

Tired of living life on the level?

Today, more and more people are discovering the unique opportunities for creative design and lifestyle advantages that only a split-level home on a sloping lot can offer.

Inside, split-level homes allow for sophisticated-yet-practical interiors worthy of a glossy magazine. Outside, you'll appreciate the way in which the building and garden flows elegantly with the lay of the land, settling naturally into its surroundings.

It's all about working with the slope, not against it. Take this approach and the home you build will be truly special.

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Why you'll love a sloping lot

Not only can they be pleasing to the eye, but split-level homes built on sloping lots also offer a range of practical benefits. They take a smart approach to building design that lets you make the most of every square metre of your lot.

FOR STARTERS. THERE'S THE VIEW

Jumping Creek is not a flat, featureless development.

The suburbs gently undulating terrain makes it possible to see beyond surrounding homes to the spectacular local views and surrounding natural backdrops.

THEN THERE'S THE PRACTICAL USE OF SPACE

A split-level design creates plenty of extra space for living, maximising floor space.

THERE'S POTENTIAL FOR HIGH STREET APPEAL

Sloping lots allow for interesting designs that look great from the street. What's more, you can site your garage or storage area in a lower position, reducing the visual impact of your garage on the front of your home.

EXTRA STORAGE AND GARAGING SPACES

Sloping lot designs allow for extra storage space that fits effortlessly into the building plan. The extra space comes in the form of undercrofts for three or four car tandem garaging or workspaces, as well as smaller spaces such as cellars and walk-in cupboards.

The different degrees of sloping lots

The fundamentals of building on a sloping lot apply whether the fall across your lot is two metres or five metres.

However, lots with the greatest fall can offer some of the more unique design opportunities. These lots tend to be large, so there's scope to build a house that meets the needs of everyone in the family.

What's more, they'll often have views — and with split-level design, these views can be captured from multiple rooms in your home rather than just the lucky one or two.

Worth the effort

The planning and construction of a house on a sloping lot can sometimes take a little more effort, because it's a more complicated process than building on a regular level lot.

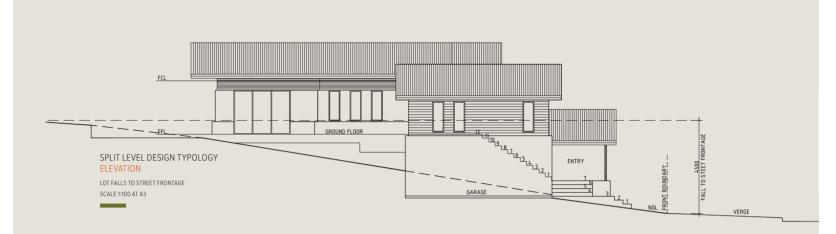
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As a result of the complexity of a sloping lot build, the process costs more money than a conventional level lot build. But we believe the results that are possible with a sloping lot design are what set these homes apart from the rest. Split-level homes can be truly unique, inside and out.



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LOTS THAT FALL FROM BACK TO FRONT

This kind of slope provides excellent opportunities for 'stepping' the house up the slope, resulting in great views from the mid and upper levels.

In the example pictured below, notice how the garden terrace and steps work together to resolve the slope.

This house demonstrates three levels to the street – garage, foyer/formal lounge, and additional living above the garage.

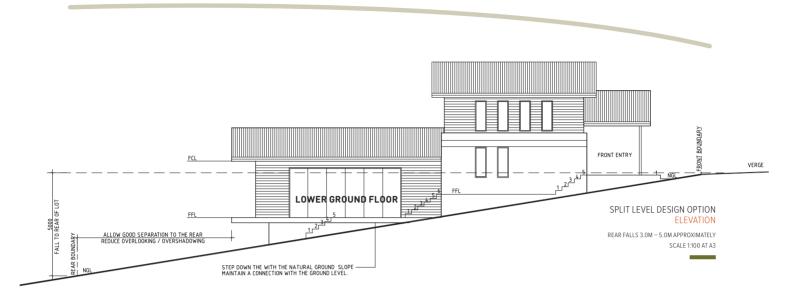
Your designer or builder will advise you about potential site works, such as the construction of retaining walls. These works should be factored into your overall costs.

Within a lot of this kind, the upper level of a split-level house typically opens to a flat outdoor garden area. If there is additional slope at the back of the lot, you can create tiered terraces for visual interest, a courtyard-style wall to define the entertaining areas, or a combination of both.



- ENJOY UNINTERRUPTED VIEWS ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE FROM UPPER LEVELS.

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LOTS THAT FALL FROM FRONT TO BACK

When the lot slopes from front to back, and the ground level of the house sits a little below the street level, you'll have opportunities when building to take advantage of the views from the rear of your new house.

Homes built on this type of lot typically have an appearance of a single-storey home from the street, but with a double-storey construction to the rear of the home where the slope drops away.

As with other sloping lots, you should discuss with your builder or designer any unique site works that may result from building on a lot of this kind, for example, retaining walls — and again, these works should be factored into your overall costs.

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LOTS THAT FALL FROM ONE SIDE BOUNDARY TO THE OTHER

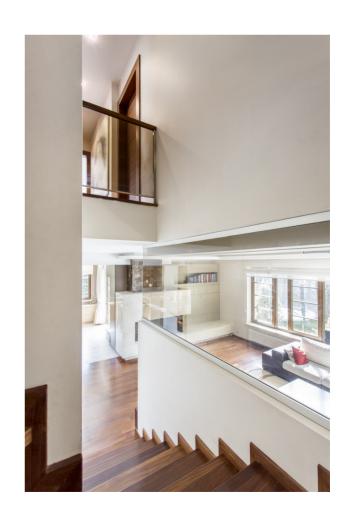
Where lots slope from one side to the other, there are a couple of common approaches. The first is to step the lot at the side boundaries, paying careful attention to the design of the level change.

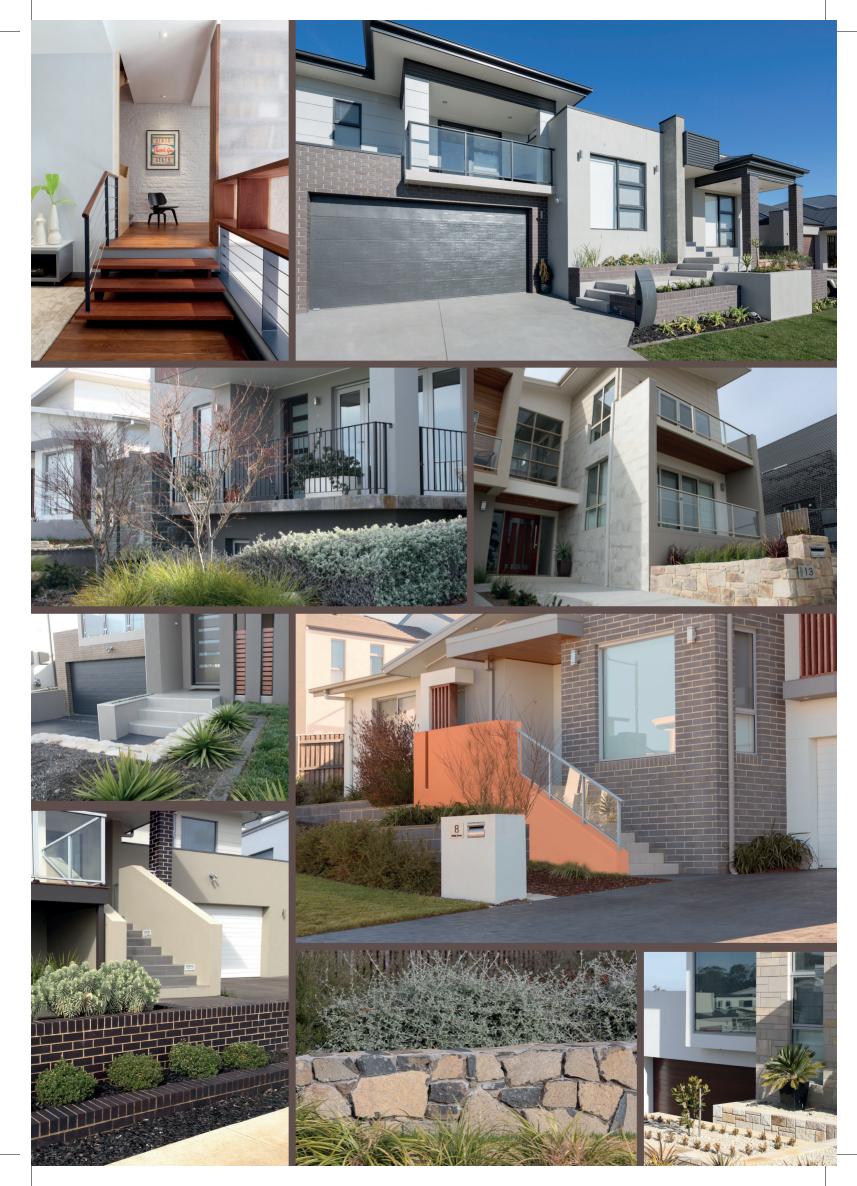
Alternatively, the lot can be stepped in the middle of the lot, so that the garage sits at a different level to the house, and the house itself follows the slope down over a few more steps.

CORNER LOTS

Corner lots give the opportunity to create a great first impression — with two frontages at your disposal, there's potential to create a home with a dramatic presence in the streetscape.

And when changes of level are sensitively designed, a corner lot can result in flowing spaces, and – with the right aspect – a spectacular outlook.





Want to know more?

For more information on available sloping lots at Jumping Creek, talk to our friendly sales team at lan McNamee & Partners.

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