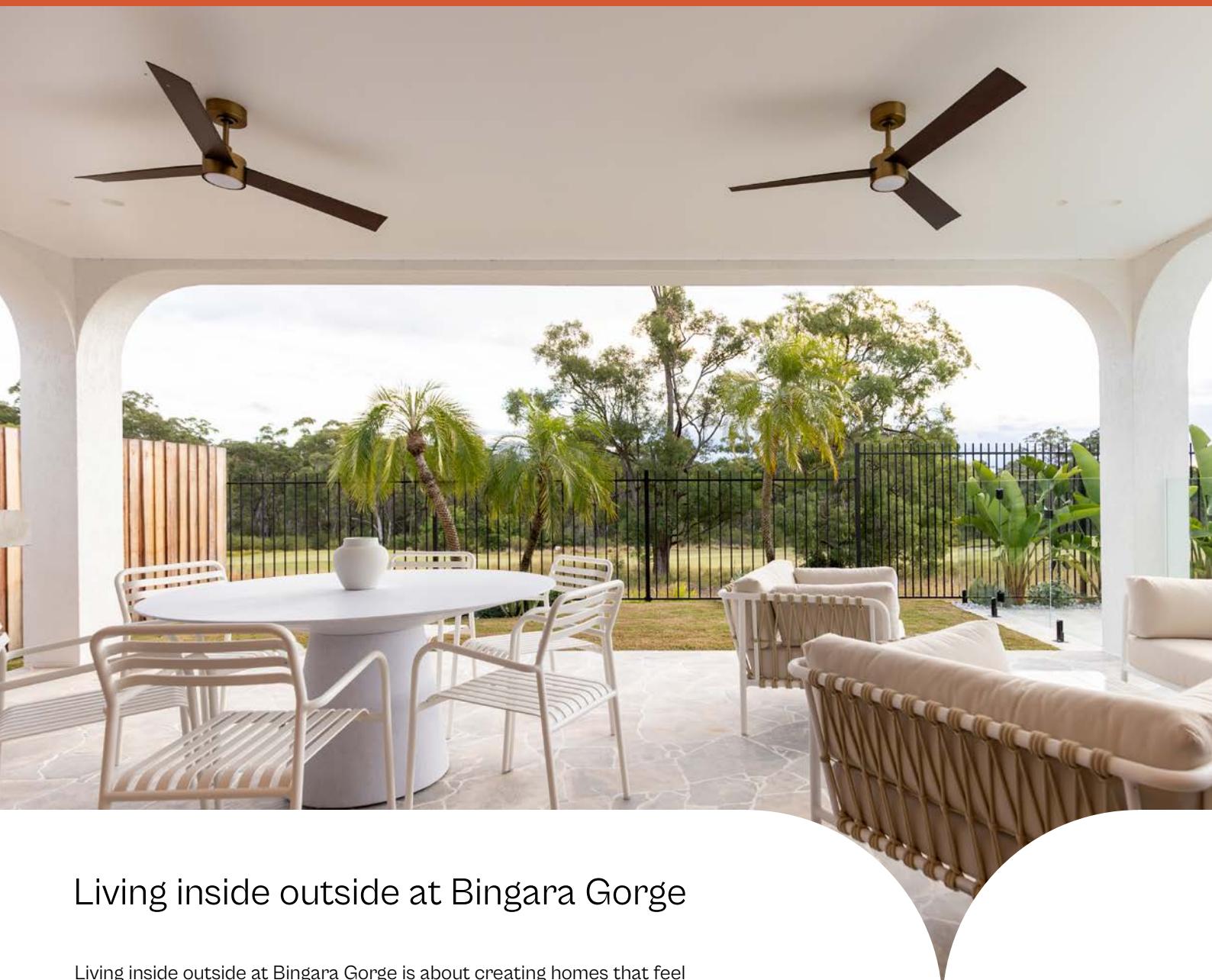


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## Living inside outside at Bingara Gorge

Living inside outside at Bingara Gorge is about creating homes that feel naturally connected to their surroundings. With its championship golf course, lakes, bushland and open green spaces, the setting plays a defining role in how homes are designed and lived in every day.

For Nathan Berrell, Director and Builder at Berrell Homes, inside outside living means designing homes that feel genuinely connected to their surroundings.

"At Bingara Gorge this connection comes from the natural environment which envelopes the estate and abundance of green spaces, helping shape the community," Nathan says.

"This approach is closely linked to biophilic design that focuses on strengthening the connection between people and nature. Homes are designed to maximise natural light, frame views, use natural materials and allow spaces to flow easily to the outdoors."

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"When homes are designed this way, they feel calmer and more intuitive to live in. You are always aware of what is happening outside, even when indoors," he explains.

Early design decisions are critical in creating this connection. Consideration is given to how the home sits on the block, where the sun comes from and how best to capture views across the landscape. Living areas are positioned to maximise light and outlooks so the outdoors feels like a natural extension of the home.



"We look at orientation, views and movement through the home from day one. Those early choices make a huge difference to how the home feels once people move in," Nathan adds.

Layout plays a key role in everyday living. Kitchens, dining and living areas are typically aligned along one side of the home, opening directly to alfresco spaces or outdoor views. This supports daily family life as well as entertaining, making the home feel open and connected. Flush floor level transitions further enhance this sense of flow.

Ceiling heights, windows and doors help draw the outdoors into the home. Higher ceilings create openness, while large windows and sliding or stacker doors bring surrounding greenery inside.

Sightlines are carefully considered so light and landscape can be enjoyed from multiple rooms. In some homes, oculus skylights bring natural light deeper into the home.



"Kitchens and living areas are where families spend most of their time. When these spaces open directly to the outdoors, everyday living feels easier and more relaxed," Nathan says.

Material selection also plays an important role. Timber tones, stone finishes and soft neutral colours reflect the natural setting of Bingara Gorge and help create continuity between indoor and outdoor spaces, allowing the home to feel cohesive and grounded.

Nathan adds,

"Alfresco areas are designed as true living spaces rather than simple covered areas. Rooflines, ceilings, lighting and proportions are carefully considered so they feel like a natural extension of the interior and work seamlessly with the home's layout."

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Orientation is key to ensuring outdoor spaces remain comfortable throughout the year. Alfresco areas are positioned to capture winter sun while being protected from harsh summer heat. Pergolas, roof overhangs, landscaping and automated features help manage light and temperature across the seasons.

Backyard usability is influenced more by design than size. Considered landscaping can create zones for entertaining, relaxing and play even on smaller blocks, while irrigation systems help keep gardens healthy and low maintenance year-round.

Nathan concludes,  
“The goal is to create homes that are easy to live in and feel connected to their environment. When layout, light and outdoor spaces work together, it changes how people experience their home day to day.”



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